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JEWS CONFIDENT OF U.S. INTEREST IN JEWISH CLAIMS ON AUSTRIA

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Confidence that the United States Government will display "continued and sympathetic interest" in the Jewish claims against Austria was expressed here today by a spokesman of the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria. In reply to press inquiries concerning the part of the joint U.S.-Austrian communique released by the State Department last week relating to the question of claims, the spokesman said:

"The joint American-Austrian communique released by the State Department does not indicate exactly what claims were involved, whether those of former Austrian nationals victimized by Nazism, or general war claims of American nationals. The Committee wishes to point out that after one and a half years of negotiations, the Austrian Government has failed to make a satisfactory offer for a settlement.

"The Committee is seeking legislative measures to compensate surviving victims of Nazi persecution and a settlement for heirless and unclaimed Jewish property. The Committee is confident of the U.S. State Department's continued and sympathetic interest in this matter."

BRITAIN INTERVENING WITH ISRAEL, ARABS ON REFUGEE ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Britain is apparently using its good offices here to bring about a rapprochement between Israel and the Arab League states in regard to the sore question of repatriation and compensation of the Arab refugees.

The fact that Britain is interceding as mediator in this problem became apparent late today when, quite abruptly, the General Assembly's Special Political Committee adjourned until tomorrow morning without voting on a draft resolution fixing the budget and extending the life of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the refugees.

Technically the adjournment came at the request of Michael S. Comay, of Israel, who asked for more time pending receipt of instructions from his government. Several delegates were apparently taken aback because the draft resolution had been before the committee for nearly two weeks and it was assumed that Mr. Comay would have had full instructions by this time. However, Britain's P. M. Crossthwaite supported Mr. Comay's request for postponement and implied he was speaking for all four sponsors of the resolution - Britain, France, United States and Turkey. The adjournment was then granted.

Immediately after the meeting ended, Mr. Comay went into closed session with the delegates of the sponsoring nations. It was understood that Britain was proposing an amendment to the resolution acceptable to Israel and at the same time placating the Arab states.

EBAN CONFERS WITH U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL ON "BAT GALIM" CASE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Israel delegate Abba Eban conferred with United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and Security Council president Henri Hoppenot of France on the report which UN truce supervisor Gen. E. L. M. Burns cabled the Council about the Mixed Armistice Commission's handling of the case of the Israel vessel Bat Galim, which was seized by Egypt in the Suez Canal.

Mr. Eban, it was learned today, expressed the hope that the Council would give early consideration to the Burns report. Earlier this month, the Council postponed consideration of Israel's complaint against the Egyptian seizure of the vessel and its crew pending a report from the MAC, which had first received an Egyptian complaint alleging Israel violation of the armistice agreement. This charge was rejected by the MAC in two meetings November 19 and 25.

Charles Malik of Lebanon is scheduled to assume the Security Council presidency Wednesday for the month of December, under the Council's system of rotating the presidency.

DEFENSE MINISTER SAYS ISRAEL IS FACING SERIOUS SITUATION

TEL AVIV, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The burden of supporting the defense establishment of Israel will grow heavier in the near future, rather than lighter, because Israel is facing a serious situation and must prepare itself, Pinchas Lavon, Defense Minister, declared at a meeting of the Keren Hayesod here today.

Mr. Lavon noted that the Arabs were being reinforced by arms shipments from abroad at the very time when economic aid to Israel was being cut. He expressed gratitude for the statement by British Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden that Britain would aid Israel if the Arabs attacked, but noted that Israel should not be in a position to have to call on any other nation to defend it against attack.

BRITISH OFFICIAL CONFERS WITH SHARETT; VISITED ARAB COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Evelyn Shuckburgh, official of the British Foreign Office, conferred with Premier Moshe Sharett for 90 minutes today. Mr. Shuckburgh, who came to Israel after touring the Arab capitals, was accompanied by Ambassador John W. Nicholls.

The nature of the discussions today were not made public. It was noted, however, that before Mr. Shuckburgh began his trip, British official circles in London admitted that he would explore possibilities of an Arab-Israel rapprochement, which Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden admitted Britain was pressing.

TRYGVE LIE SAYS ISRAEL MUST BE STRONG; URGES WORLDWIDE AID

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Israel is a "child of the United Nations" and the international organization is responsible for the continued existence of the Jewish State, Trygve Lie, first Secretary General of the UN, declared in an interview here today.

Mr. Lie insisted that a strong Israel is an indispensable link in the defense of the free world in the Near East. He underscored that Israel had made a valuable contribution to world peace by admitting hundreds of thousands of refugees, including many from the Arab countries. He called upon the world to provide Israel with moral and financial assistance to enable the Israel Government to solve its outstanding problems.

STUDENTS AT ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY END STRIKE

HAIFA, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A student strike at the Israel Institute of Technology here ended today after two weeks, and classes were immediately resumed. The students struck in protest against the examination system in effect at the Technion and against the high tuition fees.

AMERICAN JEWS WISH TO RETAIN JEWISH IDENTITY, FINDINGS ESTABLISH

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- American Jews "overwhelmingly" wish to retain their Jewish identity and this desire is so great that it constitutes a strong obstacle to either assimilation or intermarriage. At the same time, native-born Jews display a marked rise of interest in their religion.

These were some of the findings of research projects made public today by a group of social scientists at the two-day Tercentenary Conference on American Jewish Sociology held at the Hotel Commodore. More than 250 educators, sociologists, social workers and communal leaders participated in the two-day parley. The meeting was sponsored by the Conference on Jewish Relations, an organization which seeks to promote, by means of scientific study and research, a better understanding of the position of the Jews in the modern world. Other trends disclosed were:

1. Increased interest in the Jewish religion goes hand in hand with the degree of Americanization. Jews tend to observe those religious customs and ceremonies which are in line and acceptable to American standards. The rituals which have special appeal for Jews generally are joyous occasions, involve their children, and do not demand daily attention from them; in addition, these ceremonies do not require a high degree of isolation from non-Jews.
2. The great majority of Jews have a favorable attitude toward Israel. However, they have little if any desire to live there. Their "philanthropic kind of Zionism" considers Israel chiefly as a homeland for those Jews that are persecuted or otherwise insecure.
3. Jews are continuing their traditional practice of supporting philanthropies, contributing liberally to both Jewish and non-sectarian causes. Membership in and activity with Jewish organizations helps the Jew to identify himself and gives him a sense of belonging.

New Leadership in U.S. Jewish Life Noted

In a panel discussion on the structure of the American Jewish community, the sociologists stated that the chief development was the rise of a new group of persons who had assumed the leadership of organized Jewish life in the United States. A second important change was the growth and rising influence of central philanthropic organizations in local communities.

This was followed by increased rank and file participation in Jewish religious and charitable causes. And finally, they noted, "the restriction of immigration has transformed American Jewry into a community overwhelmingly native born, with great uniformity in Jewish cultural, religious and folk practices."

The social scientists unanimously adopted a resolution calling for new research projects on "the problems of Jewish social relations in America and in other countries of Jewish settlement." These projects can be successful only if they are financially supported by "Jewish communal institutions and individual Jews," the resolution said.

Professor John P. Dean of Cornell University reported that Jews are participating in practically all areas of economic life. Dr. Dean's presentation was based on Cornell University's study of majority-minority interaction in America. Other findings of the Cornell study, covering Jews in medium size American communities, were:

1. Restrictive practices against Jews are prevalent in "high society," even though Jews may be leaders in the economic, political, and social service life of the community.
2. Discrimination against Jews occurs more frequently in cities where Jewish participation in community life is high. The larger the city and the larger the

proportion of Jews in the community, the more Jews are excluded from socially elite organizations and residential areas.

- 3. While Jews participate in politics they hold relatively fewer public offices compared to other minority groups such as the Irish and Italians.
- 4. Members of the Jewish community participate in most aspects of community life and a substantial portion of them belong to at least one organization that is predominantly Gentile.
- 5. Avoidance techniques have been developed by the Jews to protect themselves against social rebuffs of anti-Semitism; the Jewish person works out some kind of psychological adjustment to living in a Gentile community.

Dr. Salo W. Baron, president of the Conference on Jewish Relations, noted that one of the American Jewish community's shortcomings was its failure to support adequately basic research on its own structure and functions. Other speakers included: Professor Isidor Chein of New York University; Leibush Lehrer, Yiddish Scientific Institute; and Dr. Marshall Sklare of the American Jewish Committee; Julian Greifer, Neighborhood Center of Philadelphia; Professor Leo Srole of Cornell Medical College and others. David Rosenstein, chairman of the Conference, presided at the sessions.

LIPSKY RESIGNS AS HEAD OF ZIONIST COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, resigned his office at a meeting of the Committee held here today.

In withdrawing from the position he has held since 1949, first as chairman of the American Zionist Council and then as chairman of the Committee for Public Affairs, Mr. Lipsky offered several proposals for strengthening the work of the Committee. His proposals were referred for future consideration to a special committee, to which was also assigned the task of bringing in nominations to fill the vacant post.

BRITISH JEWS CONGRATULATE SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL ON 80TH BIRTHDAY

LONDON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews today congratulated Premier Sir Winston Churchill on the occasion of the celebration of his 80th birthday, tomorrow. The message expressed British Jewry's admiration for Sir Winston and its special gratitude for his support of Zionism. The congratulatory message read:

"The Board of Deputies, representative body of British Jewry, begs to convey to you the sincerest congratulations of the Anglo-Jewish community on the occasion of your 80th birthday.

"We share with our fellow citizens of other creeds in the profound admiration of the great gifts and qualities of the heart and mind with which you have been endowed and which have been so lavishly placed at the service of the nation.

"We join with our fellow citizens in recording our deep and undying gratitude for your leadership and inspiration which, in its darkest hour, saved Great Britain and the British Commonwealth, and indeed the whole civilized world from eclipse and ruin.

"The Anglo-Jewish community recalls with special gratitude your constant support and advocacy of the ideals of Zionism which contributed so much to the saving of the lives of hundreds of thousands of Jews and to their home in the peace and security of the State of Israel.

"We earnestly hope that you will be spared for many years of physical and mental strength to give guidance and wise counsel towards the solution of problems which afflict a troubled world."

COMMUNITIES URGED TO SEND "STRONG" DELEGATIONS TO U. J. A. PARLEY

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Every Jewish community in the country was urged today to send "a strong and representative" delegation to the national conference of the United Jewish Appeal, in a call issued here by Edward M. M. Warburg, UJA general chairman. The conference is to open on December 10, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel here.

Just back from a survey of Jewish needs in Israel, which he visited with members of an extraordinary UJA Study Mission, Mr. Warburg emphasized that "the coming of another UJA nationwide campaign cannot be taken for granted. The situation in Israel and overseas is such that it requires the understanding of American Jewish leadership and the American Jewish community's fullest responsiveness."

He stated that he and other UJA leaders are in agreement on the "urgent necessity for greater giving as a first priority" and on the "absolutely required need for a greater mobilization of leaders, contributors and all others with the power to give."

"In the light of acute tensions in North Africa, where close to half a million Jews live in an atmosphere of mounting uncertainty and danger, and from which a minimum of 30,000 men, women and children must be brought to Israel in the next 12 months, and of Israel's clear need for assistance in absorbing this new mass immigration and meeting other pressing problems, American Jewish leadership must both attend the UJA conference in force, and mount a campaign effort that will assure the swift and successful saving of lives and the continued and necessary strengthening of Israel's free people," he stated.

18 JEWISH LEADERS TO BE HONORED AS J. D. C. FOUNDERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Eighteen prominent American Jewish leaders, all of them active in overseas relief activities as early as World War I, will be honored at the Joint Distribution Committee Founders' Dinner, to be held in conjunction with the JDC's 40th annual meeting December 9, it was announced here today.

"Those who are to be honored on this occasion all have certain outstanding qualities in common," Edward M. M. Warburg, JDC chairman, declared in a statement. "They played key roles in the establishment of the guiding principles for JDC's mission of mercy overseas, participating actively in the development of JDC's world-wide relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction programs."

Those to be honored at the Founders' Dinner include: Paul Baerwald, Senator Herbert H. Lehman and James N. Rosenberg, JDC honorary chairmen; James H. Becker, I. Edwin Goldwasser, Alexander Kahn and Dr. Bernhard Kahn, JDC vice-chairmen; Alex A. Landesco, JDC comptroller; Mrs. Jonah B. Goldstein, former JDC comptroller; Sholem Asch, noted writer; Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee; Judge Edward Lazansky, Rabbi David de Sola Pool, Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, Rear Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, Bernard Semel, Joseph Schlossberg and Baruch Zuckerman.

The Joint Distribution Committee was formed in 1914 as a result of the pleas for help of Jewish war sufferers in Palestine and in Europe, with the late Felix Warburg as its first chairman. In the 40 years of its existence JDC has spent some \$525,000,000, aiding more than three and a half million Jews in 70 countries of the world.

JEW ELECTED MAYOR OF CANADIAN TOWN FOR SIXTH CONSECUTIVE TERM

HUMBOLDT, Sask., Nov. 29. (JTA) -- B. I. Laskin, a Jew, has been elected Mayor of this city. This is his sixth consecutive term. Jews were also elected members of the municipal councils of North Battleford and Wynyard, two other towns in this province.

LOCKER RECEIVED BY CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN SANTIAGO

SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Berl Locker, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, was received today in a special audience by Chilean Foreign Minister Roberto Aldunate.

Mr. Locker expressed his admiration for Chilean achievements. Mr. Aldunate, in reply, spoke of his respect for the Zionist movement and its great achievement--the establishment of the State of Israel.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS ADVOCATES CENSURE OF SEN. MCCARTHY

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today urged the U.S. Senate to approve the report and recommendations of its special subcommittee calling for the censure of Senator Joseph McCarthy. In a policy statement released by its president, Dr. Israel Goldstein, the AJC declared:

"Just and courageous action by the Senate at this time can do much to end Senator McCarthy's violations of basic American principles and restore confidence here and abroad in America's commitments to the ideals of the free world." The AJC statement asserted that "Senator McCarthy had abused the democratic process, misused his Congressional prerogatives and violated the fundamental principles of fair play."

SHAPERO FOUNDATION MAKES \$500,000 GIFT TO DETROIT HOSPITAL

DETROIT, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A gift of approximately \$500,000 has been made to the Sinai Hospital here by the Nate S. and Ruth B. Shapero Foundation and the Cunningham Drug Company Foundation, it was announced this week.

The gifts will finance the construction and operation for five years of a special school for training practical nurses. The school will be able to graduate 48 practical nurses annually and will furnish facilities for research in various nursing problems, according to Mr. Shapero, who heads both foundations. In the future, depending upon the needs of the community, other types of nurses may be trained at the institution, to be named the Shapero School of Nursing.

J. N. F. ESTABLISHES 25 VILLAGES AS BORDER SECURITY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- More than 25,000,000 trees are now being planted along the borders of Israel as a security measure against recurring Arab attacks as well as against the renewal of Arab-Israeli hostilities that are now threatened as a result of America's shipment of arms to the Arab states, Hanan Yarden, chief administrator of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem, said yesterday upon his arrival in New York.

Mr. Yarden also stated that the Jewish National Fund has now assumed the responsibility for 25 work villages that have been built along the borders of Lebanon and Syria as part of the security program of Israel. According to the JNF plan, new immigrants who are now coming to Israel in great numbers from Tunisia and Morocco are sent directly from Haifa to the work villages, where farms and houses have been prepared for them.

JEWISH LABORITE CONVENTION CRITICIZES U.S. PLAN TO ARM ARABS

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The United States Government was criticized for planning to send arms to the Arab states in a proclamation adopted last night at the 31st annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel, held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. The convention was attended by 3,000 delegates.

The proclamation appealed "to democratic public opinion" in this country and throughout the world "to press for recognition of Israel's right to peace along its borders." The proclamation also called upon the governments of the United States and other free democracies "to use their good offices" so that any plan leading to a just peace, should be accepted by the Arab states.