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GEN. DAYAN, ISRAEL'S ARMY CHIEF, RESIGNS; GEN. LASKOV NAMED AS SUCCESSOR

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan has resigned as Israel Army Chief of Staff and has been replaced by Brig. Gen. Chaim Laskov, it was announced here today at the conclusion of the weekly Cabinet meeting.

Unlike his predecessors, Gen. Dayan has asked to remain in the army and his request has been approved. There is no official indication of Gen. Dayan's future duties, but it is understood that he will take a long leave of absence to prepare himself for a new and important post.

Because of Israel Government policy that only the Chief of Staff shall be a Major General on active status, Gen. Dayan will revert to Brigadier rank. Gen. Laskov will be promoted to Major General. The question of a reversion in rank has never come up before in the ten-year history of the armed forces because each resigning Chief of Staff has left the service.

JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE ALLOCATES \$10,204,443 FOR AID IN 30 LANDS

ROME, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The sum of \$10,204,443 was granted to Jewish communities, organizations and institutions in 30 countries throughout the world by the board of directors of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany at the close of its two-day annual meeting here today. The board represents 22 major Jewish organizations in various countries around the globe.

The sum granted today represents funds available for distribution this year from German reparations payments. With this year's total, the overall sum distributed thus far comes to \$49,749,443, Jacob Blaustein, senior vice president of the conference, announced.

The sharp contrast between the heartening speed with which the West German Republic is meeting the reparations obligations it assumed to the State of Israel and the discouraging delays in the implementation of individual indemnity legislation was stressed here last night by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Conference president, at the opening session of the annual meeting.

Dr. Goldmann expressed gratification at the assurance conveyed to him by the West German Chancellor Dr. Adenauer that the Federal Republic's indemnification laws would be carried out in full. "The statement just issued by Dr. Adenauer following our meeting several days ago will do much to calm the disquiet created recently by irresponsible opinion," Dr. Goldmann said.

Dr. Goldmann also hailed the forthright attitude of the Social Democratic Party of West Germany in support of the indemnification program. "Our conference pledges itself to the continued and close follow-up of implementation of indemnification legislation in every part of Western Germany heartened by this evidence of support from the head of the government and the leadership of the principal opposition party," he stated.

Nazi Victims in Iron Curtain Lands to Get Aid for First Time

The Conference leader called special attention to the fact that this year for the first time the Nazi victims of the so called Iron Curtain countries were to be recipients of funds from the Claims Conference. "I am referring," Dr. Goldmann said, "to the aid program for Nazi victims in Poland which opened last year, following an invitation extended to the Joint Distribution Committee by the Polish Government. I am also referring to the Jewish communities in Hungary and Czechoslovakia that received the permission of their governments for the first time to submit direct applications to the conference requesting aid on behalf of specified programs.

"Jewish communities in all three of the lands," he continued, "rank high among the most impoverished in all Europe and the present needs of the Nazi victims may truly be counted among the most urgent that have cropped up from any quarter. For Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia direct and official conference aid is the first in virtually one decade that is reaching them from lands outside."

Reporting on German deliveries to Israel under the agreement of which the Claims Conference is a part, Dr. Goldmann said: "The delivery of reparations goods, materials and services to the State of Israel was a major aspect of the 1952 agreements and new

from this front is heartening. For the fifth year in a row, I am happy to report that reparations deliveries to Israel are running at a smooth pace. The German Government is not merely meeting its obligations, but is continuing to proceed beyond them."

Israel Received \$326,190,000 in Reparations from Germany, Dr. Goldmann Reports

The figures presented by Dr. Goldmann revealed that in 1957 Israel received in goods, materials and services the equivalent of \$64,285,000, bringing the total to \$326,190,000 since deliveries began in 1953. Advance orders for capital goods include ships and drilling equipment for delivery over the next few years amount to \$80,952,000. Illustrating the important role German reparations payments played in the creation of the Israeli merchant marine, Dr. Goldmann pointed out that ship deliveries to date have amounted to 19 vessels with a tonnage of 163,610.

The Claims Conference president concluded with a report on the state of the indemnification program for individual Nazi victims. "The gravest problem confronting us continues to be slow implementation of legislation. Claims on file at indemnification offices approached 1,300,000 at the latest official count. Reliable unofficial sources place the number higher by several hundred thousand more. Payment of claims is proceeding with measured strides and the number awaiting adjudication is piling up as the months roll by."

Reporting on his meeting with Dr. Adenauer, Dr. Goldmann said he discussed with the Bonn Chancellor ways and means of speeding up fulfillment of the obligations that Federal Germany and the individual states had assumed. Measures urgently called for include: provision of more adequate funds and advances on the part of the Federal Government; enlarging of undermanned staffs at indemnification offices and the establishment of uniformity in procedures and treatment of identical categories of claims on the part of the various states.

Predicts the Year 1958 Will Be "Fateful Period" in Indemnification Program

"The year 1958 is expected to prove a fateful period for the program of indemnification. The true scope of indemnification claims and the fiscal demands they will make are expected to merge for the first time with a measure of clarity and certainty," Dr. Goldmann asserted. "Great exertions will fall to our lot in the months ahead if we are to gain improvements in the administration of the program and in the strengthening of the very foundations upon which it rests. Above all our vigilance dare not falter since the enemies of indemnification are collecting their strength to strike at the program with fresh onslaughts."

Moses A. Leavitt, treasurer of the Conference, reported that during 1957 the organization had allocated \$10,048,000. "The year 1957 has completed the first third of the anticipated life-time of the Conference," he pointed out. "The Conference allocations have made their weight felt up and down the entire Jewish world. Our funds are currently aiding some 200,000 Nazi victims per year. The number of beneficiaries has grown larger ever since our operations began. The cold figures fail to convey the full sense of the impact on the communities that Conference aid has provided," Mr. Leavitt declared.

In presenting the 1958 budgetary recommendations for consideration of the board, Mr. Blaustein pointed out today that the sum allocated today was divided among the following categories: relief and rehabilitation, \$794,595; cultural and educational reconstruction, \$1,294,848; research and commemoration, \$405,000; legal aid, \$160,000, and administration, including a contribution to the Israel Purchasing Mission, \$400,000.

Mr. Blaustein stated that a sizeable portion of the money assigned for relief is earmarked for the emigration of refugees from Europe and their absorption in new homes. "Second only to the needs of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution in Poland and Czechoslovakia, are the needs of the refugees who fled Hungary following the 1956 uprising. That event helped shape the structure of our 1958 budget. In the first nine months of 1957, over 2,300 refugees migrated to Australia, over 500 to Brazil. Thousands are expected in 1958."

"Besides the refugees, legal emigration flowing from Poland and Hungary to overseas lands other than Israel began to make its weight felt in the closing months of 1957. It is expected to grow in 1958," Mr. Blaustein stressed. "Mass movements of refugees and legal emigrants stemming from these lands have taken such proportions that local resources in the receiving communities are unable to cope with the new and heavy burden. On that account, allocations destined for refugee aid in Australia and Brazil have been stepped up in budgetary recommendations for 1958."

Allocations of cultural and educational grants have been provided for the following purposes: Jewish education; research and publication; salvage of records and documentation; upkeep of rabbinical schools; and, granting of individual scholarship. Funds for capital investment play an important role in all categories of grants, Mr. Blaustein said.

"The overwhelming share of the funds has been earmarked for expenditure in Europe, and the impact they have made on the rebuilding of Jewish communities which went to destruction at Nazi hands lies beyond any overstatement," Mr. Blaustein concluded.

BAGDAD PACT PARLEY OPENS TODAY; TURKEY URGES 1947 BORDERS FOR ISRAEL

ANKARA, Jan. 26, (JTA) -- On the eve of the opening of the conference of the Bagdad Pact countries, with the participation of U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Turkish Foreign Minister Fatin Rustu Zorlu today called for a settlement of the Palestine problem along the lines of the 1947 United Nations partition plan. Turkey, he said, had committed herself to this policy when she signed the treaty setting up the Bagdad Pact.

Addressing a press conference, Mr. Zorlu said he did not expect a discussion of the Israel-Arab conflict to come up at the Bagdad Pact meeting now. He revealed that attempts have been made to exclude private conversations on the Palestine and other issues during the pact meeting.

SYRIA AND EGYPT PLAN TO PROCLAIM THEMSELVES FEDERATION TODAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 26, (JTA) -- Egypt and Syria, the two pro-Soviet Arab countries bordering on Israel, are expected to issue tomorrow a joint proclamation announcing the establishment of a federation of both lands under one government with Egyptian President Abdel Nasser as President of the union and Syrian President Shukri-el-Kuwatly as Vice President, it was reported here today from Cairo to the New York Times.

The report emphasized that the frontiers of Egypt and Syria are widely separated "with a hostile Israel and a certainly none too friendly Jordan lying between them." While the report contains no indication of Israel's reaction to the establishment of a Syrian-Egyptian federation, it says that Turkey viewed the proposed union with the "greatest concern."

The report also says that there have been rumors among top political circles in Cairo that King Hussein of Jordan and his cousin, King Faisal of Iraq, already were pushing ahead with plans to merge their two adjoining countries into one kingdom. This would automatically bring Jordan, where King Hussein has had to crack down hard on pro-Nasser and extreme Leftist elements, into the Bagdad Pact, the report pointed out.

Syrian-Egyptian Union Spells Danger to Israel, ZOA President Says

NEW YORK, Jan. 26, (JTA) -- The proclamation of a "federation" by Egypt and Syria would increase the danger to the security of Israel, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, warned here today, addressing an all-day meeting of the National Zionist Executive Council, ruling body of the ZOA between conventions. Such a federation, he added, is not likely to endure as a permanent union "unless held together by the iron hand of Moscow."

Referring to the opening of the conference of the Bagdad Pact nations tomorrow in Ankara, Dr. Neumann blamed the failure of the Bagdad Pact to secure the Middle East against Soviet penetration to "a faulty conception of policy." He charged that "the basic problem was not military but political--the internal tensions and instability of the region--which makes it a happy hunting ground for communist subversion."

Asserting that among the unresolved problems which United States diplomacy failed to deal with is the problem of Arab-Israel peace, Dr. Neumann further charged that "on this crucial problem our government has temporized, side-stepped and delayed effective action."

"The possibility for bringing about a settlement of the Arab-Israel dispute was more promising some years ago before Soviet Russia became the potent influence in the Middle East than it is today, the ZOA leader continued. "Yet at this late date it is necessary to eradicate the root cause of the continuing tension by making it clear to the Arab states that they cannot blackmail the free world into abandoning Israel to their voracious designs or induce the West to bargain for Arab friendship at Israel's expense."

Assailing the Western appeasement policy, Dr. Neumann further maintained that "as long as the Arab leaders are permitted to cherish the dream of dismembering Israel with the tacit approval of the West, there can be no Arab-Israel settlement; and without such a settlement there can be no pacification and stabilization of the Middle East situation."

He further cautioned that "any ambiguity on our part is bound to encourage further political unrest stimulated by the Kremlin's puppets and agents" and added that: "Our government should rather express its firm resolve to safeguard not only Israel's independence but also her territorial integrity which is the object of overt attack and covert designs."

Prof. Mordecai M. Kaplan, noted Rabbinic leader and author, who was a principal speaker at the session, called upon the Zionist movement to perpetuate the State of Israel as a means of giving the Jew everywhere a spiritual status. "This spiritual status he can have only as a member of the Jewish people which is at the present time in need of being reconstituted," he said.

The meeting was highlighted by a discussion on the future aims and functions of the world Zionist movement. Abraham A. Goodman, chairman of the Council, presided.

HADASSAH OPENS FOUR-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE; REVIEWS ITS ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Problems dealing with the activities of Hadassah, on which the women's Zionist organization of America spends \$9,000,000 a year, will be reviewed at the four-day annual mid-winter conference of the organization which opened here tonight. Hadassah leaders from all parts of the United States, representing 315,000 members, are participating.

Speaking at the opening session, Dr. Miriam K. Freund, national president of Hadassah, stressed that the Middle East region may suffer from any cut in President Eisenhower's \$3,900,000,000 request for foreign aid. Such a cut, she said, would also be "detrimental" to the United States position in the world today.

Mrs. Rose Halprin, Hadassah leader and acting chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, told the opening session that "since its creation ten years ago, Israel has established a true democracy. It has brought in hundreds of thousands of destitute people, many of them from Arab lands and has by example, shown the world how rehabilitation and absorption of masses of human being can be achieved if a people is ready to make the effort and sacrifice." Mrs. Halprin announced that Hadassah is planning a major function at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on May 6 to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Israel's founding.

PHILADELPHIA JEW BEQUEATHES \$357,000 TO HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-J. I. R.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- A \$357,000 bequest to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion from the estate of the late Sidney Neumann of Philadelphia was announced here today by Dr. Nelson Glueck, president, at a meeting of the Board of Governors of the HUC-JIR.

Of this amount, \$223,250 is a direct gift to the school and \$133,950 goes to the American Jewish Archives, a College-Institute department specializing in the collection, preservation and publication of Jewish Americana. Mr. Neumann, a Philadelphia bachelor, died Feb. 5, 1957 at the age of 79. The College-Institute is using both funds for scholarly publications, Dr. Glueck said. Robert P. Goldman, Cincinnati lawyer and civic leader, was elected chairman of the Board of Governors.

NEW YORK U. J. A. ESTABLISHES GROUP OF TRUSTEES; WEILER NAMED CHAIRMAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Jack D. Weiler, UJA leader, has been named chairman of a group of 19 of New York's leading philanthropists who have been elevated to newly created positions as trustees of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. All are veterans of the top leadership of the New York UJA drives.

Monroe Goldwater, president of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, announced creation of the trustees. They will start their activities by aiding in preparations for the 20th annual New York UJA drive, scheduled to begin next month. The organization's board of directors has charged the trustees with special responsibilities in planning its yearly fund-raising campaigns and in encouraging the practice of making bequests in wills to further UJA's work.

JEWISH BRAILLE INSTITUTE PREPARES FRENCH-HEBREW PRAYER BOOK

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The first French-Hebrew prayer book ever to be transcribed into Braille has been prepared by the Jewish Braille Institute of America for a blind young woman of Paris, it was announced today by Mrs. Louis J. Bieber, president of the Institute. Transcription of the one volume prayer book required the production of five large Braille volumes.

This unique Braille prayer book will enable Mrs. Jeannie Lecat, for whom it was prepared free of charge, to take part in religious services with sighted members of her synagogue. It employs the International Hebrew Braille Alphabet created under the sponsorship of the Jewish Braille Institute. Transcription of the work into Braille was done by hand by Mrs. Sylvan Rosoff of Boston, Mass., co-chairman of the Institute's Hebrew Braille Committee for New England.

DR. HALE, FORMER DIRECTOR OF U. S. MISSION, DIES LECTURING ON ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Lincoln Hale, former director of the United States Operations Mission in Israel, collapsed and died at the Theodore Herzl Institute here while delivering a lecture on "Israel in the Concert of Nations." He was 58 years old. The Theodore Herzl Institute is an educational institution maintained by the Jewish Agency.

Dr. Hale, a former president of Evansville College, returned to the United States last summer after serving for three years as the head of the U. S. aid mission in Israel. He was born in Ansonia, Conn., and served as pastor of a church in Connecticut from 1930 to 1934 after which he directed special studies for Yale University. He was named president of Evansville College in 1941 and held this post until 1954 when he became director of the U. S. Operations Mission in Israel.