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U. N. GIVES EGYPT CHANCE TO RELEASE "BAT GALIM"; ADJOURNS DEBATE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council today, in effect, gave Egypt one more opportunity to release the Israel freighter Bat Galim, which had already been ordered released by the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission.

After a two-and-one-half hour session during which exhaustive presentations of argument were voiced by Abba Eban for Israel and Omar Loutfi for Egypt, the Council adjourned subject to recall "as soon as justified." It was understood here that at least two of the big powers--the United States and Britain--are bringing pressure to bear upon Egypt for release of the vessel at the very earliest time.

Mr. Eban opened the discussion of today's Council meeting by reviewing not only the Bat Galim case--which originated September 28 when the ship was seized at the entrance to the Suez Canal--but also Israel's entire case against Egypt's blockade of the waterway. Mr. Eban pointed out to the Council that not only the MAC, but also a special committee under the UN truce supervision machinery, to which Egypt had appealed, has ruled in favor of Israel.

Eban Insists on Freedom of Passage of Israel Ships Via Suez

The Israel representative noted that Israel has always carried out UN decisions at no matter what the cost. He appealed to the Council to get Egypt, in turn, to carry out UN decisions, not only by liberating the Bat Galim, its crew and cargo, but by permitting the ship to complete its passage through the Canal to Haifa--thus demonstrating its readiness to observe the United Nations resolution of 1951 on freedom of passage through the Canal for all shipping.

Mr. Loutfi spoke for a full hour--as long as Mr. Eban--but confined most of his arguments to his country's insistence that a state of war still exists between Israel and Egypt, and that therefore Egypt is justified in halting Israel shipping through the Canal. He declared that if Egypt allowed Israel shipping to pass through the Canal, Israel might scuttle its own ships, lay mines in the Canal, attack Egyptian territory, damage the Canal or commit sabotage.

Sir Pierson Dixon, British delegate, made a statement which was considered important by a number of delegates. Sir Pierson answered all of Egypt's arguments about Egypt's alleged right to stop Israel shipping, by re-affirming very clearly Britain's adherence to the principles of the Security Council's 1951 resolution. That resolution makes no distinction between Israel-owned shipping and any other shipping, but merely clarifies the right of all shipping to freedom of passage in the Suez Canal. Sir Pierson then suggested that the meeting adjourn subject to the call of the Council president, if and when such a call is justified by events.

U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR NEAR EAST MEETS WITH BEN GURION

TEL AVIV, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- George Allen, newly appointed Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, met former Premier David Ben Gurion today at Tiberias, where Mr. Ben Gurion is vacationing. Mr. Allen, who is visiting Israel and various Arab countries en route to Washington from New Delhi, his last post, was accompanied by American Ambassador Edward B. Lawson. The meeting today was unofficial.

Mr. Allen is scheduled to meet with Premier Moshe Sharett and Foreign Ministry officials in Jerusalem tomorrow. He will be given a reception by Ambassador Lawson. Premier Sharett and members of his Cabinet have been invited to attend the affair.

Mr. Allen came to Tiberias from Ras el Nakura, on the Lebanese border, where he was met by Embassy officials. At Ras el Nakura he attended a meeting of the Israel-Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commission which dealt with routine questions. Later, he had brief discussions with the delegations of Israel and Lebanon.

ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL DISCUSSES GERMAN REPARATIONS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- German reparations to Israel were discussed at a meeting of the Arab League Economic Council in Cairo today. The meeting also discussed other subjects pertaining to economic warfare against Israel, a dispatch from Cairo says.

The Arab League council also took up the questions of establishing an Arab shipping company, a new economic committee for the Near East with German participation, and construction of an international road between the Mediterranean Sea and the Persian Gulf.

ARAB-TURKISH FRIENDSHIP WILL NOT AFFECT ISRAEL, MINISTER SAYS

ISTANBUL, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Any rapprochement between Turkey and the Arab states will not be made at the expense of Israel, but will in fact serve to better guarantee Israel's security, according to Fuat Koprulu, Turkish Foreign Minister.

In a statement to newsmen, Mr. Koprulu said that Turkey will continue its present friendly policy toward Israel, regardless of any relations it may have with Arab nations. At the same time, he stressed that while Turkey was seeking to strengthen its relations with the Arab world it was not contemplating signing bilateral agreements with Egypt or Iraq at this time.

The Foreign Minister said that any arrangement arrived at between Turkey and the Arabs would be a defensive arrangement based on United Nations principles banning aggression or threats of aggression and recommending the solution of all problems through peaceful means. "This," he continued, "will also reassure Israel."

TITO OFFERED NO MEDIATION OF ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT, ENVOY SAYS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia keenly "deplores" the tensions in the Middle East, but he has never specifically made an offer, as reported a few weeks ago, to act as mediator between Israel and the Arab states, according to Leo Mates, chairman of the Yugoslav delegation to the United Nations.

Marshal Tito is visiting Egypt, among other countries, on his tour to Asia. Mr. Mates told UN correspondents today that the visit was in response to an invitation similar to invitations the Marshal received from India and Burma.

ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN ARMISTICE COMMISSION ELIMINATES 50 COMPLAINTS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission met today and agreed to eliminate 50 complaints from its agenda. Thirty of the eliminated complaints had been filed by Israel and 20 by Egypt.

GERMANY STARTS PAYMENT OF GRANTS TO EMIGRANTS FROM FOEHRENWALD

MUNICH, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Former "legal residents" of Foehrenwald, last Jewish DP camp in Germany, are now receiving emigration grants from the German Government if they left for other countries after October, 1953.

At that time, the formal promise of the equivalent of \$475 per adult and \$120 for each child was made so as to speed the emptying of Foehrenwald, but until now the scheme has been blocked by bureaucratic obstacles. In the meantime, some 170 former Foehrenwald residents have departed from Germany, among them 26 tubercular or post-tubercular "hard-core cases," as well as 40 of their dependents, all of whom were accepted by Sweden more than a year ago, in a humanitarian gesture undertaken with the aid of the Joint Distribution Committee.

For these 170 ex-Foehrenwalders, Germany has appropriated \$60,000. Payments are made through German consulates in the countries of destination. To ensure that emigration plans are carried out, the same method will be followed in the case of future emigrants from among the 1,200 "legal residents" still in Foehrenwald.

AUSTRIA CRITICIZED IN CANADA FOR FAILURE TO SETTLE JEWISH CLAIMS

MONTREAL, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Austria's refusal to pay Jewish claims has received considerable attention here in connection with the visit to Canada of Chancellor Julius Raab of Austria.

"The Austrian Government has lamentably failed to solve one of the most poignant legacies of the Nazi rule--the claims of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution in Austria," a spokesman for the Canadian Jewish Congress said today. He pointed out that a large section of the Austrian population had participated in the seizure of Jewish property under Nazi rule.

The spokesman said that steps should be taken on behalf of survivors of persecution or their dependents, including the removal of discrimination against persecution victims living outside Austria. He urged the establishment of an heirless property fund. He pointed out that vast quantities of property, traceable and untraceable, had been taken from the Jews who were later exterminated.

"This vast mass of property remains in Austria and is heirless or unclaimed. It is desired that some payment be made in recognition of the existence of this heirless property, the funds so received to be administered by the Jewish organizations for the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of the surviving victims of Nazi action in Austria," he stated.

FRENCH NOBEL PRIZE WINNER ATTACKS ANTI-SEMITISM IN GERMANY

PARIS, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Francois Mauriac, member of the French Academy and Nobel prize winner, last night scored the re-arming of a Germany "where the violence of anti-Semitism is undiminished."

M. Mauriac, who presided over the 18th congress of the League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism, told the closing session that "no one is more our brother than the Jews who suffered under the (German) occupation." He called for special efforts to conquer racism by education.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN ITALY WINS LIBEL CASE AGAINST FILM COMPANY

ROME, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Italian film company Ponti de Laurentiis has settled a libel suit brought by the Union of Italian Jewish Communities and Abramo Piperno on the basis of a number of anti-Semitic sequences in films the company recently released. By the terms of the settlement, the company is obligated to apologize publicly in newspaper advertisements and to contribute the sum of 100,000 lire to Italian Jewish charities.

JEWES IN BRITAIN WATCH JEWISH DEVELOPMENTS IN RUMANIA

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Jewish Association is constantly seeking ways and means of obtaining information about Jews in Rumania and hopes to insure that if there are further trials of Jewish and Zionist leaders in that country they may be attended by an independent legal observer, the AJA reported today.

The organization also revealed that it had protested to the British Government against the Libyan Government's ban on postal and telegraphic communications with Israel. The AJA protest noted that when Libya became an independent nation it had undertaken to observe the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The AJA said that the British Government had sent the AJA protest to the British Minister to Libya, but had taken no further action.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA PREPARES TO RELEASE ARRESTED ISRAELI LEADER

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovak authorities are preparing to release Mordecai Oren, Israel Mapam leader convicted during the Slansky trials and now serving a long prison term, the Czech Minister for Religions has indicated to an Israeli correspondent.

The correspondent, Shimon Samet of Kol Israel, the national radio station, who is now in Czechoslovakia, reported today that in an interview the Minister also told him that his office has responsibility for some 12,000 to 15,000 Jews living in Czechoslovakia. He said that Oren's release is expected to improve cultural and trade relations between the two nations.

J. D. C. OFFICIAL LAUDS REFUGEE RELIEF GROUPS AT GENEVA PARLEY

GENEVA, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Organizations working in the refugee relief field have done a topflight job in helping give Europe's stateless persons a new start in life, Charles Jordan, president of a conference of some 40 voluntary agencies working with refugees, told a meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee on European Migration, a group in which 24 nations are represented.

Mr. Jordan, an official of the Joint Distribution Committee, said that despite the "heroic work" done in the field, the refugee problem could not be completely eliminated. There would be, he noted, some refugees who could not find an opportunity for rehabilitation and a flow of refugees from the Communist countries.

At the opening meeting here of the fifth session of the Advisory Committee to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees today, M. Kahany, Israel's representative to the body, was elected chairman. In making the nomination, French delegate J. Serres said that it was "fitting" that the chairman should be the representative of Israel--"the country which has done so much for the refugees."

ASHKENAZIS IN ISTANBUL HOLD ELECTIONS FOR FIRST TIME IN 20 YEARS

ISTANBUL, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- For the first time in two decades, the Ashkenazi community in this city held elections for a nine-member body to administer the Ashkenazi synagogue and several welfare institutions.

The reason for the delay between elections was the Turkish law preventing communal elections without the express permission of the authorities, which had not been granted until recently. Only some 20 percent of the 2,500 Ashkenazi Jews in the city came to the polls.

\$2,340,000 DRIVE FOR AMERICAN REFORM JUDAISM LAUNCHED

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A nationwide \$2,340,000 Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism was formally launched tonight at a dinner in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria attended by more than 600 Reform Jewish leaders from all sections of the United States.

In addition to opening the national campaign to maintain and expand the national religious institutions of Reform Judaism, the dinner meeting paid tribute to Walter W. Weismann, who has been designated as "Man of the Year" by the Federation of New York Reform Synagogues.

The Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism provides the maintenance support of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, national parent body of 490 Reform Jewish congregations in the United States, and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the oldest and largest Jewish theological seminary in this country.

Frank L. Well, a national chairman of the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism, who presided at last night's dinner meeting, announced that advance gifts to the current drive for Reform Jewish institutions totalled \$515,000, including \$175,000 pledged by those attending the dinner. Of the national goal of \$2,340,000, Greater New York will seek to raise \$407,000. There are 72 Reform Jewish congregations in the metropolitan area.

ONTARIO JEWS APPEAL AGAINST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

TORONTO, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- An appeal to the Ontario Provincial Government to reconsider its policy on permitting religious education in the public schools was adopted at the conference of the Central Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress held at St. Catharines.

The more than 100 delegates from Toronto and 13 other Ontario communities also asked the government to place administration of the Fair Employment Practices Legislation and the Fair Accommodations Act in the hands of a separate department which would be responsible for an educational program in behalf of the principles of the legislation.

The parley pledged further financial aid to Israel and called on Ontario communities to increase their contributions to the United Jewish Relief Agencies or the United Jewish Appeal campaigns to help care for and make self-supporting recent immigrants to the Dominion.

Jewish communities were urged to maintain and expand their Jewish education programs and the conference pledged the Canadian Jewish Congress' assistance in the standardization of courses, texts and equipment. The communities were advised to study the possibilities of hiring mobile teachers for Jewish courses for neighboring communities which could not each support its own instructor.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD DECIDES TO CONTINUE ITS CENTER IN GERMANY

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Board Center in Heidelberg, the home away from home for countless GI's of all faiths, has received a new lease on life, it was announced here today by Aaron Grodsky, director of the Center.

Prompted by spontaneous appeal of thousands of servicemen, veterans, and their families, national headquarters of the JWB in New York voted recently to appropriate sufficient funds to maintain the famous center during 1955. The eleventh-hour move saved the Center which was scheduled to suspend operations in December.

In announcing the decision of JWB headquarters, Mr. Grodsky praised the Center's contribution to the spiritual, social, and cultural life of American servicemen both Gentile and Jew. "We are very pleased to continue to provide our men with a home away from home," he added.

NATHAN PHILLIPS ELECTED MAYOR OF TORONTO; FIRST JEW IN THIS POST

TORONTO, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Nathan Phillips became today the first Jew ever to be elected Mayor of Toronto, Canada's second largest city. Mr. Phillips has served the city for 28 years as alderman.

Mr. Phillips is a native of Cornwall, Canada, whose Mayor Aaron Horowitz has held that post for 16 years and was recently re-elected to a new term.

STORES TO DECORATE WINDOWS WITH CHANUKAH-CHRISTMAS MOTIFS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Two businessmen's associations in the West Oak Lane area of this city have decided to decorate their windows with Christmas and Chanukah motifs during the holiday season. The decorations of both religious holidays will be in the windows simultaneously.

This is the first time such an arrangement has been in effect and it is hoped that this precedent will be taken up by other communities throughout the country. A large Jewish population resides in the area serviced by the stores.

EISENBERG, JEWISH AGENCY GENERAL SECRETARY, ARRIVES IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Shlomo Eisenberg, general secretary of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, arrived here to attend the annual national conference of the United Jewish Appeal which opens on Friday at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

During his stay in this country, Mr. Eisenberg will also discuss various matters at the Jewish Agency headquarters here. He will confer with a number of American Jewish leaders on plans for bringing Jewish immigrants from Morocco and other North African countries to Israel and the absorption of these newcomers into Israel's economy.

PUBLISHER OF BRAZILIAN JEWISH MAGAZINE TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Aron Neumann, editor and publisher of Aonde Vamos, Jewish weekly magazine published in Portuguese, left for a number of Latin-American countries today to study conditions in the Jewish communities there. He will conclude his trip with a stay in Mexico. He expects to visit the United States in the middle of next month.

Aonde Vamos is one of the most widely circulated Jewish publications in Brazil. Although it has a Zionist orientation it is widely read by all elements of Brazilian Jewry.

RABBINICAL COLLEGE IN CLEVELAND ACQUIRES 60-ACRE SITE

CLEVELAND, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The purchase of a 60-acre site for the Rabbinical College of Telshe was announced here today by Herbert L. Spero, president of the board of sponsors of the college. The announcement said that a \$1,500,000 campaign to pay for the land and the new college building will be started this week.

PROF. HABER PRAISES SO. AFRICAN JEWRY; ADDRESSES ORT-OSE PARLEY

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Prof. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation, praised today the major contribution of South African Jewry in ORT and OSE work throughout the world. Prof. Haber, who is currently visiting the Union, spoke at the annual meeting of the South African ORT-OSE.

ISRAEL CHIEF RABBI LEAVES FOR CANADA; WILL NOT BE IN UNITED STATES

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Israel Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog emplaned for Canada this evening. He was seen off at the airport by British Mizrahi leaders and members of the Israel Embassy staff. He will not make any stopover in the United States.