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AMERICAN-ISRAEL TALKS ON MIDDLE EAST SECURITY TO BE RESUMED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- George V. Allen, newly-designated Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and Israel Ambassador Abba Eban met at an informal luncheon today for their first general discussion of the Near Eastern situation including aspects of Israel-American relations. The meeting was viewed as a preparatory step to the resumption of high-level talks between Israel and the United States on regional security matters.

(In London, Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath called on Anthony Nutting, British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, to discuss matters connected with British efforts to improve relations between Israel and the Arab states. The only comment made officially on their meeting was that the two diplomats had discussed "subjects of current interest.")

U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL SUMMONED TO RESUME DEBATE ON SUEZ BLOCKADE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Leslie Knox Munro of New Zealand, president of the United Nations Security Council, today summoned the Council for another meeting. Thursday to continue discussions suspended a week ago on Israel's grievance against Egypt's illegal blockade of the Suez Canal, and Egypt's refusal thus far to release the freighter Bat Galim.

It is understood that talks have been going on behind the scenes during the last week between leading Western delegations here and the Israel and Egyptian delegations. Egypt suggested last week that it would accept a recommendation that a subcommittee of the Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission take custody of the Bat Galim. Since last week's Council meeting, Israel has made it clear that it would not accept the subcommittee idea, if any delegation proposed it formally.

The fact that a meeting of the Council has been set definitely is taken here as an indication that members of the Council--probably led by Britain, France, and the United States--are planning some definite action. Behind the scenes talks, however, are still continuing.

Israel Will Insist on Sending Ships Through Suez, Says Sharett

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Israel does not consider the question of the Suez Canal blockade closed, and means to continue the fight to force Egypt to recognize its right to send its shipping through the canal, Premier Moshe Sharett today told the members of the crew of the Bat Galim.

The Premier entertained at his residence here the ten crewmen who had spent 94 days in Egyptian prisons and members of their families. Mr. Sharett paid tribute, in the name of the Israel people, to the heroic behavior of the ten seamen and told them of the breathless anxiety with which all Israel and much of the world followed the progress of their case.

ISRAEL AND U. N. OBSERVERS REACH AGREEMENT ON MT. SCOPUS CONVOY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- An agreement has been reached between the Israel authorities and United Nations observers for the latter to sample and inspect various tins of food destined for the Israel guards atop Mt. Scopus and thus permit the UN officers to pass on this information to the Jordanian guards who command the road to the height, it was learned here today.

Last week an Israel convoy returned without having provisioned the guards because its commander refused to have the UN officers--at the request of the Jordanians--open food tins for inspection. The Israel commander noted that this was contrary to accepted procedure and that opening the tinned meats would spoil the contents. As a result of the agreement just reached, it is expected that the Israelis will make a new attempt to bring supplies to Mt. Scopus this Wednesday.

ISRAEL COOL TO PLAN FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION OF GAZA STRIP

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Richard Crossman, British Laborite member of Parliament, told a press conference here that he had not found Israel "over happy" on his plan for the internationalization of the Gaza coastal strip in southern Palestine and its administration by Britain, France and the United States.

Mr. Crossman has been advocating this plan as a measure to solve in part the Palestine Arab refugee problem and as a means of removing friction between Israel and Egypt. The British Laborite was critical of American policy in sending arms to the Arab States, warning that that course was the "gravest political mistake."

He asserted that the presence of British troops in the Middle East does not contribute to the stabilization of the Middle East but sometimes even created incidents. He expressed criticism of the British policy of heavy expenditures for military purposes in Jordan without a corresponding expenditure for development there and voiced the view that responsible British circles are beginning to see that they must alter the balance for the benefit of Jordan.

BEN GURION COMPLETES TALKS ON TWO-PARTY SYSTEM; RETURNS TO NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Former Premier David Ben Gurion, who has been meeting here with the leaders of various parties for discussions of his proposal for the establishment of a two-party system in Israel, completed his talks and left today for his Negev home at Sdeh Boker.

Before he left, he met with leaders of the Progressive Party. Also before his departure, he reported to the secretariat of his party, the Mapai, on what had been discussed at the various sessions.

AMERICAN CONSUL IN ISRAEL ADDRESSES AUDIENCE IN HEBREW

TEL AVIV, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Robert Davis, American consul in Israel, today summed up his impressions of the two and a half years he has spent in Israel in a speech he delivered in Hebrew.

Mr. Davis told an audience at the Commercial and Industrial Club here that he had learned, during this period, to like the Israelis and their culture. He stressed that he had been highly impressed by economic and industrial developments in this country.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MOSLEM YOUTH ASSAILS ISRAEL

LONDON, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The first International Assembly of Moslem Youth, meeting in Karachi, Pakistan, adopted a resolution condemning the "expansionist designs" of Israel, it was reported here today from the Pakistani capital. The dispatch added that the Moslem youth also hit out at French policy in North Africa as "most inhuman, unjust and unjustifiable."

GERMAN GOVERNMENT ACTS ON FEDERAL INDEMNIFICATION LAW

BOEN, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The Federal Cabinet has approved, and sent to the Federal Council for concurrence, the draft of an implementation regulation to the 1953 Federal Indemnification Law. Eighteen months after adoption of the law, this is the first regulation dealing with damage to property and with compensation for the impairment of economic prospects.

Heretofore, not a single payment falling under these and related categories has been made. In particularly urgent cases, advances and loans were granted, but never regular payments.

The new implementation regulation authorizes certain disbursements to "priority groups" - the indigent, the elderly and those whose earning capacity is reduced by more than half due to sickness or injury. Once the new regulation enters into effect, Nazi victims from among these priority groups can, under certain conditions, obtain the amounts due them for the death of the breadwinner in the case of widows and minor children, for Nazi-inflicted injury to health or for illegal detention in jails and concentration camps.

The Indemnification Law provides for certain limited payments, to Nazi victims who were formerly residents of Germany, for damage to property--for instance, when Jewish apartments and stores were destroyed in the November, 1938 pogroms--and for impairment of economic and professional advancement and prospects through discriminatory Nazi action. Under the first heading, claimants from the priority groups can receive amounts up to \$2,400, according to the new regulation, while for impairment of advancement and prospects, a maximum of \$1,200 has been fixed.

ZIONIST FEDERATION IN FRANCE ASKS BLUMEL TO WITHDRAW RESIGNATION

PARIS, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The executive bureau of the Zionist Federation of France, meeting in closed session last night, voted unanimously to ask Andre Blumel, its secretary-general, to withdraw his letter of resignation and to continue his work within the Zionist movement.

M. Blumel, 61-year-old lawyer, sent a letter of resignation to Marc Jarblum, president of the federation, in the aftermath of criticism of his presidency of a Jewish committee which called a mass meeting to protest the French National Assembly's ratification of the Paris accord to re-arm Germany. Although the text of M. Blumel's letter and the one from M. Jarblum rejecting the resignation were never published, news of their existence leaked out over the week-end.

The executive meeting last night was called to consider the crisis in the leadership of the Zionist movement created by M. Blumel's resignation and his failure to reply to M. Jarblum's letter rejecting it. It was reported that the discussion last night was heated. M. Blumel is also honorary president of the Jewish National Fund of France.

HEAD OF ISRAEL MISSION IS GUEST AT RECEPTION BY GERMAN PRESIDENT

BOEN, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Felix E. Shinnar, head of the Israel purchasing mission in Germany, who holds the personal rank of minister, was a guest at the official reception at the residence of the Federal President, Dr. Theodor Heuss, when the heads of diplomatic missions here conveyed congratulations and good wishes to the German people during the week-end on the occasion of the New Year.

Dr. Shinnar had been invited to the reception by Archbishop Muench, the Papal Nuncio, the doyen of the diplomatic corps. Earlier he had called on Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, to congratulate him on his 79th birthday.

\$350,000,000 RAISED FOR U. J. A. IN NEW YORK IN SIXTEEN DRIVES

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Residents of the New York area have contributed \$350,000,000 for the rescue, rehabilitation and resettlement of Jewish victims of war and persecution in the 16 campaigns conducted by the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York since 1939, the organization's president, Monroe Goldwater, reported today to the annual meeting of its board of directors.

Mr. Goldwater announced that this amount includes contributions of \$25,000,000 for 1954. The 1955 campaign period will open February 1. At the meeting, Mayor Robert F. Wagner formally inducted the 1955 officers of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, Inc., the corporate body which sponsors UJA drives in New York. Mr. Goldwater was re-elected president of the corporation, and Sylvan Gotshal was re-elected chairman of the board.

Amplifying the Mayor's description of New York UJA as "the greatest community campaign effort of its kind in the world," Mr. Goldwater pointed out that its annual drives usually enlist the participation of 20,000 volunteer workers who obtain some 250,000 individual and group contributions, representing gifts by as many as 1,000,000 people of all faiths. The amount raised each year has averaged \$21,875,000. Since 1939, United Jewish Appeal campaigns have made possible the rescue and resettlement of some 2,000,000 victims of Nazi persecution in Europe and of oppression and degradation in the ghettos of Arab countries.

Mayor Wagner emphasized the significance of the humanitarian achievements made possible during World II and the turbulent postwar era by New Yorkers' contributions to UJA. "The funds you have helped to raise," he said to the 200 members of the board of directors and campaign leaders present at the meeting, "have gone throughout the world to rescue those in danger, and those in need, rebuild the lives of the oppressed and build new lives for those who were without hope. Your help has made possible one of the most remarkable achievements in modern times, the creation of Israel as a haven of refuge for the homeless and dispossessed and as a bulwark of democracy in the Middle East."

J. T. A. OPENS RADIO PRINTER SERVICE FROM NEW YORK TO BRAZIL

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency opened today a high-speed radio printer circuit from its New York headquarters to the J. T. A. bureau in Rio de Janeiro.

The New York-Rio radio printer circuit replaces manually received transmissions in Morse code by automatic transmission and reception. Louis P. Rocker, president of JTA, described the new circuit as the first step in the mechanization of the JTA service to Latin America. Present plans, he said, provide for extension of the printer service during 1955 to all other JTA bureaus in Latin America. These bureaus are now receiving the JTA service by Morse code.

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA ACTS ON COMPLAINT OF JEWISH CONGRESS

MONTREAL, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- A complaint by the central region of the Canadian Jewish Congress to the Canadian Government against the use of employment applications containing questions about race, religion and national origins has resulted in a change of policy by the Bank of Nova Scotia, the CJC reported here.

The Department of Labor in Ottawa brought the matter to the attention of the bank, stressing that such questions violated the national Fair Employment Practices Act. The Bank agreed to use new forms, with these questions eliminated, the Department of Labor subsequently informed the CJC.

B'NAI B'RITH TO PUBLISH TRANSLATIONS OF GREAT JEWISH BOOKS

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- A resolution recommending that the B'nai B'rith embark on a program of publishing popular translations of great books of Jewish literature in inexpensive editions for mass distribution throughout the English-speaking world, was adopted here last night at the second annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith Adult Education Committee. More than 100 leading Jewish scholars, educators and B'nai B'rith leaders attended the meeting.

The resolution will be presented for final approval to the B'nai B'rith board of governors which meets in Dayton, Ohio, on February 27. It is considered certain that the board will approve the project, which was suggested by Dr. Mordecai Kaplan, founder of the Reconstructionist movement.

In presenting his recommendation, Dr. Kaplan said: "The B'nai B'rith has organized its department of adult Jewish education as a function of Jewish life. To achieve that purpose, I urge that it establish a press that will publish select writings from Jewish literature throughout the centuries, beginning with those which are relevant to contemporary problems of Jewish life. An attractive and inexpensive format should be aimed at in those publications, together with necessary aids to render them intelligible and interesting to all who are literate."

The all-day meeting also heard Philip M. Klutznick, president of the B'nai B'rith, describe the vital role that the adult Jewish education program was performing in American-Jewish life. He said that the growth of adult study groups throughout the country had been stimulated by the B'nai B'rith Institutes of Judaism program, which was launched on a national scale last year. He called for further steps to encourage the reading of Jewish literature and to raise the spiritual and intellectual standards of Jewish life.

Chairman of the meeting, Maurice Weinstein, announced that plans had been completed for holding 30 B'nai B'rith Institutes of Judaism during the summer of 1955, including one in Europe and one in Israel. He also said that the program called for the establishment of 1,000 study groups, involving a total of 20,000 to 30,000 men and women throughout the United States and Canada. The B'nai B'rith Institutes are a method of adult Jewish education which permits study groups of men and women to meet with distinguished scholars and writers in a country resort atmosphere.

GUIDE ON JEWISH EDUCATION ISSUED; LISTS EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- A blueprint to guide Jewish educators and Jewish Community Center workers in carrying out their common objectives of Jewish education for all age groups was published today for the purpose of establishing day-to-day working relationships between the fields of Jewish education and Jewish Community Center work.

The guide was published by the Joint Committee of the American Association for Jewish Education and the National Jewish Welfare Board. This committee, headed by Judge Samuel Mellitz of Bridgeport, Conn., is an outgrowth of a two-day conference convened in November, 1945 by JWB and the AAJE, in cooperation with the National Council for Jewish Education and the National Association of Jewish Center Workers. This conference formulated the first of the series of recommendations, dealing with common objectives and areas of cooperation in the fields of Jewish education and Jewish Community Center work.

Since the adoption of this statement in 1946 cooperation between the two fields has grown rapidly throughout the country. To encourage this cooperative relationship, the Joint Committee developed a supplementary series of recommendations in seven specific areas: 1. Jewish school and Jewish Community Centers; 2. Day and country camps; 3. Jewish education for youth; 4. Personnel in the Jewish Community Center and Jewish education fields; 5. New Jewish education and Jewish Community Center buildings; 6. Program materials; and 7. Interpretation of Jewish education and Jewish Community Center work.

SO. AFRICAN BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES CLARIFIES STAND TOWARD W. J. C.

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The South African Jewish Board of Deputies, central representative body of South Africa's Jewish community, today issued a statement clarifying its relations with the World Jewish Congress. The statement makes it clear that the Board of Deputies has not joined the World Jewish Congress but has merely entered into a limited agreement for the exchange of information and mutual consultation.

The Board of Deputies expresses satisfaction with the agreement reached. At the same time it emphasizes that it still remains a member of the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, in which it is partnered with the Board of Jewish Deputies of Great Britain and the B'nai B'rith in the United States. The statement reads:

"The South African Jewish Board of Deputies has learned with pleasure of the acceptance by the World Jewish Congress executive of the proposals put to it by the Board in regard to the future relations between the two bodies.

"While the Board does not enter into membership of the Congress, the ratification of the agreement will, it is believed, be a further practical step towards the cause of Jewish unity which the South African Board has always espoused, and will also strengthen the existing association between the South African Board and the Congress.

"The interchange of appropriate material by both bodies on matters within their purview will, undoubtedly, prove of great benefit to us. The right of the Board to be represented at Congress executive meetings in a consultative capacity is also greatly appreciated. In all matters affecting world Jewry and Jewish problems abroad, the South African Board will be happy to confer with the Congress with a view to reaching a common policy, but it is understood that the Board retains its complete autonomy and freedom of action.

"The arrangement with the World Jewish Congress appertains only to those activities of the latter falling outside the purview of the United Nations. The South African Board continues its association with the B'nai B'rith of the U.S.A. and the Board of Deputies of British Jews in the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations which enjoys consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

DR. JOSEPH SCHWARTZ TO RECEIVE ORT AWARD FOR HUMANITARIAN WORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The merit award of the American ORT Federation for distinguishing service in the field of human rehabilitation will be presented to Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, at the annual meeting of the organization's board of directors on January 16th in New York. Dr. William Haber, president, announced today. The CRT award was first established in 1949. Previous recipients have been Senator Herbert H. Lehman and Dr. Haber.

BENJAMIN GOLDMAN, DIRECTOR OF NEW ORLEANS FEDERATION, DIES

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Benjamin B. Goldman, executive director of the Jewish Federation of this city, died here yesterday after addressing a banquet. He was 45. Among previous posts held by Mr. Goldman were the directorships of the Jewish welfare federations of Miami and Buffalo.