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ISRAEL MINISTER FORESEES EMIGRATION OF 250,000 JEWS FROM EAST EUROPE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The possibility that 250,000 Jews may come to Israel from Rumania and other East European countries in the next three years means that \$750,000,000 will be needed to finance their immigration, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol declared today at a press conference.

Reporting on his visit to the United States, the Finance Minister lauded the leadership of the United Jewish Appeal. He said that the UJA officials, originally committed to a 1959 campaign based on the expectation of 40,000 immigrants, readily accepted the heavier financial load created by a boost in the immigration estimates to nearly 100,000 immigrants in 1959.

He added that Israel bond campaign leaders also raised their goals, indicating plans to sell \$75,000,000 in Israel Bonds compared with sales of less than \$50,000,000 in 1958. Many Israelis would be needed to explain the situation in communities across the United States, he stated.

Mr. Eshkol assured the people of Israel that if the drought continues they could depend on the United States to help them see it through. He pointed out that Jordan had already requested and received such aid.

Of his negotiations with French Finance Minister Antoine Pinay, Mr. Eshkol was hopeful. He noted that the first French loan to Israel had decreased in value as a result of the recent devaluation of the French franc and that therefore the French Government had agreed to add 20 percent to the loan figure, to make up the difference to Israel. "Serious negotiations" are under way to finance the construction of a larger oil pipeline from Elath to Beersheba.

DR. GOLDMANN STRESSES SIGNIFICANCE OF JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM RUMANIA

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- In the second decade of the State of Israel, the Jewish people may be "privileged" to save 1,000,000 Jews from Eastern European countries who will soon begin leaving their present homes in large numbers, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, declared here last night. He was addressing 150 delegates from 12 European countries called together in an emergency session by the European office of the Keren Hayesod, fund-raising arm of the Zionist movement.

Dr. Goldmann underlined the significance of agreement of the Rumanian Government to permit mass emigration of Jews from Rumania. In this next decade, Dr. Goldmann said, Israel's population--under the impetus of the new immigration, might well reach 3,000,000 Jews.

He noted that while Israel had accepted nearly 1,000,000 immigrants in its first ten years of existence, the majority of the newcomers were still waiting to be absorbed into the economy of the country. Transit camps for immigrants still existed, he said, and 400 agricultural villages still had to have their economic underpinnings shored up. He said he was "embarrassed" during a recent trip to new settlements to see how hard the people worked to eke out a living. In some cases, he said, even 12 year old children had to work.

Dr. Goldmann pointed out that the Jewish Agency could have balanced its budget in the past decade, if it had only helped half a million Jews enter Israel. But, he said, the "other half a million would have been lost to us forever."

Discussing the sources of revenue supplying Israel's immigration needs today, he said two were non-Jewish--United States Government aid and German reparations payments--while the other two were Jewish. Though the non-Jewish sources were of prime importance--German reparations alone had provided more in a decade to Israel's Treasury than the total of all appeals--they would soon dry up, he said.

This left only the Jewish people to take up the slack, he said, warning that if contributions remained "static" the Jewish people would fail in their duty. "The slogan must be to revolutionize contributions in proportion to the gigantic problems that face us." The next decade of Israel's existence could be greater than the first not because of military victories

or laws enacted by the Knesset, but because the continuity of the Jewish people would be ensured, Dr. Goldmann concluded.

Leon Dultzin, head of the Jewish Agency's economic department and a member of the Keren Hayesod executive, insisted that the question in reference to the new migratory wave was not how many Jews "could be saved," but rather how many "must be saved." Mr. Dultzin, who recently visited a transit camp in Vienna where immigrants from Rumania were awaiting transportation to Israel, said that one-third of the immigrants were children and youths up to the age of 19.

In a series of unanimously adopted resolutions, the parley sent messages of solidarity to the President and people of Israel, expressed again the gratitude of the Jewish people to the Queen of the Netherlands for her assistance to the Jewish people in "a critical hour; and, recommended the establishment of a European board to direct United Israel Appeal activities on the Continent. During the debate, it was suggested that Jewish communities in each European country establish a system of self-taxation.

Earlier, the delegates went into closed session to discuss the emigration of Rumanian Jews. During the meeting Rumanian Jews expressed the gratitude of their fellow-countrymen for the help of the Keren Hayesod and said that many Rumanian Jews wanted to go to Israel to rejoin their relatives.

PHARMACISTS IN ISRAELI PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTIONS GO ON STRIKE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- A country-wide strike of chemists and pharmacists started today with only emergency staffs remaining on duty in public health institutions.

The walk-out followed the refusal by government and Histadrut officials to yield to demands of the two professional groups for a "proper academic" increase in wages. Institutions affected include the Joint Distribution Committee's Malben home, all Histadrut sick fund clinics and hospitals.

ISRAELI INVESTORS BUY 10,000,000 POUNDS WORTH OF OIL BONDS IN ONE DAY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Ten million Israeli pounds worth of bearer bonds, convertible into common shares, issued by the National Oil Company, were snatched up by investors on the first day they were available, the company announced today.

It was the first time the Israel public was offered a chance to invest in oil prospecting. Previously, such prospecting was conducted with funds raised directly by the prospecting firms. The company had announced that the shares would be sold over a six-day period but the entire issue was purchased in a few hours.

One effect of the transaction was a drop in dollars and gold in the free exchange rate which in recent years have shown a continuous tendency to rise. The drop in demand for dollars also was attributed to Finance Minister Levi Eshkol's statement that Israel would not devalue the pound.

KNESSET CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY; ESTABLISHES NEW GUARD UNIT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Parliament of Israel began today with a special review of the new detachment of Knesset guards, which made its first appearance today. Smartly dressed in blue uniforms, the detachment includes 24 men and one 22-year-old blonde, to deal with women suspects.

Establishment of the new guard unit was recommended by a special committee which drafted security measures for the Knesset after the hand grenade attack in Parliament last year which resulted in the wounding of five ministers, including Premier David Ben Gurion. The guards have all completed regular military service plus a special commando course and have signed up for a two-year period of service.

HISTADRUT PLANS TO ADMIT SMALL EMPLOYERS INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Histadrut, Israel's huge labor federation, plans to amend its constitution to permit small employers to become full members, it was disclosed today.

Among the proposals to be voted on at the Histadrut convention, which will open February 10, will be one allowing owners of workshops employing a few assistants to become members. Under the proposal, membership also will be opened to artisans and self-employed members of some professions.

Since such proposals are considered "deviations" from basic Histadrut trade union principles, left-wing parties in the Histadrut are expected to oppose them, it was reported.

ISRAEL CABINET NAMES PERETZ NAFTALI MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet yesterday appointed Peretz Nafatali, Mapai minister without portfolio, Minister of Social Welfare, a portfolio held temporarily by Premier David Ben Gurion since last June when the National Religious Party walked out of the coalition government. Moshe Shapira was the last Religious Bloc representative to hold the portfolio.

ISRAEL SUBMITS REQUEST FOR URGENT MEETING OF U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The delegation of Israel submitted to the Security Council today a complaint against Syrian incidents along the Huleh border and requested an urgent meeting of the Council to consider the latest killing of an Israeli shepherd by infiltrating Syrians.

The request, sent Monghi Slim, Tunisian president of the Council, for this month, was in the form of a letter signed by Abba Eban, head of the Israel delegation to the United Nations. The letter listed a number of recent shooting and non-shooting incidents and violations of the armistice. It is expected that the Israeli delegation will review the entire series of provocations during the debate.

ISRAEL SOLDIER KILLED BY JORDANIAN FIRE IN JERUSALEM; U. N. INVESTIGATES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- An Israeli soldier was killed this afternoon in a sudden flare of rifle and automatic fire from Jordanian positions opposite the Mandelbaum Gate here. The Israeli soldier was apparently hit in the first burst.

The exchange of fire was so heavy that it was impossible to recover the body for an hour until the United Nations truce staff intervened with the Jordanians and obtained a cease-fire. The shooting occurred in no-man's land, some 200 yards from the gate.

An investigation was begun immediately by UN truce headquarters. Unlike the Israel-Syrian border, the area around the Mandelbaum Gate, which is used by diplomats, pilgrims and important visitors moving between Israel and Jordan, is the quietest of any part of the Israeli-Arab border.

When the Israeli soldier was hit, two of his comrades attempted to reach him and pull him out of range but were prevented from doing so by Jordanian fire. Israeli troops then launched a smoke bomb to screen the next attempt to reach the wounded man. Eventually, two soldiers reached him and applied bandages to a bad chest wound. When they attempted to carry him back, Jordanian fire again pinned them down. Shortly thereafter UN officers, carrying white flags, intervened and helped remove the soldier. But he had died.

1,600 DELEGATES ATTEND EUROPEAN ZIONIST CONFERENCE IN AMSTERDAM

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 26. (ITA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, declared last night that Israel should end its questioning about Jewish communities abroad and accept them for what they are. Jewish communities outside Israel, he continued, have done more than their fair share.

Dr. Goldmann, who made his remarks at the opening session of the fourth European Zionist Conference since the end of World War II, was greeted by a tremendous ovation when he rose to speak. Sixteen hundred delegates, including contingents of Zionist youth groups, crowded into a vast auditorium to listen to Dr. Goldmann and other Zionist leaders.

The world Zionist leader said it was "wrong" for Zionists to continue posing to themselves the "tortuous" question: "To be or not to be." It is a "fallacy," he continued, to hold that with the establishment of the State of Israel--notwithstanding all its achievements and efforts--the Zionist movement has fulfilled its task.

The creation of the State of Israel was "but the creation of a Zionist instrument, not the attainment of the ultimate goal," Dr. Goldmann pointed out. "The aim of Zionism has never been the establishment of a state, per se."

The "radar network" of the Zionist organization, Dr. Goldmann declared, is tuned to the in-gathering of the exiles and the salvation of the Jewish people, who cannot go anywhere else as free human beings and Jews. The "greatest glory" of the State of Israel, he insisted, was its absorption of 1,000,000 Jews. This process is far from complete, he cautioned, and it is expected that immigration during the second year of Israel's history will be as great as during its first decade.

In addition to helping such Jews find their way back to freedom and a Jewish existence, Dr. Goldmann said, it was the task of the Zionist movement to mobilize the Jewish people for the absorption of new migratory wave, and to educate thousands of Jews from "compulsory to voluntary" immigration. He noted that while Jews throughout the world showed a willingness to support Jews in Israel, their attitude was quite different on the question of their migrating to Israel.

Zvi Lurie, head of the organization department of the Jewish Agency, which called the current conference, outlined the parley's aims as: 1. To identify itself with the thousands of Jews pouring in, "on the high seas of Jewish history," towards Israel; 2. To mobilize itself financially and morally to achieve their absorption in Israel in the most productive manner; 3. To ease the burden which lies on the shoulders of the Zionist movement and Israel; and, 4. To manifest Jewish and Zionist unity, a unity of action and creativity.

PRESIDENT FRONDIZI SAYS JEWS ENJOY COMPLETE FREEDOM IN ARGENTINA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- President Arturo Frondizi of the Argentine Republic told press representatives here that Argentina's population is predominantly Roman Catholic but there is no problem involving the religious freedom of Jews and Protestants. He said that Argentina will never have such a problem.

He cited guarantees in the Argentine constitution protecting the freedom of worship of non-Catholics. He said Jews and Protestants in Argentina may worship as they see fit and in the light of their conscience.

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM ADOPTS \$500,000 BUDGET FOR 1959 PROGRAMS

CHICAGO, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism, concluding last night its 15th annual convention, adopted a \$500,000 budget for its programs in the fields of religion, public affairs and philanthropy. Clarence L. Coleman, Jr., was re-elected president and Lessing J. Rosenwald was re-named chairman of the board.

In a series of resolutions, the Council charged that some American Jewish organizations were attempting "to transform the status of American Jews into an ethnic community," and urged the Jews of this country "to examine their personal commitments to institutions and organizations in order to determine that these institutions and programs clearly reflect the aspirations of their supporters."

Another resolution called on American Jews to "de-Zionize" their relations with Israel and Jews in other countries. This must be done, the resolution noted, "in order for American Jews to discharge their obligations of charity and feeling of fellowship with Jews of other countries."

Meanwhile, Milton J. Silberman, chairman of the American Zionist Council in Chicago and head of the Illinois Conference of Jewish Organizations, charged today that the Council for Judaism had "again sought to cloud the atmosphere with mis-statements and distortions of the sentiments of American Jewry. He underlined that the ACJ had a membership of 20,000 and compared it with the 750,000 American Jewish Zionists. A similar statement was issued by Rabbi Harold P. Smith, president of the Chicago Rabbinical Council, who also pointed out that the ACJ "represents numerically an infinitesimal fraction of American Jewry."

POST OF GRAND RABBI OF ALGERIA NOT FILLED, JEWISH CONSISTOIRE SAYS

PARIS, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish Consistoire of France and Algeria, central synagogal body of the Jews of France and the North African territory, denied today reports that Rabbi I. Moreli had been named Grand Rabbi of the city of Algiers or that Grand Rabbi Jacob Kaplan of France had been named Grand Rabbi of Algeria.

There has been no discussion in official circles or with Rabbi Moreli, a spokesman for the Consistoire declared. He noted further that since 1955, Dr. Kaplan has in fact held the title of Grand Rabbi of France and Algeria but has delegated his powers as Grand Rabbi of Algeria to another spiritual leader. No decision has yet been made in filling the latter post, the spokesman emphasized.

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Leaders of the District of Columbia government and religious groups of all faiths last night honored the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington at a celebration of its 20th anniversary. Isaac Franck, director of the council for ten years, was also honored.

Ambassador Abba Eban was among those who addressed the meeting of over 1,000 persons. A message from President Eisenhower commended the council's promotion of community relations in the District of Columbia over the last 20 years.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND LAUNCHES ANNUAL AFFORESTATION PROJECT IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund launched its annual afforestation project, on the occasion of the Jewish "New Year of the Trees" yesterday.

The JNF program was begun under a special dispensation from the Chief Rabbinate which permitted the planting of trees despite the fact that this is a sabbatical year when the earth should be allowed to lie fallow. However, the Chief Rabbinate took into account not only Israel's needs for trees but the fact that the program promises work for 5,000 new immigrants. The portion of the program which is handled by schoolchildren remained under the sabbatical ban.

IRVING EDISON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WORLD FEDERATION OF Y. M. H. A.'S

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Irving Edison, of St. Louis, a former president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, was elected today president of the World Federation of YMHAs and Jewish Community Centers at a meeting of the Federation's executive committee in the Vanderbilt Hotel.