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U. N. GETS REPORT ON ARAB REFUGEES; GRAVITY OF PROBLEM STRESSED

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Arab refugee problem "overshadows every major decision and action in the Middle East, and hangs as a cloud over the peace of the world," the United Nations was warned today by John H. Davis, director of the United Nations Works and Relief Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

Stating that he could not foresee "a satisfactory political solution" of the Arab-Israel disputes in the Middle East, Dr. Davis declared that, even if such a development were to come "relatively soon," the international community would still be burdened with the responsibility of aiding the Arab refugees "for a decade or longer." This is so, he maintained, "because of the difficult problem of helping refugees to become employable." That problem, he held, "becomes progressively greater with each passing year."

Dr. Davis made his statement before the General Assembly's special political committee, after presenting to the group his annual report which he had made public six weeks ago. After making his statement, in which he asked money for major expansion of vocational training courses for young Arab refugees, the committee adjourned its refugee debate until tomorrow.

Michael S. Comay, chairman of Israel's delegation, took a place at the committee meeting today as head of the delegation. He is scheduled to speak on the Arab refugee problem later in the debate.

U. N. POSTPONES DISCUSSION ON CANDIDATES FOR SECURITY COUNCIL SEATS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The candidacy of the United Arab Republic for a seat on the United Nations Security Council remained undecided here today. A committee of the General Assembly postponed for at least a week the entire discussion of a number of issues related to Security Council membership.

The General Assembly's special political committee adopted today a motion introduced Friday by India, calling for a recess of the debate on the Security Council issues. However, the major issues in conflict, most reliable diplomats here said today, are not likely to affect the UAR's pressure to get itself elected to the Security Council.

India's motion was intended to provide a period for negotiating behind the scenes of various demands for enlarging the membership of the Security Council and for placing on the Council a member of "black" Africa. The UAR to date has the backing of the United States and other Western Powers for its "claim" to a Council seat as a representative of the Middle East.

Some anti-UAR forces here were hoping today that, due to the week's recess, President-elect John F. Kennedy might be persuaded to influence the United States delegation to withdraw its backing of the UAR Council candidacy. But that hope, other diplomats held, was vain, since they do not believe Mr. Kennedy will interfere in an issue on which the U.S. delegation is already instructed by the Eisenhower administration.

Meanwhile, today, the United Nations had before it an Israeli complaint against the UAR, filed on the eve of the Assembly's scheduled Security Council elections by Michael S. Comay, chairman of Israel's delegation here.

The Israeli complaint protested against the UAR's formal confiscation of the cargo of the Greek freighter *Astypalea*. The Egyptians had halted that ship as it attempted transit through the Suez Canal on December 17, 1959, keeping it immobilized until April 10, 1960. On the latter date, the ship was allowed to sail, minus its cargo of 400 tons of cement which had been purchased from Israel by a consignee of Asmara, Eritrea. On November 3, the cargo was officially confiscated.

U. S. Urged Not to Support Nasser for Seat in Security Council

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today urged the United States Government not to support the selection of the United Arab Republic to the United Nations Security Council until that country "pledges itself to do everything in its power to pursue the goal of peace."

The statement, which was adopted by the Committee's executive board and made public here today, stressed that President Nasser of the United Arab Republic had "just announced

his intention to destroy the state of Israel by war." On this basis, the resolution stated that to elect the United Arab Republic to the Security Council unless it complies with the basic principle of the United Nations--"which is the preservation of peace"--would "make a mockery of the very existence of the United Nations."

The resolution further called for direct discussions between the United Arab Republic and Israel aimed at resolving problems "of mutual concern" and establishing peace in the Middle East. It pointed out that the United Arab Republic had called for such direct conversations between the United States and the Soviet Union on questions which presently divide the two countries.

The Committee's executive board reaffirmed its belief that "a cessation of the arms race" in the Middle East would "contribute greatly" to a "firm and lasting peace" in the area. It cited President Eisenhower's recommendation to limit the supply of arms to troubled areas in connection with Africa as applying equally to the Middle East.

(In Washington, Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, today called on Undersecretary of State C. Douglas Dillon in a last-minute attempt to dissuade the State Department from supporting the seating of the United Arab Republic on the United Nations Security Council.)

ZIONIST ASSEMBLY ADVANCES PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT OF U.S. JEWS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The National Assembly of American Zionists, meeting here today, proposed a five-point program aimed at increasing the flow of American immigrants to Israel. In a special report on immigration activities, Louis Segal, chairman of the Aliyah Committee of the Jewish Agency for Israel, recommended that the American Zionist movement, through its coordinating arm, the American Zionist Council:

1. Establish a fund to enable potential immigrants from the United States to obtain mortgages under favorable conditions for purchase of homes and other property in Israel.
2. Create an "American township" in Israel under model conditions.
3. Make each local Zionist Council in the United States a liaison office for the channeling of information concerning opportunities for Americans emigrating to Israel.
4. Organize "pre-Aliyah" tours of Americans seriously intending to settle in Israel.
5. Encourage American Jewish youth to participate in "Ulpanim" and workshops in Israel. The Ulpan Plan conducts intensified language schools in which Hebrew is learned rapidly. These should include scholarships and other grants.

Mr. Segal noted that more than 10,000 Americans had emigrated to Israel since the Jewish State was established in 1948. The figures, he declared, "will show that, during the calendar year 1960, an additional 1,000 Americans will have settled in Israel permanently."

Mr. Segal admitted that the major stumbling block to any mass emigration of American Jews to Israel has been and will continue to be the fact that American Jews are reluctant to abandon a democratic country with an unmatched standard of living. The only possible way to solve this problem, said Mr. Segal, is to deal with American Jews as individuals, rather than in the mass, thus making it as convenient as possible for them to settle in Israel.

Sharett Calls World Zionist Movement Vital to Israel's Existence

Addressing the Assembly last night, former Israel Prime Minister Moshe Sharett termed "irresponsible" any assumption that Israel is in a present position to dispense with the assets of the Zionist movement outside its borders. Speaking before 1,000 delegates at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, he declared that the "function of the World Zionist Organization is so vital, it would have to be created if it did not exist today."

Mr. Sharett criticized the theory that the World Zionist Organization should be scrapped in favor of a system of separate and individual relationships between Israel and a variety of splinter Jewish groups in each of the nations of the world. "Israel," he said, "must be wary of any attempt to pursue this ruinous course. Not only would it constitute outright intervention on Israel's part in the affairs of foreign nationals, it would play havoc with the financing of Israel's vast and vital development projects."

"As long as Israel is engaged in basic development work," Mr. Sharett declared, "as long as Jews are driven by material and spiritual enslavement to emigrate to Israel, so long will the Jewish communities of the free world be called upon to finance this development and this emigration with gift monies."

Only the central force of the world Zionist movement, Mr. Sharett asserted, was capable of galvanizing world Jewry to meet these tasks. Admitting that the World Zionist Organization represented only a fraction of the mass of world Jewry, Mr. Sharett nevertheless contended that its true value would continue to lie in the fact that "it is the only centralized expression of Jewish allegiance to Israel." He cited as a paradox of our times that even those Jewish organizations self-labeled as non

C. J. F. W. F. URGES COOPERATION AMONG ALL JEWISH GROUPS FIGHTING BIAS

DETROIT, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Regret that the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith are not participating in the National Community Relations Advisory Council, the coordinating body of national and local Jewish community relations agencies active in the fight against anti-Semitism, was expressed in a resolution adopted last night at the closing session of the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds held here.

The resolution commended the six national organizations and the 52 local Jewish community relations councils for cooperating in the NCRAC's joint policy formulation and program planning in the fields of church-state relationship, civil rights, immigration and Arab discrimination against American citizens. It instructed a special committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds "to redouble its efforts" to secure effective cooperation among all Jewish community relations agencies.

In another resolution, the Assembly urged member federations and their affiliated agencies to give serious consideration to the findings of a four-year national study by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on health services for the chronically ill and aged. This study proposed that homes for the aged should remove age restrictions on admissions; general hospitals should not limit themselves to patients with short illness but should be prepared to treat anyone who needs intensive diagnostic work-up or intensive care; communities should develop wider home care programs to supplement hospital care; health insurance, preferably through the Social Security system, should be provided, and better cooperation between the practitioners should be developed.

Foresees Progress in American Jewish Cultural Development

In another resolution the Jewish communal leaders were gratified to learn that the newly established National Foundation for Jewish Culture and its associated Council of Jewish Cultural Agencies had been assured of operating funds for the next three years. "There is now a unique opportunity for major progress in American Jewish cultural development," the resolution stated.

Professor William Haber, of the University of Michigan, addressing the General Assembly, praised the economic changes that have taken place in the United States in the past decade and described their effect on the structure of Jewish health and welfare services. He stated that the rise in income, the increase of automation and leisure time, the extension of Social Security, the burgeoning health and welfare programs by industry and labor unions and the social changes such as rise in population, increase in the number of aged, the shift to the suburbs and the concomitant rise in cultural, educational and intellectual levels, have all had their effect on the basic concepts of communal service.

"Many community organizations," he said, "have already made changes in their structures and programs. Others that have not yet acted on the changed environment should begin to do so," he urged.

The delegates re-elected Irving Kane of Cleveland as president of the Council. Other officers elected were: I. S. Lowenberg of Chicago, Louis Stern of Newark and Lewis H. Weinstein of Boston, who were named vice-presidents. Re-elected to the vice-presidency for another term were: Edward Barkoff of Montreal, Mrs. Elmer Moyer of Dayton, Edwin Rosenberg of New York, Sol Satinsky of Philadelphia, and Robert E. Sinton of San Francisco. Carlos L. Israels of New York was re-elected treasurer; and Louis J. Fox of Baltimore was elected secretary.

Awards Presented for Outstanding Community Leadership

A highlight of the Assembly banquet was the presentation of the William J. Shroder Memorial and the Edwin Rosenberg awards. The Edwin Rosenberg Award, established by the Ben and Bertie Toustler Foundation for outstanding community leadership--a hand-crafted silver medallion--was presented to four Northwest Indiana Jewish leaders who successfully guided the merger efforts of three independent, organized Jewish communities into a single central community organization, the Northwest Indiana Jewish Federation. The four are Benjamin Saks of Gary, Harry Nelson of Gary, Edwin Rudin of Hammond and Simon Miller of East Chicago.

The William J. Shroder Awards, for "superior initiative and achievement in the advancement of social welfare," were presented to the National Council of Jewish Women and to the Worcester Jewish Federation. Two awards are given each year, one to a large city or national organization and the second to a city with less than 40,000 Jewish population. The NCJW was honored for its national community service and public affairs program.

The second award was presented to the Worcester Jewish Federation for the high standards achieved by its leadership training program. Accepting on behalf of the Worcester Federation were: George Kangisser, president; Melvin Rosenblatt, president of the Young Adult Leadership group; and Melvin S. Cohen, executive director of the Federation.

A memorial service was held in honor of the former president, Herbert R. Abeles, of Newark, who passed away less than two weeks before the Assembly. Mr. Abeles was eulogized as having brought "unparalleled strength, direction, and creativity" to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

U.S. MAYORS, CITY OFFICIALS LEAVE FOR INTERNATIONAL PARLEY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Seventy-five Mayors and other top municipal officials from cities throughout the United States left by air for Israel, to attend the 15th annual congress of the International Union of Local Authorities, which will convene for six days of sessions at Tel Aviv on November 16.

Dr. Maxwell Lehman, deputy city administrator of New York City, will represent Mayor Robert F. Wagner at the congress. Sherman P. Dukel, chief administrative officer of San Francisco, will represent that city.

NEW YORK BROADCASTING COMPANY TO RECORD EICHMANN TRIAL IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A New York broadcasting company announced here today that it has obtained a contract from the Israel Government to record the forthcoming trial of Adolf Eichmann, in Israel, on videotape and film, for distribution to all news media around the world who may request the recordings.

The trial of the No. 1 Nazi specialist in the extermination of Jews is expected to get under way in Jerusalem in the spring, and will last several months. Frank M. Smith, president of the firm, Capital Cities Broadcasting Corporation, said the company will distribute television tape and films at cost. Applications for such facilities have been made to the Israeli authorities by networks and film companies from all over the world.

According to Mr. Smith, his contract with the Israeli Government provides that, if a profit results from the dissemination of the tape and films, such a profit will go to a charity to be designated by Israel.

NOTED AMERICAN HISTORIAN WRITES BOOK ON J.D.C. ROLE IN SAVING JEWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The publication of a book on Jewish survival, containing important facts on the history of the Jews since 1914, was announced here today by the Viking Press. The author is Herbert Agar, noted American historian and one-time editor of "Courier Journal," a daily newspaper in Louisville, Ky. The book, entitled "The Saving Remnant," lays special stress on the period of Nazi barbarism and the rescue of those who survived. It is dedicated to "the workers of the Joint Distribution Committee, in recognition of their selfless devotion."

"The Saving Remnant" is the story of major world events since World War I, with particular emphasis on the effect of these events on Jewish communities throughout the world. It traces the work of the JDC from its inception, in 1914, through the holocaust of World War II, giving many examples of the organization's scope and responsibilities. It follows JDC workers into Poland and France, Morocco, Iran and Israel, highlighting the immense difficulties which they had to overcome in pursuit of their mission of aid.

Mr. Agar, a Pulitzer prize winner for his work on American history, made a thorough study of JDC's background and current activities and also visited the tragic spots where European Jewry suffered most during the years of Nazi persecution. He also went to Israel; it was, in fact, "the vigor of the new State, its glamor and the fascination of the stories told by those who had fled there from Europe" that made the author decide to "discover" what lay behind this unprecedented experiment of forming a nation from the remnants of a people scattered in many lands.

CHIEF RABBI HAIM NAHUM OF EGYPT DIES IN CAIRO; ESTEEMED BY MOSLEMS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Rabbi Haim Nahum, Chief Rabbi of the Egyptian Jewish community since 1925, died in Cairo yesterday at the age of 88, the Cairo radio reported. Rabbi Nahum, who was held in high esteem by many of the Moslem rulers of Egypt and Turkey, was an expert on Jewish and Islamic history and Semitic languages. He had been blind for the past 22 years.

Born in Manissa, Turkey, Rabbi Nahum studied at Istanbul and at the University of Paris and the French Rabbinical Seminary in Paris, where he was ordained a rabbi in 1897. For several years he taught Jewish history and law at the rabbinical school in Istanbul. He served as Grand Rabbi of the Ottoman Empire from 1908 until the empire was dissolved after the First World War. He settled in Cairo in 1924 and became Chief Rabbi of Egypt the following year.

Although not a Zionist, he knew most of the leaders of the movement, including the late Theodor Herzl and Dr. Chaim Weizmann. He wrote a number of books, including "Jewish Life in Babylonia Between the Third and Eighth Centuries" and "Karaites Literature in Turkey."

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR ISADORE FREED; COMPOSER OF JEWISH SACRED MUSIC

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L.I., Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Funeral services took place here today for Isadore Freed, a composer and teacher in the field of Jewish sacred music, who died here Saturday at the age of 60. Born in Russia, he came to this country at the age of 3. He was a founding faculty member of the School of Sacred Music of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.