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HOPE FOR BASIC SOLUTION OF ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM SEEN AT U. N. ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Expressions of hope for a basic solution of the Arab refugee problem multiplied here today as the General Assembly's Special Political Committee continues its three-week long debate of the touchy refugee question.

The surge toward seeking basic solutions received impetus in speeches made during the debate today by Sweden, France, Ireland and Ethiopia. They followed the tone set yesterday by Australia's delegate in the committee, John D. L. Hood, who asserted that "there is a growing wish in this Assembly that this problem be settled by direct means."

The logjam in the refugee debate, which has been proceeding very slowly, has finally been broken. Six speakers took the floor today, following seven who spoke yesterday. Charles T. O. King, of Liberia, chairman of the committee, who had been increasingly impatient with the slowness of the debate, announced at the end of today's session that the committee will meet tomorrow and Saturday. Thirteen speakers are still on the list including the United States, the Soviet Union, Saudi Arabia and Israel.

(In Tel Aviv, Premier David Ben-Gurion told a Canadian parliamentary delegation that Israel was prepared to discuss refugee problems with the Arabs "directly or through any intermediate body." He expressed the belief that the problem could be solved if the Arabs desired a solution and affirmed Israel's readiness to discuss the problem face-to-face with the Arabs or through a third party. The nine-man delegation, headed by the Speaker of the House of Commons, Roland Michener, was received by Mr. Ben-Gurion in his Tel Aviv office in the presence of the Canadian Ambassador, Miss Margaret Meagher.)

Statements emphasizing the positive aspects, not only of the refugee problem but of all the Arab-Israeli issues, were made today by Dr. C. Cruise O'Brien, of Ireland; Stig Unger of Sweden; Pierre de Vauclles, of France; and Ato Goytom Petros, of Ethiopia.

The first of the ardent expressions of hope for direct Arab-Israeli negotiations came yesterday, from Mr. Hood. He spoke as a diplomat familiar with the issues since 1947, when he served as a member of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine. It was that body's report that served as the basis for the UN adoption of the Palestine Partition Plan in 1947.

The Australian diplomat asserted that "primary responsibility for changing events in the Middle East lies primarily with the parties at the present time." Mr. Hood, as most of the neutrals who followed today, rejected the Arab insistence that the Palestine Conciliation Commission be reactivated to act as a collection agency for Arab property abandoned in Israel.

Speakers Approve Hammarskjold's Plan for Refugee Integration

Today's speakers--including Mr. Unger, Dr. O'Brien and M. de Vauclles--gave whole or qualified approval to the plan drawn by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold for integration of the Arab refugees into the productive economies of the Arab states.

The most outspoken supporter of the plan was Mr. Unger, while Dr. O'Brien called it "bold and far-reaching." All emphasized the fact that the existence of Israel is a fact to be taken for granted, and that "repatriation" of large numbers of refugees into Israel is not feasible.

M. de Vauclles warned the committee that any steps taken in regard to the refugees this year "that do not take into account the de facto situation in the region would be a disservice to the refugees." Dr. O'Brien went further, asserting that his government "understands Israel's fear of the return en masse of many refugees who would endanger the safety of the state."

To many delegates here, one of the surprises of the current debate was the speech by Caba Sory, of Guinea. Guinea is generally assumed here to have excellent relations with Israel, which was one of the first countries to recognize this new African republic. However, Mr. Sory's speech followed strictly along the Arab line, even attacking Jewish immigration into Israel. He suggested that this year's Assembly "should recommend ending of Jewish immigration into Israel which only aggravates the situation and makes a solution of the refugee problem more difficult."

It was expected today, that over the week-end, a Western resolution either sponsored wholly by the United States or co-sponsored by the American delegation, will be presented.

LEBANESE PAPER URGES ALL JEWS TO LEAVE LEBANON; SAYS 2,500 EMIGRATED

TEL AVIV, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- A Beirut newspaper was quoted today by the Israeli press as reporting that half of Lebanon's 5,000 Jews have left Lebanon "in a panic." Israel sources confirmed that a "number" of Lebanese Jews had relinquished their properties and emigrated to other countries.

"Kul Sheye," the Beirut paper, cited Lebanese Security sources for its report and expressed satisfaction that the Jewish section of Beirut had been half-emptied. "We will not regret it if another half of Lebanese Jews will leave the country," the paper said, adding: "It is better that they leave on their own at the earliest opportunity than wait until we shall ask them to leave when we might get in trouble with the United Nations."

TANGIER COURT TO HEAR CASES OF JEWS CONVICTED ON EMIGRATION CHARGES

CASABLANCA, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The court in Tangier will hear dual appeals by defendants and prosecution on December 2 in the case of some 40 Jews convicted there in October on charges of having attempted to leave the country illegally or of illegally abetting emigration.

The defendants, many of whom had spent months in jail awaiting trial, are seeking to reverse their conviction. The prosecuting attorney is appealing to the court to re-sentence the convicted men and women on the grounds that the sentences imposed by the court last month were not sufficiently severe.

ISRAEL FIRM DECIDES NOT TO FILE CLAIM AGAINST RENAULT COMPANY

PARIS, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Attorneys of the Kaiser-Frazer plant in Israel decided here today, after a meeting with lawyers of Regie Renault, the French auto firm, not to file claim against Renault for breach of contract under Arab boycott pressure.

Beyond declaring that "certain possibilities" were discussed, a Kaiser-Frazer spokesman declined to give any details on the talks. It was understood, however, that additional talks will take place soon. The Israel auto assembly firm had announced plans earlier to sue Renault for \$2,000,000 damages arising out of a decision of the French firm to yield to Arab pressure and end operations in Israel.

EISENHOWER TO SEEK RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOR JEWS IN SPAIN, REPORT SAYS

ROME, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The authoritative Italian weekly, L'Espresso, reported yesterday from Washington that President Eisenhower was expected, during his meeting with Generalissimo Franco, to request "that religious freedom for Protestants and Jews in Spain be respected."

Several high Catholic prelates were reported as favoring American intervention in favor of Spain's religious minorities although officially they take the position of supporting Franco's policies, the weekly said.

BUST OF MIKHOELS, EXECUTED UNDER STALIN, REPORTED UNVEILED IN MOSCOW

PARIS, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Communist newspapers here reported today that a bronze bust of Solomon Mikhoels, noted Russian Jewish actor executed during the Stalinist purges, had been unveiled in Moscow. The papers did not indicate who had arranged the tribute to Mikhoels.

Mikhoels, a leader in the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee set up in Moscow after the Nazi invasion, performed a number of missions abroad for the Soviet Government during the war, particularly in seeking Jewish support abroad for the Soviet anti-Nazi war effort. He disappeared during the Stalin terror purges and the news of his execution was confirmed officially only after Stalin's death.

According to the Communist press report here, a simple inscription on the bust, in Russian and Yiddish, says: "Solomon Mikhoels, 1890-1948." Mikhoels was director of the Jewish State Theatre in Moscow prior to the liquidation of that theatre during the Stalin purge of Jewish intellectuals and the closing down of all Jewish cultural institutions.

NAZI CHIEF WHO ORDERED KILLING OF BIALYSTOK JEWS IS ACQUITTED

BIELEFELD, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Herbert Zimmerman, a prominent attorney who served as a Gestapo and Security Service chief in Bialystok, Poland, was acquitted yesterday on charges he had ordered the shooting of 100 Jewish prisoners just before the city was liberated by the Soviet army 15 years ago.

The attorney had pleaded not guilty on grounds he had acted under orders. The state prosecutor contended that the victims would not have been killed if Zimmerman had not ordered the executions just before the Soviet army arrived.

WEST GERMANY NO LONGER BUYING ARMS FROM ISRAEL, ENVOY INFORMS IRAQ

LONDON, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The Baghdad Radio today reported that West German Ambassador Herbert Ernst Richter has informed Iraqi Foreign Minister Hashim Jawad that West Germany is no longer buying arms from Israel. Richter said a previous arms deal has now expired and no new negotiations are under way.

GOLDMANN ALERTS U.S. JEWRY ON EXPECTED WAVE OF IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- American Jewry was called upon yesterday by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, to "increase its participation in matters relating to the general upbuilding of Israel" in view of the fact that Israel must be prepared for a new wave of immigration from North Africa and Eastern Europe.

Addressing a press conference, Dr. Goldmann attributed the recent slowing down of immigration to Israel to "external difficulties" faced by Morocco and various Eastern European countries where the authorities do not permit Jewish emigration. He estimated that "hundreds of thousands of Jews in those parts of the world wish to settle in Israel."

"Jewish public opinion supported by large non-Jewish groups will continue to impress upon these governments the need to respect the basic human right of free emigration," he said. "I am convinced that, in the near future, those Jews both in North Africa and in Eastern Europe who want to leave for Israel will be allowed to do so since there is no solution for their problems in the countries in which they live today."

He stressed that in order to prepare Israel for the new wave of immigration which will start within the next few years, the Jewish Agency and the Jewish communities who support its program must make every effort to alleviate the current absorption backlog in Israel by liquidating the remaining ma'abarot and by completing the economic rehabilitation of those immigrants who are not yet self-supporting.

Dr. Goldmann announced that the Zionist Actions Committee will, at its session in Jerusalem next month, vote on the new constitution of the World Zionist Organization which permits Zionist-minded groups to join the world Zionist movement as a body. He indicated that negotiations with such groups are being conducted at present in the United States, Britain and Latin America.

In addition to enlarging the World Zionist Organization by bringing Zionist-minded groups into the movement, Dr. Goldmann said he was working also on the task of expanding the Jewish Agency by bringing in non-Zionist bodies. "The next few months may see progress in achieving this task," he declared. He indicated that the "Presidents' Conference," composed of leaders of about 20 American Jewish groups, may serve as an advisory body to the Jewish Agency.

HILLEL PARLEY DISCUSSES JEWISH STUDENTS' NEEDS; VOTES \$1,750,000 BUDGET

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Lessening of external and economic pressures in the American community is allowing Jewish youth to cease being "escapist," Dr. William Haber, chairman of B'nai B'rith's Hillel Foundations said today at a meeting of the National Hillel Commission. The new security, he said, "has dissolved apologetics and relieved external pressures on the Jewish student."

Dr. Haber warned, however, that students whose Jewish identification may have resulted from these pressures "now must seek the reason why they are Jews." He said that, to be Jews, young people must take an initiative in this regard that was not required of grandparents who enjoyed Eastern Europe's rich Jewish tradition. He stressed that American-born parents do not have this contact with the past. Their children arrive at college "not knowing of the history, poetry, literature, art and theology of the Jews," he said.

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, a former national Hillel head, criticized national agencies whose "zealous efforts" to organize students along denominational lines are creating "denominational rifts." Stressing the danger of "fragmentization and organizational competition," he characterized Hillel as a uniting agency where Jewish students can learn both about their ideological differences and the importance of their common faith.

Rabbi Robert Gordis, speaking on the same problem, said Hillel directors must make it clear to each Jewish group that it has an obligation to its own intellectual integrity and a commitment to recognize that other groups have something of value to contribute. He termed Hillel "the only agency on the campus" that can deal with Jewish denominational loyalties without sacrificing the unity of Jewish commitments. Rabbi Joseph Lookstein said the loser in an inter-denominational battle would be the Jewish community.

In announcing a \$1,750,000 budget for 1960, national Hillel director Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn made known that Hillel has 170 requests for its service which cannot now be met. He pointed out that there are presently many Hillel units with four times as many students as in 1930 but without a proportionate increase in professional staff.

Rabbi Kahn called for additional support from the Jewish community so that Hillel could continue and expand its program of cultural and religious activities on 217 college campuses in the United States and abroad. The Hillel Commission re-elected Dr. Haber as chairman; Joseph L. Paradise, New York, vice chairman; Philip W. Lown, Boston, treasurer, and Maurice Bisgyer, Washington, D.C., secretary.

ONTARIO JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST DONATES HIS RESIDENCE TO GOVERNMENT

TORONTO, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- A residence which the local Jewish philanthropist Sigmond Samuel donated to the provincial government will become the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, according to a decision of the provincial cabinet here.

Mr. Samuel has also presented to the public a magnificent collection of Canadian history and art and has made other notable contributions to science and research in Toronto.

RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION BARRED IN 16 STATES BY ANTI-BIAS LAWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- For the first time in United States history, the majority of Americans live in states with enforceable laws barring racial and religious discrimination, the American Jewish Congress reported today.

The report said 16 states have established specialized agencies empowered to administer and enforce laws prohibiting discrimination based on race, religion and national origin. Two other states have created anti-discrimination agencies without enforcement powers. The 16 states with enforceable anti-bias laws had 50.32 percent of the country's total population.

States that have enacted anti-discrimination statutes with provisions for enforcement are Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Washington and Wisconsin. All have laws prohibiting discrimination in employment; eight of these states also authorize the state anti-bias agency to prevent discrimination in places of public accommodation such as hotels, restaurants, theatres and recreation areas. Five of the states have fair education laws; eight have fair housing statutes.

Two states--Indiana and Kansas--have enacted "voluntary" anti-bias legislation broadly condemning discrimination in employment, but without enforcement procedures other than establishing state agencies to attempt to bring about voluntary compliance, it was reported.

OPPOSITION DROPPED TO BAN ON ARAMCO'S DISCRIMINATION IN HIRING JEWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The New York State Commission Against Discrimination announced yesterday it had dropped plans to appeal against a court ruling ordering the Arabian-American Oil Company to stop asking job applicants whether they were Jews.

Elmer A. Carter, SCAD chairman, who had previously said the state agency would appeal the ruling of New York Supreme Court Justice Henry Epstein, said yesterday that SCAD had received "recent information that tended to show that the United States State Department's attitude in the matter had undergone changes." However, a State Department spokesman in Washington denied any change in policy.

ARAMCO operates in Saudi Arabia, which bans employment of Jews in its territory. SCAD allowed ARAMCO in 1950 and in 1956 an exemption from the state law barring employers in New York from asking job applicants about their religion. The exemptions were granted "on the basis of representations by the State Department that a bona-fide occupational qualification for ARAMCO's operations in Saudi Arabia was in the best interests of this country."

The exemptions were appealed by the American Jewish Congress. Last July, Justice Epstein declared that no foreign nation could dictate non-enforcement of a New York state law and ordered SCAD to require ARAMCO to comply with the law. Mr. Carter said on July 17, immediately after the ruling, that it would be appealed. In his statement yesterday, he did not amplify or explain what he said was a change in attitude of the State Department.

FOUR-DAY ANNUAL HISTADRUT CAMPAIGN CONVENTION OPENS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The four-day annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel opened today with a series of business sessions attended by 3,300 delegates from the United States and Canada.

The conclave, which will launch the 36th annual Israel Histadrut campaign, will be addressed by Edward B. Lawson, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel; Avraham Harman, Israel Ambassador to the United States; Joseph Almogi, secretary of the Haifa Labor Council, and others.

JEWISH MUSEUM TO BE ESTABLISHED AT IDLEWILD AIRPORT SYNAGOGUE

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The International Synagogue, sponsored at Idlewild International Airport by the New York Board of Rabbis, will contain a Jewish museum, it was reported today.

The museum would include a section on religious art created in the United States and a section with contemporary objects and documents salvaged after the Nazi occupation in east Europe. Construction of the \$300,000 synagogue on a site leased from the Port of New York Authority will begin early in 1960.

AARON SAPIRO, NOTED LAWYER, DEAD; SUED FORD OVER ANTI-SEMITIC ARTICLE

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Aaron Sapiro, the noted labor lawyer who sued the late Henry Ford for \$1,000,000 in 1927, charging him with libeling Jews, died here Tuesday at the age of 75.

Mr. Sapiro filed suit against Mr. Ford in connection with an article signed by Mr. Ford which appeared in the "Dearborn Independent," an anti-Semitic publication owned by Ford. The suit was finally settled and the paper ceased publication. Mr. Ford later apologized publicly to the late Louis Marshall, president of the American Jewish Committee.