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U. N. OFFICIAL PRESENTS REPORT ON ARAB REFUGEES; ISRAEL TAKES STRONG ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 4: (JTA) -- Strong issue was taken here today by the Israeli delegation at the United Nations against a report on the Arab refugees submitted to the UN General Assembly by Dr. John W. Davis, director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. The report was seen by some as a political document far overstepping the jurisdiction of the Agency.

Dr. Davis said in his report that "the basic feelings" of the Arab people, non-refugees as well as refugees, "demand the right of choice" between repatriation of the refugees to Israel or compensation by Israel. This was taken to mean that Dr. Davis is dismissing the alternative of resettling the Arab refugees in Arab lands.

The UNRWA head, reporting on the operation of the Agency for the year ending last June 30, declared that repatriation or compensation are "rights" provided for the Palestine Arab refugees under a 1948 resolution by the UN General Assembly, and emphasized that these rights have "never been implemented." However, the resolution to which he referred also indicated clearly the other alternative of resettling the refugees in Arab lands, which Dr. Davis omitted to mention in his report.

Dr. Davis absolved from responsibility the Arab "host governments" where the refugees live--Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon from responsibility for the fate of the Arab refugees. He declared: "When account is taken of the entire array of complicated problems confronting the host Governments, not only with respect to refugees but encompassing the whole struggle for development and progress, it seems clearly unrealistic to assume that the major responsibility for solving the refugee problem should now rest with the host governments."

General Assembly Plans to Debate Arab Refugee Problem

The report presented today by Dr. Davis, together with another report on the Arab refugees which will be submitted to the General Assembly by the Palestine Conciliation Commission not later than October 15, will furnish the basis for this year's Assembly debate on the Arab refugee problem.

UNRWA is now operating under a three-year mandate which will expire June 30, 1963. The United Nations, therefore, must make plans not later than the Assembly of 1962 for a program of care for the Arab refugees and of possible solution of that problem. However, Dr. Davis was seen as extremely pessimistic about any ultimate "solution" of the refugee problem that does not take into account the "rights" of repatriation or compensation.

Emphasizing that general "political forces" in the Middle East "have played a significant role in perpetuating the problem of the Palestine refugees," Dr. Davis stated: "In large measure, the political attitudes and activities in question have simply reflected and underlined the basic feelings of the Arab people. For 13 years, the lot of the Palestine refugees has been one of frustration, uncertainty, disappointment and hardship."

"It is hardly a matter of surprise," he continued, "if the refugees show embitterment and resentment over the loss of their homes and homeland, if they constantly clamor to return to them, or if these attitudes are reflected in political circles."

In reporting about UNRWA's relationships with the "host governments," Dr. Davis said those relationships "have been good" in the last year. "In general," he declared, "the host countries and their governments show deep understanding of the refugees and sympathy for their needs."

Many Thousands of Dead Refugees Still Listed on U. N. Relief Rolls

Dr. Davis reported, however, that UNRWA's relief roll "contains inaccuracies," but failed to point out how the "host governments" have helped wipe out those "inaccuracies." In the statistical tables which were part of the report, Dr. Davis showed that, since July 1950, the UNRWA itself has detected at least 52,418 "false registrations and duplications" in its relief rolls.

He reported that Jordan where it has been charged, many thousands of dead refugees are still listed on the relief rolls, has now begun to work with UNRWA on a "pilot project" for "rectification" of the relief rolls.

According to the report, there are 1,151,024 persons on the UNRWA registration of refugees "entitled" to relief of one type or another, with 1,039,996 of the total receiving

food rations. However, in a footnote to this statistical table, Dr. Davis noted that the figures "do not necessarily reflect the actual refugee population, owing to the factors such as the high rate of unreported deaths and undetected false registration."

Dr. Davis asked the Assembly to approve a budget for 1962 operations of UNRWA, calling for a total of \$39,204,000. Between January 1950 and June of this year, he reported, UNRWA has received contributions totaling \$356,624,334 from governments, and other funds from UN specialized agencies or "sundry donors," bringing its aggregate contributions to last June 30 to \$368,776,096.

Of the governmental contributions, the United States has contributed to date a total of \$250,579,393, while Britain was next with a total of \$66,224,004. Neither the Soviet Union nor any of the Communist satellites has ever contributed anything to UNRWA.

Israel Representative Advances Criticism of Dr. Davis' Report

Taking issue with some of the assertions made by Dr. Davis in his report, the spokesman for the Israeli delegation pointed out, in answer to questions, that there are good possibilities of absorption of the Arab refugees in Arab lands--a fact which Dr. Davis avoided mentioning in his report. The development of the land, water and capital resources there would provide ample opportunities for such absorption, he stressed;

"It is unfortunate that, owing to the political attitude of the Arab governments towards the refugee problem, there has not been significant progress toward self-support and reintegration," the Israeli spokesman said. "If the Arab governments had supported resettlement programs, the bulk of the problem might no longer exist."

The spokesman recalled that 1959 report made by the late Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, which stressed the prospect "of final absorption of the refugees through economic growth in the region." He pointed out forcefully here that Dr. Davis mentioned not a word of reference to the 1959 Hammarskjöld report which offered a comprehensive plan for the economic integration of the entire Middle East as a program that could have solved the refugee problem as well as the general underdeveloped state of the Middle East's economy.

In regard to the number of refugees on the UNRWA relief rolls--which, Dr. Davis admitted, include unreported deaths and false registrations--the Israeli spokesman hit at Dr. Davis himself by saying: "It is to be regretted that the director has still not been enabled to establish reliable figures for the number of persons actually eligible for assistance."

Attacks Dr. Davis' Allegations on the Rights of the Refugees

The heaviest attack against Dr. Davis came from the Israeli spokesman in regard to the UNRWA chief's insistence that non-implementation of a 1948 resolution adopted by the General Assembly "is an obstacle to the solution of the refugee problem;"

Referring to the part of the report in which Dr. Davis stressed heavily the Arab disillusionment with the failure to implement the "right" of repatriation and compensation of the Arab refugees allegedly contained in that 1948 resolution, the Israeli spokesman said:

"This view ignores the fact that the terms of that resolution did not accord the refugees any 'right' of repatriation. The resolution in fact called for a negotiated settlement of all questions outstanding between the Arab states and Israel, and this applies also to the refugee problem. The refusal of the Arab governments to comply with that resolution by negotiating with Israel has been the main obstacle to agreement on the solution of the refugee problem as well. It should be noted that the United Nations resolutions on the Arab refugees speak of resettlement and rehabilitation as well as repatriation and compensation."

The Israeli spokesman then reiterated his government's frequently expressed hope of direct negotiations between the Arab states and Israel, and virtually advised Dr. Davis to stick to his own job of relief and works rather than to enter the political arena. The spokesman said:

"It is hoped that the United Nations will lend its support to the concept of direct negotiations between the Arab states and Israel on all outstanding problems--and that UNRWA will find it possible to direct its major activities in future years to programs of self-support, works and reintegration."

FATE OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW ISRAEL CABINET TO BE DECIDED TOMORROW

TEL AVIV, Oct. 4. (JTA)-- The negotiations between Mapai, the party of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and the "Club of Four"--the Liberal Party, the National Religious Party, Mapam and Achdut Avodah--for the formation of a new coalition cabinet will reach their end on Friday when the five parties will meet probably for the last time.

Prospects for any results from the Friday meeting appeared more dim today than ever. The Club of Four remained adamant that Mapai should not have a majority in the next Cabinet while Mapai remained equally adamant for the same majority. It has held in every Cabinet since Israel was established.

ISRAELI RABBI WINS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CONTEST

JERUSALEM, Oct. 4; (JTA) -- Rabbi Yihye Alshekh, Israel's Bible champion, won the world Bible championship at the second International Bible Contest which ended early this morning;

Rabbi Alshekh and Mrs. Yolanda DeSilva of Brazil were tied with perfect scores and were each given an additional question to decide a single winner; Rabbi Alshekh took the title with a total score of 65 out of a perfect score of 65; Mrs. DeSilva took second place with 63 points and Tuvia Goldman, the United States Bible champion, was third place winner.

Runners-up were Jacobus Johannes Combrinck of South Africa and Edmund Read of New Zealand; Thirteen other competitors had been eliminated in earlier rounds when they obtained less than 20 points; They included contestants from Austria, Belgium, Wales, Malta, France, Canada, Uruguay, Argentina, Holland, Finland, Chile, Switzerland and the Ivory Coast;

More than 3,000 spectators jammed the National Convention Center for the contest; Many, including President Ezhak Ben-Zvi and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, sat with Bibles in hand, checking replies of the contestants, who occupied the full width of the stage; Translators sat above the contestants and behind them was the panel of judges headed by Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohen;

Other judges were Father Louis Semkowski, director of the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Hans Kosmola, director of the Swedish Theological Institute, Yehuda Elitzur, Bible lecturer at Bar-Ilan University, and Menachem Haran, Bible lecturer at the Hebrew University; There was also a panel of advisors headed by Zalman Shazar, member of the Jewish Agency executive;

The event was opened with brief addresses of greeting to the contestants by President Ben-Zvi; Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, members of Parliament and other dignitaries, including members of the diplomatic corps, and members of the clergy, occupied the front rows; The spectators sat through six hours of questions and answers until the early morning hours;

The Prime Minister handed the winners their prizes, a gold medal to Rabbi Alshekh, a silver medal to Mrs. De Silva and a bronze medal to Mr. Goldman; Mrs. DeSilva also got a hug and a kiss from the Prime Minister as the audience cheered. As each winner received his prize, his country's flag was raised and his national anthem was played. The Prime Minister handed special medals to all of the other finalists;

REMAINS OF MOSES HESS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ISRAEL; INFLUENCED ZIONISM

COLOGNE, Oct. 4; (JTA) -- The remains of Moses Hess, German Socialist, and Jewish nationalist, whose theories of the role of Palestine as a center of Jewish survival influenced later Zionist political leaders and intellectuals like Dr. Theodor Herzl and Ahad Haam, will be removed to Israel, for reburial on the shores of Lake Tiberias, it was announced here today;

Special services will be held Sunday at the synagogue here; Among participants scheduled to take part in the services will be representatives of the German Social Democratic Party, members of the Israeli mission here, and leaders of the German Jewish community.

Hess, who was born in Bonn in 1812, and educated at the University of Bonn, was a collaborator of Karl Marx, but deviated from Marx's Socialism by advocating ethical concepts based on Spinozism. In 1843, he wrote a book entitled "Rome and Jerusalem," in which he developed his concepts of practical ethics with the re-establishment of the Jewish people in Palestine;

Mr. Hess died in Paris in 1875, but he was buried in the family burial grounds in the Jewish cemetery at Cologne; Recently, a special committee was organized here for removal of his remains to Israel, and Sunday's services will be a step in that direction;

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY OPENS ITS 75 TH ACADEMIC YEAR WITH 5,075 STUDENTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 4; (JTA) -- Yeshiva University will begin its 75th academic year tomorrow with a record enrolment of 5,075 students, a seven percent increase over that of the previous school year, in six major teaching centers in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx;

The 2,915 undergraduates in eight divisions will include 630 students at Yeshiva College, the men's liberal arts and science school, a gain of 50 over the 1960 enrolment of 580 students; Stern College for Women will have 300 students, compared with 270 in the previous year; Nearly 2,100 students will attend the university's nine graduate divisions;

A new department of mathematics and science education has been organized to prepare high school and college teachers of mathematics; The program for high school teachers will lead to a Master of Science degree; Those preparing to teach at the college level will be able to acquire a Ph.D.

FRANK BRITTON, NOTORIOUS ANTI-SEMITE, SENTENCED TO SERVE IN SAN QUENTIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4; (JTA) -- Frank L. Britton, ranked as one of the worst of the professional anti-Semites in the United States, has been sentenced to a term in San Quentin prison after conviction of trying to bribe two San Francisco police officers.

Britton, who came from Los Angeles last year to San Francisco, where he tried to revive his hate sheet, "The American Nationalist," became involved in a fight in a tavern. He allegedly made the bribe offer to the police who were taking him to jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He was carrying a 38-caliber revolver for which he did not have a permit.

Between his arrest and conviction, he issued pleading letters for funds to one-time followers, despite the fact that at his arrest, he was found to possess \$3,000 in cash. Among his activities, he has distributed stickers, posters and leaflets assailing "mongrelization" of the races and charging Jewish organizations with "inspiring" Negroes to "agitate" for equal rights.

CANADIAN MUNICIPALITY ASKS FOR JEWISH CALENDAR; WILL RESPECT HOLIDAYS

MONTREAL, Oct. 4; (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress reported today it had been asked by the town of Mount Royal for a Jewish calendar to avoid a repetition of a meeting of taxpayers called on Yom Kippur eve to vote on a loan bylaw.

Mayor Dawson extended an apology for the date, which made it impossible for many Jewish residents to attend and vote on the bylaw proposal. He said the error was "unfortunate but innocent" and that the town council had been instructed to obtain a Jewish calendar "so the mistake would not be made again."

REMAINS OF ISRAELITE CITY OF KING DAVID'S TIME UNCOVERED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 4; (JTA) -- The remains of an Israelite city of the period of King David have been uncovered near the Ein Gev settlement on the eastern shore of Lake Tiberias.

The expedition, led by Professor Benjamin Mazar, made the find slightly to the west of the site of the Byzantine city of Susita. A rich treasure of pots, religious artifacts, fishing equipment and jugs bearing Hebrew inscriptions was uncovered. The excavations uncovered seven levels, the fourth of which was considered the most interesting.

ISRAEL'S EXPORT REACHED \$157,200,000 IN SEVEN MONTHS; RISE NOTED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 4; (JTA) -- Israel's exports increased more than 15 percent during the period from January to July of this year to a total of \$157,200,000, compared with \$135,000,000 for the same period last year, it was reported here today. Industrial exports accounted for 68 percent of the total while agricultural exports dropped from 37 to 32 percent.

Despite the spurt in exports, the country's trade deficit increased by over \$30,000,000 in the period to a total of \$171,900,000. This was caused by a rise in imports from \$273,000,000 last year to \$324,700,000 during the first seven months of this year. The adverse trade balance was offset by the fact that there was a drop in imports of consumer goods with a rise in capital goods including \$30,000,000 in ships and planes which were delivered during the period.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS PROTEST THE HONORING OF SAUDI ARABIANS BY U.S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4; (JTA) -- The United States Army has honored the Saudi Arabian Commander of the Dhahran airbase and the Saudi Judge Advocate General who enforce the barring of American military personnel of Jewish faith from airfield facilities leased by the United States, it was disclosed today in a protest lodged with Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara by the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.

National Commander Theodore Brooks of the JWV wrote Secretary McNamara regarding special tribute accorded by the U.S. Army at Fort Benning, Ga., in September, honoring Saudi Colonel Mohammed Al-Mutlek, director of the Dhahran airfield; General Taher Youssef, of Saudi Judge Advocate General section, and a number of other Saudi officers.

Mr. Brooks asked Mr. McNamara: "Why should the U.S. Army honor the military representative of a foreign country which bars U.S. military personnel of Jewish faith from the facilities at Dhahran airfield leased by the United States?" The JWV commander cited anti-Christian as well as anti-Jewish discrimination enforced by the Saudi Arabian Army.

MEXICAN JEWS CONTRIBUTE FUNDS FOR NEW CITY SCHOOL IN GUADALAJARA

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 4; (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Guadalajara has donated 200,000 pesos (over \$16,000) to the provincial government for building a new school for the city's inhabitants, it was announced here today.

The Guadalajara community, consisting of both Sephardi and Ashkenazi Jews, announced that its United Jewish Committee, which includes the local lodge of B'nai B'rith, asked only that the school be named after Anne Frank. The Mexican press today hailed the announcement as "a noble gesture."