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ISRAEL GOVT. STARTS IMPORTANT CONSULTATIONS WITH ITS AMBASSADORS

JERUSALEM, May 24. (JTA) -- Consultations among Foreign Ministry officials and the Israel Ambassadors to Washington, London, and Paris, who were summoned for these talks, began at the Foreign Office today. The consultations were opened by Premier and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

A party of 37 teachers and students of the United States National War College at Washington crossed the lines into Israel today from the Old City of Jerusalem. The party, headed by Col. Samuel Taxis, former United Nations chairman of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, drove to Tel Aviv where the U. S. officers were received by Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israel Army Chief of Staff.

U. S. STRESSES BENEFITS FOR ISRAEL AND ARABS FROM JOHNSTON PLAN

WASHINGTON, May 24. (JTA) -- With the anticipated departure of Ambassador Eric Johnston for Israel and the Arab countries to resume his negotiations on the projected regional water development plan, the Foreign Operations Administration emphasized today that the United States Government is especially interested in this plan because it may help in the resettlement of Arab refugees from Palestine and ease the conflict between Israel and the Arab countries.

In a summary statement on the 1956 fiscal year, the FOA says that "nearly 70,000 of Arab refugees now in the Gaza area of Egypt may be rehabilitated by developing, through supplies of water drawn from the River Nile, the agricultural potential of an area East of the Suez Canal." The statement emphasized that "of special interest to the U. S. is the yet unsettled conflict over Palestine and the resettlement of Arab refugees," and added: "One possible key to the solution of the problem is the development of the Jordan River."

The FOA statement stressed the fact that "special efforts" have been made by the United States during the past year to obtain, among Israel and the Arab countries concerned, an agreed basis for dividing the waters of the Jordan, for its storage and control along economic lines, and for arrangements to assure that deliveries of the water continue to be made pursuant to agreement. "Such arrangements," said the FOA, "would enable the Government of Israel to proceed with ambitious plans for the use of a share of the water and thus enable the Israelis to become more self-sufficient. It holds out the best prospect for economic development, important to the Kingdom of Jordan as a whole, and for substantial improvement in the lot of the Arab refugees."

United States aid to Israel, the FOA said, "has helped that government assimilate its large numbers of immigrants while helping to improve its foreign exchange position, already markedly better. Industrial and agricultural production have increased; land area under cultivation has been tripled."

RESUMPTION OF ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN MILITARY TALKS EXPECTED NEXT WEEK

LONDON, May 24. (JTA) -- Israel-Egyptian military talks on border pacification, delayed by last week's incidents along the Gaza strip, are expected to take place toward the end of next week. The Times of London reported today.

The newspaper said that it was probable that the main point under discussion will be the erection of effective physical barriers along the whole length of the Gaza border. If this is agreed upon, UN truce chief Gen. E. L. M. Burns' proposal for joint UN-Israeli-Egyptian border patrols will be dropped, it predicted.

In an editorial on the Israel-Egyptian situation, the Times warned that regardless of what local commanders' agreement is reached, "the real difficulties will remain unsolved until Egypt modifies her present attitude of open hostility and exercises effective control over the refugees in the Gaza strip who now find an irresistible temptation to sabotage pipelines and mine roads to new Israel settlements."

The editorial also noted that "the Gaza tension is not without influence on Israel's internal situation." It said that the uneasiness over the British adherence to the Iraqi-Turkish pact, viewed in Israel as further evidence of Anglo-American appeasement of the Arabs, coupled with the border tension has given rise to the feeling that Israel is a "beleaguered city."

ISRAEL PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM CRUISE; SALUTED UPON ARRIVAL

JERUSALEM, May 24. (JTA) -- A 21-gun salute greeted Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi upon his arrival in the port of Haifa yesterday, at the conclusion of a 12-day Mediterranean cruise aboard the Israel vessel Negbah. He debarked shortly after arriving and went directly to his residence in Jerusalem.

From aboard the Negbah, which he never left during the cruise, the President broadcast a special greeting to Israel's Moslem citizens who were celebrating a religious holiday. The vessel was met by an escort flotilla of Navy ships when it entered Israel territorial waters and was escorted to port.

FINAL RESULTS OF HISTADRUT ELECTIONS ANNOUNCED; MAPAI WINS MAJORITY

TEL AVIV, May 24. (JTA) -- Final results of the Histadrut national elections of two weeks ago revealed today that the Mapai slate had received 57.74 percent of the total vote of 431,120, a gain of slightly more than one-half of one percent.

The Mapam slate received 12.5 percent of the total and L'Achdut Avoda gained 14.6; this represented a loss of nearly seven percent for the two parties which ran as one slate in the last elections and chalked up 34 percent of the votes then.

Gains were made by the Communists, who increased their total from 2.6 percent to 4.1 by the Progressive slate which went from 3.8 in the last balloting to 5.25 this time, and by the General Zionists who obtained 3.8 percent of the total. The Religious Workers group dropped slightly from 2.1 percent to 1.96.

The tally by parties was: Mapai, 236,961; Mapam, 51,505; L'Achdut Avoda, 59,968; Progressives, 21,543; Communists, 16,906; General Zionists, 15,618; Religious Workers, 8,034.

"CHRIST AMENDMENT" TO U.S. CONSTITUTION INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, May 24. (JTA) -- Rep. Eugene Siler, Kentucky Republican, today introduced in the House an amendment to the Constitution to recognize the "law and authority" of Jesus Christ.

The proposed new amendment is identical with one introduced last year by Republican Sen. Ralph E. Flanders of Vermont. Hearings were held on the Flanders amendment with Jewish organizations protesting against it on the grounds that it violated traditional American respect for the separation of church from state and would create a category of second class citizens. The Flanders measure was shelved last year at the conclusion of Senate hearings.

CONGRESS GETS BILL ON ERECTION OF EINSTEIN MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, May 24. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler introduced a bill today to erect a memorial in Washington to the "humanity and majestic scientific achievements" of the late Dr. Albert Einstein.

The bill stipulates that authority be granted to any private organization which accepts the cost of the memorial and the responsibility of its maintenance. The erection would take place within five years from the date of approval of the resolution and the model must be approved by the Fine Arts Commission and the Joint Committee of the Library of Congress.

A memorial meeting for Albert Einstein, under the sponsorship of the South African Board of Jewish Deputies and the South African Zionist Federation, was held in Johannesburg in the Great Hall of the University of Witwatersrand. Professor F. Nabarro, professor of physics, delivered an assessment of Dr. Einstein's scientific achievements. S. M. Kuper, chairman of the Zionist Federation, spoke on "Einstein, the Jew." Justice L. Greenberg presided.)

RESTRICTIONS ON FORMER NAZIS WILL BE WITHDRAWN IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, May 24. (JTA) -- Former Nazis in Austria will be freed of all restrictions after the Austrian state treaty is ratified and the occupation troops are withdrawn, except that war criminals sentenced to prison will continue to serve their time, it was reported here today in informed circles.

The report followed a statement by Chancellor Julius Raab to the neo-Nazi League of Independents that the government intends to draw a curtain over the past once the occupation troops leave Austria. After the Chancellor's pledge, the League expressed a willingness to vote in Parliament for the state treaty. But, it underlined that it depends on the goodwill of the coalition government parties in the enforcement of certain provisions of the treaty which, according to the neo-Nazi groups, endanger internal peace and friendly relations with Germany.

BAVARIAN PARLIAMENT REINSTATES SUBSIDY FOR JEWISH COMMUNITIES

MUNICH, May 24. (JTA) -- The Bavarian parliament has again appropriated \$57,000 for each of the next two fiscal years, as a subsidy to the congregations affiliated with the Bavarian Association of Jewish Communities.

In taking this action, parliament overruled a governmental recommendation to slash the subsidies to \$18,000 this year and to discontinue them altogether in 1956. The total amount of all subsidies, which at present make up the biggest slice of communal revenue, will eventually be deducted from the compensation owed by the state to the communities for synagogues destroyed in the November 1938 pogroms.

U. J. A. TO HONOR AMERICAN GENERALS FOR AID TO NAZI VICTIMS

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal will cite five American generals prominent in the United States occupation of Germany and Austria, as well as their chief civilian advisers on Jewish affairs, it was announced today by William Rosenwald, general chairman of the UJA. The citations will be presented at the national UJA two-day conference which will open in Washington on June 4. Senator Herbert H. Lehman will also be cited as the first director general of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

The five generals to be honored are: General Mark Clark, former Commander of U. S. Forces in Austria and former Supreme Commander of United Nations Forces in Korea; General Joseph T. McNarney, former Commander of U. S. Forces in Europe; General Lucius D. Clay, former U. S. Military Governor in Germany; General John H. Hilldring, former Assistant Secretary of State for Occupied Areas, and General Clarence Huebner, former Acting Commander of the U. S. Occupation Zone in Germany.

The chief civilian advisers on Jewish affairs who will be honored are: Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein of Rochester; former Federal Judge Simon H. Rifkind of New York; Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia; Dr. William Haber of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Harry Greenstein, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Baltimore, and Abraham S. Hyman of New York, administrative director of the World Jewish Congress.

Each will receive an Award of Humanitarian Service. The awards will be in the form of ancient clay lamps dating back to Biblical times and discovered recently during excavations in Israel. Each lamp will be encased in glass and mounted on wood, with a silver plaque noting that the recipient made an "extraordinary contribution in keeping alive the ancient flame of human freedom." The ceremonies will come as part of a National Cash Mobilization and will bring together more than 1,200 leaders of UJA-affiliated campaigns in all parts of the country.

Mr. Rosenwald, in remarking on the cash phase of the two-day conference, pointed out that it will mark the half-way point in an emergency 60-day drive for the raising of a multi-million dollar fund to stave off a threatening immigration crisis in Israel. In addition to the commemorative and cash features of the two-day meeting, the conference will also witness the installation of Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman of Milwaukee as the UJA's new executive vice-chairman. Rabbi Friedman will be installed as successor to Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, who left the UJA recently to head a new corporation for the sale of State of Israel Bonds. He will be honored for his four and a half years of outstanding leadership of the UJA.

SHORTAGE OF JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS STRESSED AT N. C. J. S. W. CONVENTION

ATLANTIC CITY, May 24. (JTA) -- The critical shortage of Jewish social workers was underlined here today at the 57th annual meeting of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service by Dr. Nathan E. Cohen, Associate Dean of the New York School of Social Work. Noting that the prestige of the Jewish communal worker is far less than that of the rabbi, teacher, or traditional professionals in such fields as law and medicine, Dr. Cohen declared;

"The painful facts are that students cannot be persuaded, cajoled, or seduced, even with subsidies, aid and scholarships, into two years of expensive professional training leading to less than a living wage in social work. Fund-raising and public relations positions bring higher remuneration perhaps because they are better understood and accepted. It is the typical pattern that he who brings in money always gets paid more than he who spends it."

Dr. Maurice Hexter, executive vice-president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, suggested to the 1,200 educators and social workers at the convention that a Jewish school of social work be established jointly by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Yeshiva University. He added that this suggestion was "perhaps utopian." Roland Baxt, executive director of the Federation Employment Service in New York, was today elected new president of the N. C. J. S. W.

B'NAI BRITH CONVENTION STRESSES NEED FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., May 24. (JTA) -- The impact of anti-Semitism and Zionism upon America's five million Jews "cannot suffice to stimulate and sustain Jewish loyalty." Rabbi Robert Gordis of New York told the closing session of the 103rd annual convention of B'nai B'rith District Grand Lodge No. 1 today. What is needed, Rabbi Gordis continued, is a form of liberal Jewish education that can succeed traditionalism and the recent emphasis on Hebrew language and literature that came with the rebirth of Jewish nationalism.

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld of New York, director of B'nai B'rith's Hillel Foundation, also urged "a shift of emphasis in Jewish education in order to revive the Jewish ideal of learning. "The educated Jew is not the Jew who possesses the greatest number of Jewish facts or technical skill, but the Jew whose life is most fully enriched by his possession of Jewish meaning." Joseph M. Finkle of Providence, R. I., was installed as president, succeeding Judge David A. Rose of Boston.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY RECEIVES \$150,000 FROM THREE U.S. DONORS

JERUSALEM, May 24. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University announced today the receipt of three gifts totalling \$150,000 from American donors. The largest gift came from Harry Kangesser of Cleveland, who contributed \$100,000 to the University's building fund in memory of his brother. Mr. Kangesser is a member of the board of directors of the American Friends of the University and was recently made a fellow of the University.

A \$25,000 gift was made by Adolph Ullman of Boston, long active in behalf of the University who recently became a member of the board of the American Friends of the University. The third, a \$25,000 bequest, to be used for poliomyelitis and cancer research was left in the will of the late Miss Lutie Goldstein, who died in San Francisco last April.

PHILIP LOWN ESTABLISHES CHAIR OF HEBREW LITERATURE AT BRANDEIS U.

BOSTON, May 24. (JTA) -- Brandeis University announced today the establishment of the Philip Lown Chair in Hebrew Literature and Jewish Philosophy. The chair was established by Philip Lown of Auburn, Maine, and Newton, Mass. Mr. Lown has devoted a large part of his life to the advancement of Jewish causes, particularly in the area of Jewish education. He is active in federated communal activities and in the up-building of Israel.

Incumbent of the Lown Chair will be Dr. Simon Rawidowicz, Hebraic scholar and author of more than two dozen volumes dealing with Jewish philosophy and history, and contemporary Jewish problems. He is chairman of the graduate committee in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis which offers advanced programs leading to a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

AMERICAN-ISRAELI PAPER MILLS PAYS FIRST DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- The Palestine Economic Corporation announced today that American-Israeli Paper Mills, Ltd., has declared an interim, initial dividend for 1955 of one and a quarter cent per share, which puts the stock on a 5 percent yield basis. American investors will receive their dividend checks shortly. The \$4,000,000 enterprise, located in Hadera, Israel, began production in the spring of 1954. Within the first year of its operation it reached an output of over 90 percent and is now operating at full capacity.

"On the basis of the current level of production, it is saving Israel a dollar expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000 per year. Plans are under consideration to expand the plant considerably," the announcement said. The "Mazer-PEC Paper Mill" was jointly established by the Palestine Economic Corporation; the Mazer family of Hudson Pulp and Paper Corporation of New York; Israel Enterprises, Inc.; and other investors.

PROF. ITZHAK ELAZARI-VOLCANI, NOTED AGRICULTURIST, DIES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 24. (JTA) -- Itzhak Elazari-Volcani, Professor of Agriculture at the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture, and one of the foremost Israel agricultural pioneers, died here today at 75. Born in Lithuania, Prof. Elazari-Volcani was educated at the Universities of Berlin, Berne and Koenigsberg and came to Israel in 1908.

He managed the Ben Shemen and Hulda farms in Israel and served as advisor on agricultural settlement to the World Zionist Organization from 1909-1918. Considered one of the men who laid the foundation for modern agriculture in Israel, he was a past director of the Jewish National Fund and served for many years as director of the Jewish Agency agricultural research station at Rehovoth and on the government Agricultural Council.

His sudden death today postponed the scheduled ground-breaking ceremony for the first of 20 settlements to be inaugurated in the new Lakish development region southwest of Jerusalem. The development scheme is expected to cost some \$20,000,000.