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ALGERIAN JEWISH LEADERS DISCUSS CASBAH SITUATION AT EMERGENCY MEETING

PARIS, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Consistoire Israelite of Algiers, central Jewish organization in the Algerian capital, went into an all-day emergency meeting today to discuss the situation of the Jews in Algeria, especially in the Algiers Casbah, where it was feared that many Jewish families may have fallen victim to Moslem fanaticism that has kept the Casbah embroiled in terror since Sunday.

The reports that there are Jewish dead among the Casbah victims are, as yet, unconfirmed, but the fears were freely expressed both here and in Algiers. So far, neither the more important French Jewish organizations here, nor the representatives here of the World Jewish Congress and other international Jewish groups, have received confirmation about the feared dead.

One report received here stated that there were still about 20 Jewish families and a number of Jewish individuals left in the Casbah. The majority of the Jews in the ghetto, inhabited for generations by both Moslems and Jews, have been evacuated or have managed to flee to other sections of Algiers guarded by French security forces.

Today, the Chief Rabbi of Algiers, Rabbi Simon Morali, joined a public appeal, along with the Roman Catholic Archbishop and the head of the Moslem religious community, calling upon all elements in Algeria to help calm the rioters and to avoid further violence.

CASABLANCA JEWISH LEADER PLEADS FOR MOSLEM-JEWISH FRIENDSHIP

CASABLANCA, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Meyer Obadia, president of the Jewish community in Casablanca and a candidate for election to the Casablanca Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said today that friendship between Jews and Moslems in Morocco was "more than ever indispensable."

In an interview in "Al'Alam," Mr. Obadia said that such friendship was necessary to save Morocco's economy and he warned that "there must be no support of discrimination between Jews and Moslems, between black and white."

He expressed confidence in the future of Morocco under the regime of the present king, adding he was against any regime which discriminates. He added he himself had been a victim of discrimination during the Petain regime, explaining he had been expelled from a college where he had taught Arabic.

He said that the king had invited the assistance of the various elements of the Moroccan population. He added that Moroccan Jews "are working for the interests of Morocco and our king."

CLOSED KNESSET SESSION DEMANDED ON RESIGNATION OF CHIEF OF STAFF

JERUSALEM, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- In an unprecedented action, the right wing Herut party demanded today an urgent closed-door session of the plenum of the Knesset, Israel's parliament, to discuss "the reasons and circumstances" in the resignation of Brigadier General Chaim Laskov as Israel Chief of Staff.

Under Knesset rules, when such a request bears the signature of at least ten Knesset members, as this one did, it requires automatically a closed door session for a procedural discussion on whether there should be an open or closed debate on the issue.

Menachem Bader, the Herut deputy who offered the motion, said the move followed a refusal by the chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Commission, without taking a vote, to permit a committee discussion on Gen. Laskov's resignation. The deputy added that if the Knesset rejected his closed-session proposal, he would make all his statements on the issue in open session.

AMERICAN DRUG FIRM DENIES BREAKING OFF TRADE RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Eli Lilly International Corporation, a Division of a leading American pharmaceutical firm, today denied reports emanating from Syria that it had broken off trade relations with Israel.

Burton E. Beck, Eli Lilly international division president, said the company had sold drugs to Israel for many years and was continuing to do so.

ROSE HALPRIN QUESTIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEN-GURION AND DR. GOLDMANN

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency here, today questioned the agreement announced yesterday by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, on the topics to have priority at the forthcoming 25th World Zionist Congress.

Speaking at a press conference, Mrs. Halprin said that if the agreement would prevent Mr. Ben-Gurion from speaking his mind fully on such disputed issues as Aliya and Halutzit, it would be unfortunate. "It would have been wiser to permit Mr. Ben-Gurion to say what he wanted to say at the Congress," she declared. "This way of treating situations of concern to the Zionist movement is not healthy."

She questioned the basic reality of the agreement, asserting that "the differences between the two men are fundamental and great." She said that if Mr. Ben-Gurion did not express his full views, it would amount to "sweeping the problem under the rug."

Mrs. Halprin felt that if the next Congress would be "Aliya oriented" it would be likely to be a quarrelsome meeting at which such basic issues would not be systematically and comprehensively explored. She expressed hope that out of the Zionist Congress would emerge "a projection, a planning" for the future tasks of the Zionist movement, based on a realistic recognition and adjustment to the facts of Jewish life in various communities, particularly in the United States.

She rejected proposals that the Zionist Congress should seek to define the meaning of Zionism "once and for all," asserting that "definitions divide us. Tasks do not."

Cites Functions Which Zionist Movement Can Undertake in U.S.

Noting that there were half a million Zionist homes in the American Jewish community, she cited a number of examples of functions the Zionist movement could undertake to make the Jewish community more Zionist and Israel-centered.

One was a proposal that Zionist parents should insist that their children choose Hebrew education instead of dancing classes. Another example, she said, was the need to do away with the "vulgar" approach to the Bar Mitzvah observance which she said was prevalent in the American Jewish community.

American Zionists as parents, she said, could strive for a more modest and seemingly Bar Mitzvah geared to love of Zion. She said also that the Zionist movement needed "to introduce the Israeli picture into more Jewish schools."

Such "smaller" tasks, as a package, would have, if implemented, a profound effect on the psychology of the Jewish community in the United States within as brief a period as five years, she asserted. The Zionist movement, she stressed, could make Aliya one of the functions of its programs in the United States, but not the central function at the present time.

J. N. F. WORLD CONFERENCE OPENS IN JERUSALEM WITH DELEGATES FROM 28 LANDS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The first full world conference of the Jewish National Fund since Israel's establishment opened here tonight with 95 delegates from 27 countries plus 26 delegates from Israel in attendance.

The Knesset, Israel's parliament, last August created a Land Development Authority for joint administration of state and JNF lands under JNF management. The implications of this arrangement will be one of the main items on the agenda of the conference which will also discuss a two-year 50,000,000 pound (\$28,000,000) JNF development program.

The Jewish National Fund owns about 3,000,000 dunams of land and another 16,000,000 dunams are state domain development land which will now also be handled by the JNF. Since soil reclamation was started in Jewish Palestine at the end of the 19th Century, about 4,000,000 dunams have been made cultivable, the JNF reported. With present know-how, it was predicted, another 4,000,000 dunams can be made arable within the next 20 years.

ISRAEL STARTS 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF HENRIETTA SZOLD'S BIRTH

JERUSALEM, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The 100th anniversary celebration of the birth of Henrietta Szold, founder of the Hadassah organization, began today with the issuance of a postage stamp in her honor.

Kaddish Luz, Speaker of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, eulogized Miss Szold before the House recessed last night. Her personality, Mr. Luz declared, was an example for generations. The centenary celebrations will be held throughout the country under the sponsorship of a national committee and Hadassah.

Postal authorities today also issued a stamp commemorating the 25th Zionist Congress which opens here on December 27.

SOVIET ATTACKS ON ISRAEL'S AID TO AFRICAN NATIONS REFUTED AT U. N.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Israel today sharply rejected here the Soviet Union's canards about Israeli "colonialism" in Africa, as voiced yesterday in an editorial in the USSR's official organ, Izvestia, and instead accused the Moscow Government of "new imperialism."

The reply to Izvestia's charges was voiced here this morning at a plenary session of the United Nations General Assembly by Ambassador Michael S. Comay, chairman of Israel's delegation. However, while he threw back at the Kremlin the very term "Trojan horse" used by Izvestia, he did not mention the USSR by name.

Mr. Comay addressed the Assembly in the exercise of his right of reply to various slurs and attacks voiced against Israel here in the last ten days during the Assembly's debate on colonialism. He also answered charges of Arab delegates, which equated Zionism with colonialism. The labels of "colonialism," the Israeli diplomat said, "are blatantly meant to influence other new states in Asia and Africa that have no relations with Israel." Mr. Comay quoted a statement made here two months ago by Israel's Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, who had said:

"We know that is nonsense, the Arabs know it is nonsense and, what is more important, the Africans themselves know it is nonsense. The leaders of African countries are not to be frightened by meaningless slogans. They can be relied upon to judge their relations with other countries by the behavior of those other countries toward them--and not by propaganda speeches in New York."

Then, coming directly to the Izvestia editorial, without mentioning it explicitly, Mr. Comay told the Assembly: "It is not Israel but certain other States who profess to be the brothers of the African peoples, but meddle in their affairs and act as Trojan horses for new imperialism. As to who those States are, the African peoples will judge for themselves, in the light of recent experience on their Continent."

Mr. Comay attacked the anti-Israeli accusations voiced here by the Lebanese delegation. He rejected the charge that Israel treats its Arab citizens as second-class residents, challenging delegates who think so to visit Israel and see for themselves. "Our country is open," he said, and "anyone is free to visit it and verify the facts."

Israel Radio Answers Soviet Charges with Countercharges

JERUSALEM, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Strong issue was taken here last night by Israel with the Soviet accusations that the aid given by the Jewish State to new African countries is nothing but "colonialism" and economic penetration. The accusations were made in an editorial in Izvestia, organ of the Soviet Government, the newspaper with the largest circulation in the Soviet Union.

Replying to this editorial, the Israeli radio broadcast to Africa--in English, French and Swahili--came out with countercharges and said:

"Izvestia accuses Israel of forcing militarism onto new African countries through the supply to them of arms, through the sale to them of weapons. This comes strangely from a country which these very days is once again massively supplying weapons of destruction to the United Arab Republic, a country which is so far from peace-loving as to boast openly of its intention to destroy Israel.

"Izvestia accuses Israel of trying to impose a new form of colonialism on Africa," the broadcast continued. "There is more than one kind of colonialism. There is the colonialism that is on the way out. And there is a new, more sinister kind of colonialism which sends occupying armies into its neighbors' territories."

"To put Israel into this category is simply ludicrous," the broadcast said. It went on to give examples of Israel's "so-called economic penetration." It cited the agreement with Ghana by which Israel helped to found the Black Star Shipping Line, with Ghana holding 60 percent of the shares and Israel 40.

"A few weeks ago," the broadcast continued, "the Ghana Government expressed the wish to buy the remaining 40 percent of the shares. Israel, having completed its task of setting up the company for Ghana, withdrew from ownership in accordance with its established principles."

"Izvestia accuses Israel of trying to force itself on Africa," the broadcast said. "Certainly Israel has an interest in Africa just as Israel has an interest in every part of the world and in every country. Israel quite frankly and openly wants the goodwill of other countries just as it offers its own goodwill to them. If a mutual exchange of knowledge and experience add to this goodwill and widens its area, what is wrong with that?" the broadcast asked.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSIONS MARK OPENING OF CHANUKAH FESTIVAL IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The festival of Chanukah was ushered in throughout the country last night with torchlight processions and outdoor ceremonies highlighted by the lighting of giant menorahs.

RABBINICAL PARLEY IN EUROPE PROPOSES REVISION OF SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

PARIS, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A series of proposals for an "urgent revision of synagogue services and the Jewish liturgy" were advanced by more than a score of French and Swiss rabbis and lay leaders at a colloquium on "The Community and the Indifferent Jew" at Strasbourg.

Among those participating were some 20 of the leading rabbis of the two countries, including the Chief Rabbi of Paris and the grand rabbis of the French Eastern provinces. Lay leaders included Marcel Greilsammer, president of the Liberal Union of Paris, and Georg Brunschwig, president of the Swiss Jewish Communities. Orthodox, Conservative and Liberal rabbis attended.

The rabbinical and lay leaders devoted a full day to discussion of the conditions which estrange Jews from participation in religious services. The colloquium was organized by the Alliance Israelite Universelle and the American Jewish Committee.

The rabbis proposed a number of major changes in religious materials, including printing and distribution of prayerbooks with clear transliterations and transcriptions of the Hebrew language services, a clear plan of the structure of the religious service and the seating of the choir in the congregation to encourage participation in the services.

AMERICAN FIRM TO BUILD PRECISION MACHINE TOOLS PLANT IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Dwyer-Baker Electronics Corporation of Miami, Florida, has concluded arrangements for the construction of two plants in Israel manufacturing machine tools and aluminum products. The announcement was made today by Shimon Y. Horn, North American director of the Government of Israel Investment Authority.

The plants will be built and operated by Orit-Israel Corporation (Orisco), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dwyer-Baker, at Kiriat Gat, a newly developed city between Tel Aviv and Beersheba in the Negev. One of the factories will manufacture precision machine tools and dies; the other will produce various products in the aluminum field, including automatic vending machines.

Construction of the plants begins in January 1961 and operations are expected to be under way by the end of the year. The initial cost of buildings and equipment is estimated at \$1,000,000. Machinery will be imported from the United States. Dwyer-Baker anticipates annual exports of \$10,000,000 from the two plants within two years.

JEWISH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY DECIDES TO EXPAND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agricultural Society decided today to expand its scholarship program for the benefit of children of Jewish farmers in the United States.

The society, which held its annual meeting here today, provided 18 such scholarships this year. Some of the recipients of the scholarships will specialize in agricultural science and engineering, while others will study the sciences and professions. Robert M. Morgenthau was reelected president of the society.

ARABS IN WASHINGTON PUBLISH BOOKLET TO OFFSET IMPACT OF 'EXODUS'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Arab Information Center here published today a booklet entitled "Exodus, A Distortion of Truth," in an apparent effort to offset the impact of the best-selling novel about Israel by Leon Uris.

The timing of the Arab publication, which is being widely distributed, appeared to be connected with the imminent release of the film version of "Exodus," which is scheduled to begin its premiere showing in New York City tomorrow.

\$400,000 RAISED FOR WEIZMANN INSTITUTE AT 'EXODUS' PREVIEW IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A total of \$400,000 was raised here last night for the Weizmann Institute of Science at a preview of the film "Exodus" produced in Israel by Otto Preminger. About 1,500 people, each paying \$250 for the Institute's research fund, were present.

After the preview, Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal, chairman of the executive council of the Weizmann Institute, presented a mosaic map of Israel to Preminger. The map, created by a group of outstanding Israeli artists, bears the inscription, "To Otto Preminger, in gratitude and friendship, from the Weizmann Institute of Science."

KING OF BELGIUM GETS COLLECTION OF JEWISH COINS AS ISRAEL GIFT

BRUSSELS, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A gift from Israel's President Ben-Zvi of his personal collection of coins symbolizing the ancient and modern history of the Jewish people was presented to King Badouin today by Israel's Ambassador Emil Najjar. The king expressed his warm thanks for a gift of such historical value.