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ISRAEL OUTLINES AT U.N. ITS STAND ON COMPENSATION TO ARAB REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Israel today reaffirmed its willingness to compensate displaced Arab refugees for properties they left behind in Israel, if integration of the refugees "in the Arab world were actually carried out."

The offer was made here before the General Assembly's Special Political Committee by Ambassador Michael S. Comay, chairman of Israel's delegation to the United Nations, in his first major speech before the committee, which has been discussing the Arab refugee problem for two weeks.

Mr. Comay referred in his one-hour address to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld's report of two years ago, in which the UN Chief urged economic integration of the entire Middle East in such a manner as to make possible the integration of the Arab refugees in the Arab countries. He recalled that, in 1955, the late U.S. Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, proposed international financial aid to help Israel compensate Arab refugees for property they left behind them in Israel. Then he told the committee:

"My delegation is authorized to reaffirm the previous declarations of my Government, that if a solution by integration in the Arab world were actually carried out, and if the international assistance offered in 1955 were available, Israel would be prepared to pay compensation, even before the achievement of a final peace settlement, or the solution of other outstanding problems."

Ambassador Comay told the committee, however, that "in fixing the level" of such compensation, other factors would have to be taken into account compensating Israel for Jewish properties. "It would be necessary," he said, "to take into account Jewish property in areas such as the Jewish quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem, and the Jewish villages in the Jerusalem and Hebron districts, as well as the claims of half a million Israel citizens for the property they have had to leave behind in various Arab countries, and for which no Arab Government has made any compensation offer at all."

Ignores Soviet and Arab Attacks of Israel on Refugee Issue

Mr. Comay opened his address by telling the committee that he would not stop at this point to reply to all the calumnies voiced during this year's refugee debate by other spokesmen. He did not name either the Arab attackers or those belonging to the Soviet bloc, who have been hewing to the customary demands that the only solution of the refugee problem lies in the wholesale "repatriation" of "all the refugees" to Israel territory.

The Israel representative told the committee that Israel has already released to the Arab refugees \$8,000,000 in frozen bank accounts, releasing those monies in foreign currency. He recalled that Israel has also handed over "a great number of safe-deposit lockers and valuables which were left behind by Arab refugees."

Questioning the figures constantly cited here, which claim that there are more than 1,000,000 Arab refugees, Ambassador Comay called the UN's attention to various neutral statistics and reports, including some United Nations documents, to prove that, at most, the bona fide refugees number less than 550,000. The refugees can be absorbed in the Arab lands, he maintained. "The fundamental question," he said, "is whether something more than 100,000 Arab families can be absorbed in a region which contains about 45 million Arabs."

The Israeli representative pointed to authentic studies showing there are gross inaccuracies in all the relief rolls maintained by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. Emphasizing that he does not blame UNRWA for these inaccuracies, he insisted, however, that no genuine cleansing of the relief rolls has been effected by UNRWA, in spite of many demands, including a demand for such cleansing made by a General Assembly resolution last year.

Solution Seen by Integration of the Refugees in Arab Lands

On the Arab insistence for "complete repatriation," Mr. Comay told the committee: "As every disinterested observer knows, there is no realistic outcome, short of a war which would destroy the State of Israel, and resettle the refugees among the ruins. Such

an alternative 'solution,' however, is not one in which Israel is likely to cooperate, or which the United Nations could tolerate."

Mr. Comay declared: "In saying that the future of the Arab refugees lies in the Arab world, my delegation says nothing contrary to any single United Nations resolution on this problem." He pointed out that the Arab spokesmen and their Soviet backers--again without mentioning any country by name--insist on implementation of one single paragraph of a basic resolution adopted by the General Assembly in 1948. They ignore all other clauses in that same resolution, he reminded the committee. He recalled that the 1948 resolution was adopted by all of the Security Council's permanent members "including the Soviet Union."

Israel has done its full duty by the Arab refugees in Israel, Mr. Comay declared, so that, as early as 1952, UNRWA had to take no further responsibility for furnishing relief to Arab refugees in Israel. Today, he said, one Israeli out of ten is an Arab. "For reasons which have been made sufficiently clear," he stated, "we cannot now contemplate a fresh influx of Arabs who have been nurtured in hatred toward Israel for 11 years." However, he told the committee, "in the context of a solution by integration in Arab lands, we do not exclude further extension of the family reunion scheme."

Jordan's Foreign Minister, Musa Nasir, addressing the Political Committee, called for turning back the clock by wiping off the books the Palestine Partition resolution adopted by the United Nations in 1947. Only such a step, he said, would "amend the injustice" done to the Arabs. As "interim" steps, the Jordanian Foreign Minister proposed that further Jewish immigration to Israel should be forbidden; Israel should pay rents for Arab private and communal property in Israel; and UNRWA should shift its emphasis from relief to works programs, utilizing the rents paid by Israel.

U.S. WILL DISCONTINUE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL IN 1962

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) --The United States technical assistance program for Israel will be discontinued after the American fiscal year ending June 30, 1962, as a result of what was described in the press here as "a cordial agreement" between the Israel Government and the U.S. Operations Mission, which administers the program.

American aid programs, including grants in aid and the supply of food surpluses, will not be affected by the cessation of technical aid. The decision to terminate aid was made in view of the steady increase in Israel technical know-how. The volume of U.S. technical aid, which has been steadily decreasing in recent years, now stands at \$1,000,000 spent on American advisers in special fields here and on study fellowships for Israelis abroad.

RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN ISRAEL SPLIT OVER ELECTIONS OF CHIEF RABBI

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Moshe Shapira, Minister of the Interior and leader of the National Religious Party, walked out of the Cabinet meeting yesterday in protest against the choice by Cabinet majority of a new Government representative on the nominating commission for the Chief Rabbinate elections.

The new appointee, Asher Rosenblum, former director general of the Ministry of Interior, under Mr. Shapira, belongs to the faction of the National Religious Party which favors Chief Army Chaplain Shlomo Goren's candidacy for the post of Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi. Mr. Shapira opposes Rabbi Goren.

The Chief Rabbinate Council, meanwhile, reiterated a call to all rabbis to boycott the Chief Rabbinate elections, and not participate as electors. The Rabbinate statement recalled a proclamation issued earlier that "under present conditions, it is impossible to hold public free elections which would guarantee the spiritual independence of the Chief Rabbinate."

The new Government appointee on the nominating commission will replace Rabbi Eliezer Waldenberg, who resigned several weeks ago under pressure from the Rabbinate, leaving the nominating body without the necessary quorum of five members. Three Rabbinate appointees had resigned earlier this year.

ARABS LIFT BAN ON FOUR U.S. SHIPS; OWNERS PROMISE NOT TO TRADE WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Four American ships will be removed from the Jordanian Government blacklist because their owners reportedly presented guarantees against resuming trade with Israel, it was reported here today from Amman. The ships are the Excheater, the Exporter, the Exbrook and the Montego Sea. At the same time, the American ship Lipscombe Lykes has been added to the blacklist, the report stated.

(The Excheater, Exporter and Exbrook are part of the merchant fleet belonging to the American Export Lines, Inc., with headquarters in New York. A spokesman for the company told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency there was no immediate comment on the report.)

JEWISH ENROLLMENT IN U.S. COLLEGES INCREASING; QUOTA SYSTEM IS 'DEAD'

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Jewish enrollment at American colleges jumped 8.5 percent this semester, spiraling the demands for Jewish student services on the campus, B'nai B'rith was told today at its 117th annual meeting at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel by Dr. William Haber, national chairman of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation.

Dr. Haber forecast an enrollment of 400,000 Jewish undergraduates and graduate students by 1970. This would mean doubling the number of Jewish collegians in a 15-year period, he said. The enrollment study, conducted by Hillel Foundation operating on 225 campuses in the United States, showed a higher rate of increase for Jewish students than the 5.6 percent rise this year in the general student population.

Dr. Haber, who is professor of economics at the University of Michigan, said the statistics on Jewish enrollments were "somewhat unexpected." Since proportionately twice as many Jewish high school graduates have matriculated in recent years as compared to all high school graduates--a ratio of two-thirds to one-third--"we anticipated a saturation point and a percentage decline among the Jewish group," he said.

He attributed the increase to "unusually higher Jewish enrollments this year in small colleges located in rural areas or in isolated communities separated from the urban centers of Jewish community life." The increase among small schools is 16 percent, Dr. Haber reported. He cited several instances of small colleges, encouraging registration from metropolitan areas such as New York, whose Jewish enrollments are now twice what they were a year ago.

The quota system, which at one time restricted the number of Jewish students seeking admission to college, "is today virtually dead," Dr. Haber declared. Moreover, he added, "booming enrollment coupled with the hospitable attitudes to religious identification by university officials have created unparalleled pressures to increase extra-curricular activities on the campus."

This was also emphasized by Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn of Washington, D.C., who directed and analyzed the enrollment study. He is national director of Hillel Foundation.

SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS IN U.S. TO CONTAIN MORE FACTS ON NAZI ATROCITIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Publishers of school textbooks have indicated that they are planning to give more detailed, graphic coverage of the Nazi atrocities against Jews in history textbooks for use in New York City schools, it was disclosed here today.

The publishers were criticized last month by the Board of Education for their treatment of the Third Reich. The Board had noted that only "a few texts give satisfactory accounts" of what went on in Nazi concentration camps and crematoria, and that many required "substantial revision" to give the students an adequate picture.

Many publishers in a number of cities were reported here today to regard the Board's criticism as valid and several are planning revisions in accordance with the Board's recommendations, it was indicated.

NEW YORK MAYOR PROCLAIMS 'HISTADRUT DAY' AT CITY HALL CEREMONY

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Robert F. Wagner today proclaimed Wednesday, November 30, as "Histadrut Day" in recognition of the "vital role in the actual creation of the State of Israel" by the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor.

A copy of the official proclamation was presented this morning at a ceremony in the City Hall to leaders of the National Committee for Labor Israel which is conducting the Histadrut fund-raising campaign in this country. In another expression of the proclamation of Histadrut Day, Times Square will be renamed Histadrut Square at a ceremony on Wednesday.

Mayor Wagner's proclamation noted that Histadrut, in its 40-year history, "has aided in the absorption of countless thousands of immigrants and helped convert them into free citizens of a dynamic democracy in the Middle East."

Israel Consul General Binyamin Eliav, paying tribute to the Histadrut at the convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel said that the decisive act in creating the new Jewish nation in Palestine was, half a century ago, the revolutionary decisions of a handful of pioneers to start tilling the soil with their own hands--both as hired laborers in Jewish farms and as members of newly created free collective settlements, the first of which was Degania. "Without this act of free will, the Jewish colonies in Palestine would have gradually degenerated into plantations with Arab labor and would have disappeared," he stated.

JEWISH LEADER NAMED MEMBER OF CABINET IN PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

TORONTO, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Allan Grossman, prominent Jewish leader in this province, was named Minister Without Portfolio in the Cabinet of the Province of Ontario. A member of the provincial legislature, Mr. Grossman is also a member of the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

JEWS IN TURKEY WORRIED OVER ORDER DISSOLVING COMMUNITY COUNCILS

ANKARA, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Jewish communal leaders expressed concern here today over a new Government regulation ordering the dissolution of all communal councils in Istanbul. According to the ruling, each synagogue, Jewish social and charitable institution and cemetery will have to have an independent administrative council.

Before the introduction of the new ruling, Jewish religious and social activities were directed by communal councils in each quarter and coordinated by the lay council of the Grand Rabbinate. The Jewish hospital, orphanage, home for the aged and similar welfare institutions were grouped under a single coordinating committee which handled all fund-raising activities. The new order dissolves both the lay council and the coordinating committee and decentralizes all religious, social, charitable and cultural activities in the community.

Jewish communal leaders fear that the new regulation might lead to the dissolution of many of the necessary institutions which cannot exist independently. The same order has been applied by the Ministry of Interior to the Greek and Armenian communities in Turkey.

WORLD ZIONIST EXECUTIVE INTERVENES IN DISPUTE AMONG ARGENTINE ZIONISTS

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- A request by the World Zionist executive in Jerusalem for elections to decide the distribution of mandates for the forthcoming World Zionist Congress was welcomed here today by Herzl Gesang, president of the General Zionist Party in Argentina.

A controversy had developed among the Argentine Zionist parties on the question of the distribution of such mandates and Nachman Radzichovsky, president of the Argentine Zionist Organization had said that all Zionist parties in Argentina, except the General Zionists, would not participate in the next Zionist Congress. He claimed that the World Zionist Organization had rejected an agreement signed by all the parties except the General Zionists, regarding the distribution of the 20 Zionist Congress seats allotted to the country's Zionist groups. The parties signing the agreement represent 85 percent of Argentine Zionists, he said.

Mr. Gesang asserted that the General Zionists considered Radzichovsky's statement an effort to exert pressure on the World Zionist executive in Jerusalem. He said he believed that the Argentine General Zionists represented considerably more than 15 percent of the electorate since in the most important provinces, they had "an absolute majority."

NEW ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL HONORED BY JEWS IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Renewal of the cordial ties between Argentina and Israel, which were shaken by the seizure of Nazi mass murder specialist Adolf Eichmann here last spring, was dramatized last night at a dinner given by Argentine Jewry for Dr. Roegelio Tristany, the Argentine Ambassador-designate to Israel.

The dinner was sponsored by the Buenos Aires Kehilla, the DAIA, central body of Argentine Jews, and the Argentine Zionist Organization and it was attended by leaders of all local Jewish institutions.

Dr. Marcos, vice-president of the DAIA, stressed the links between the Argentine people and Israel and Dr. Mordechai Avida, Charge d'Affaires of the Israel Embassy, emphasized the common ideals and concepts shared by the two countries.

In a cordial reply, Dr. Tristany accepted the honor and pledged his best endeavors in his new mission. His appointment completed the exchange of new ambassadors between the two countries, following Argentina's suspension of diplomatic relations with Israel over Eichmann's seizure.

TRUMAN TO BE HONORED IN CHICAGO BY ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION

CHICAGO, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Former President Harry S. Truman will be the guest of honor at a nationwide tribute to be held here December 10 under the sponsorship of Israel Bond Organization, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the organization. Senator Herbert H. Lehman has accepted the national chairmanship of the sponsoring committee for the tribute to Mr. Truman. On that occasion, the former President will be presented with an award naming him as the "Man of the Century."

RABBI SABAN, CHIEF RABBI OF TURKEY, DIES IN ISTANBUL; WAS 83

ISTANBUL, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Rabbi Raphael David Saban, chief rabbi of Turkey, died here today after a long illness. He was 83.

Rabbi Saban was born here, and educated at the Istanbul Rabbinical Academy. Prior to his election to the chief rabbinate, in 1953, he was president of the Jewish Rabbinical Court of Turkey for 23 years. He was also a member of the Istanbul Municipal Council from 1908 to 1925.