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ISRAEL CABINET REJECTS JOHNSON'S PROPOSALS ON ARAB REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet and the Knesset Committee for Foreign Affairs have rejected the proposals for the solution of the Arab refugee problems advanced by Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, special envoy of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission, it was reported here today from official sources.

Israel's position was then transmitted to the United States, France and Turkey, the three members of the United Nations Commission. Dr. Johnson's proposals have not yet been submitted to the United Nations but the content has been widely publicized in the world press.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that Dr. Johnson stated that the proposals were not yet adopted by the PCC. The spokesman added that Israel's final position will be published at the appropriate time.

The Johnson proposals are considered completely unacceptable and unrealistic in Israel. Haaretz, the independent daily newspaper, rejected Dr. Johnson's basic approach that the refugees should be permitted a free choice of returning to Israel or settling elsewhere. The daily contended that the Arab states in which the refugees are now living would force them to choose to return to pursue the declared Arab goal of destroying Israel.

Haaretz recalled that in his 1961 report to the General Assembly, Dr. Johnson said the problem could be solved only in the framework of a general Arab-Israel settlement. The newspaper added that there were no economic barriers to resettlement of the refugees in Arab countries and that the problem remained a political one.

Haaretz, the organ of the Liberal party, declared that the reported Johnson proposal for a refugee administrator to supervise which refugees would return would only add to the dangerous confusion. The newspaper said that Dr. Johnson "knows that Israel will not open its gates to the Arab refugees" and that he also knew that the Arab rulers would continue to use the refugees as a political football.

The newspaper added that Israel should conduct an information campaign so that the United Nations Relief and Works Agency would have to reveal "what it really knows about the unwillingness of the refugees to accept rehabilitation."

State Department Corrects Its Statement on the Johnson Report

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- The State Department today issued a "clarification" of its previous statement that the United States had "no objections" to the recommendations on Arab refugees of Dr. Joseph Johnson, special envoy of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission, and announced instead that "neither the U.S. nor the PCC has taken a position on the proposals."

State Department spokesman Lincoln White said: "I wish to correct the statement I made regarding the Johnson proposals on the Palestine refugees." The previous statement, now corrected, was that the United States had "no objections" to Dr. Johnson's proposals.

In his clarification, Mr. White said: "The U.S. joined other members of the PCC in urging him to undertake these talks. Neither the U.S. nor the Palestine Conciliation Commission has taken a position on the proposals."

ARMY FORMS NEW UNITS; WILL HANDLE NEW MILITARY TECHNOLOGIES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Chief of Staff Zvi Tzur disclosed last night that the Army is forming new units to handle military technologies hitherto unknown in Israel.

Speaking at graduation exercises for a group of new officers, the Chief of Staff touched on the anticipated purchase of new defensive missiles from the United States which will be added into the new army units. He called on the new officers to broaden their military knowledge in a wide range of subjects including scientific fields which he said were now the technology of all major armies.

ARAB BOYCOTT CRESTED IN LYON: SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL DISSOLVED

LONDON, Oct. 4. (WIA) -- A number of Jewish community leaders in the city of Lyon, in the Ukraine, were arrested and the city's synagogue council was dissolved, according to a reliable report reaching here today from the Soviet Union.

The measures were taken by the local Soviet authorities on the claim that the arrested Jews were involved in illegal currency dealings. No details of the fate of the arrested were received. In earlier cases, some of the arrested were put on trial and given various sentences, including the death penalty.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY RADIC DEMAND FOR OUTLAWING RACIAL BIAS

LONDON, Oct. 4. (WIA) -- The Labor party put its full weight today behind demands for legislation to ban racial hatred and discrimination in public places in Britain.

Speaking from a prepared statement of the party executive, Harold Wilson, Labor party chairman and probable Foreign Secretary if Labor wins the next general election, told the annual party conference at Brighton that fascist and racist propaganda was "deeply repugnant to the overwhelming majority of the British people. He said it was also damaging to the multi-racial Commonwealth of which they were a leading element.

He urged the Government to introduce legislation which, while carefully preserving the right of freedom of speech, would clearly prohibit public incitement of racial hatred and make illegal the practice of racial discrimination in public places.

Several leaders at the conference expressed the view privately that the endorsement of this statement would commit the Labor party to enact such legislation if it came to power and the present Tory Government had not taken action on the issue.

BRITISH TENNIS CLUB REJECTS JEWISH APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

LONDON, Oct. 4. (WIA) -- A Jewish city councillor of Birmingham denounced today the rejection by a Birmingham Tennis Club of the membership of his 11-year-old daughter. A membership bid from a non-Jewish friend of the girl, which was submitted at the same time, was accepted by the club.

Councillor Harold Vines urged the club to reconsider its decision and added that if the club "continues to reject the application for reasons of racial and religious discrimination, I intend to use all legitimate means to expose what I consider religious prejudice of a most insidious character."

Roger Tatham, chairman of the club, told newsmen that "the position is extremely delicate and I would rather not say anything at this stage." Asked if the club had any Jewish members, he said "I would prefer not to answer. I prefer to let the dust die down. This sort of thing happens all over the country. It is not easy."

DEPT. OF JUSTICE DREA TO INVESTIGATE ANTI-JEWISH POLICY OF N.Y. CLUB

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (WIA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith today called upon the Department of Justice to investigate the Merchants Club of New York, charging that the club's "policy of anti-Jewish discrimination" amounts to violation of federal anti-trust laws.

In a message to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, Arnold Forster, the League's general counsel, declared that the Merchants Club "has never been known, in its 90 years of existence, to accept Jews to membership." Since a United States Court of Claims has found that the Club "is the quasi-official center and headquarters of the selling and of the cotton textile industry," Mr. Forster said, its policy of barring Jews is "thus a combination of conspiracy in restraint of interstate trade and commerce, and in violation of Sections One to Seven of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act."

ARAB BOYCOTT AGAINST ISRAEL IS REPORTED TO BE 'IN FULL RETREAT'

TEL AVIV, Oct. 4. (WIA) -- A summary of developments during the past six months indicated today that the Arab anti-Israel boycott was in full retreat. In recent months, it was noted, leading international firms were sending more and more to disregard the threat of the Arab League Boycott office against doing business with Israel.

It was pointed out that the Israel Foreign Ministry's Department for Economic Planning, established several years ago with the responsibility of fighting the Arab boycott, had adopted a more aggressive posture in carrying out its assignment and could be credited with considerable achievement.

Brigadier General David Shaimel, wartime commander of the Jerusalem area and former aide-de-camp to Moshe, head of the department, said that in the past five months there had not been a single case of a firm interested in doing business with Israel or investing in Israel having withdrawn under Arab pressure. Conversely, he said, several firms which had yielded to such pressure, had approached Israeli authorities with plans for resuming operations in Israel.

The improvement was confirmed by Dr. Zvi Dinstein, head of the Israel Investment Authority, who cited a lengthy list of leading companies in this category.

U. J. A. STUDY MISSION OF 145 TOP LEADERS PROCEEDS TO EUROPE, ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- A group of 145 top leaders of America's Jewish communities, members of the eighth United Jewish Appeal Study Mission, will assemble in Paris October 18, for an intensive 16-day survey of the needs and problems affecting hundreds of thousands of Jews in Europe, North Africa and Israel, Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, disclosed today at a press conference here.

The Study Mission, to be led by Joseph Meyerhoff, UJA general chairman, will have two important objectives. It will seek to assess the overseas responsibilities facing American Jews that should be met through UJA in 1963. At the same time, the mission's visit will serve as an "overture" to UJA's 25th Anniversary Year, to be observed in 1963, and will be marked by special anniversary tributes in Europe and Israel.

Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and former UJA general chairman, and Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the United Israel Appeal - Jewish Agency, Inc., both UJA beneficiary agencies, are two leaders who will play principal roles in the mission. Included among the 145 leaders are 34 UJA national officers and members of its policy-setting Campaign Cabinet. Also in the group are 17 leaders who will serve as chairmen or presidents of their local community campaigns in 1963. The balance are large contributors and key individuals in their community organizations.

Rabbi Friedman Stresses Increased Needs and Responsibilities

"Considerations of the gravest kind, involving the increased responsibilities of the UJA constituent agencies in Europe and Israel have dictated the bringing together of the UJA's top command for an intimate assessment of the situation," Rabbi Friedman said.

"With Israel experiencing the highest surge of immigration in more than a decade, and with a Jewish refugee population of more than 150,000 in France who have come from North African countries in the wake of disturbances in Algeria and other lands, we want to make sure, in eyewitness surveys and in talks with the directors of the various UJA-supported organizations, that we are doing everything that the situation warrants."

"Events have made it plain," Rabbi Friedman stated, "that the report the mission will render to the UJA's 25th annual conference in New York on December 7-9, will have to take into consideration one of the most acute periods of overseas need to face American Jews in recent years." Rabbi Friedman also reported how the presence of the mission overseas will be the occasion for a number of observances in connection with UJA's forthcoming anniversary year, both on the continent and in Israel.

In Paris, where the mission assembles on October 18, Jewish leaders of 12 European countries will honor American Jewry for its part in restoring Europe's Jewish life since the war, through UJA funds provided to JDQ, at a special dinner for the mission. The mission will also attend a three-day meeting, sponsored by the Joint Distribution Committee, under the chairmanship of Charles Jordan, JDC overseas director general.

The mission's visit to Israel will be marked by a series of noteworthy anniversary events, Rabbi Friedman said. These will be sponsored by an Israel Committee to observe the UJA anniversary, headed by Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister of Israel and chairman of the Jewish Agency. Membership of the committee will encompass some 60 persons prominent in Israel life, and representatives of business, labor, Government, the Jewish Agency, the press and arts.

Leading U. S. Personalities to Serve on 25th Anniversary Body

"United Jewish Appeal is deeply gratified by the warm-hearted manner in which the Prime Minister, the Israel Government, the Jewish Agency and the people of Israel will help observe the UJA's 25th anniversary. It represents a deep felt tribute by those with whom American Jews have closely shared great tasks of Jewish rebuilding," Rabbi Friedman said. He stated, as announced previously, the honorary general chairman for observance of UJA's anniversary year will be Governor Herbert H. Lehman.

Assisting Governor Lehman, as chairman of the Anniversary Year Committee, will be Joseph Meyerhoff, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. With him, as co-chairman, will serve UJA's former general chairmen and top leaders, all among America's most distinguished Jewish figures: Morris W. Berinstein, William Rosenwald, Dewey D. Stone, and Edward M. M. Warburg.

At the same time, the UJA executive vice-chairman made it known that an outstanding group of more than 30 notable figures in American life have accepted invitations to serve as honorary chairmen of the Anniversary Year Committee. Included are:

Jack Benny, Jacob Blaustein, Samuel Bronfman, Eddie Cantor, General Lucius D. Clay, Hon. Thomas E. Dewey, David Dubinsky, Justice Felix Frankfurter, Justice Arthur Goldberg, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Monroe Goldwater, Senator Ernest Gruening, Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, Hon. W. Averell Harriman, Senator Jacob K. Javits, Ambassador Philip M. Klutznick, Samuel Leidesdorf, Jacob S. Potosky, Hon. Abraham Ribicoff, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

N. Y. CITY CHARGES COOPERATIVE APARTMENT OWNERS WITH ANTI-JEWISH BIAS

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- The New York City Commission on Human Rights sustained yesterday the contention of one of the city's leading Jewish citizens that his bid to buy a cooperative apartment in Manhattan had been rejected because he was a Jew.

The plaintiff is Alfred R. Bachrach, president of Temple Emanu-El, the largest Reform synagogue in the world, a director of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, a member of the board of the Associated YM and YWHA's and a director of the Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx.

The commission asked City Corporation Counsel Leo A. Larkin to seek a permanent injunction against the 1001 Tenants Corporation which operates the cooperative apartment, located about a mile from Temple Emanu-El. Mr. Larkin said the effect of the move, if granted, would be to give Mr. Bachrach first consideration on any new vacancies.

The move for legal action was the first by the commission in the case of a cooperative apartment. It will be filed under the city's Fair Housing Practices Law which bans such discrimination.

According to testimony before the commission, Mr. Bachrach made a \$5,000 deposit on the \$33,000 cooperative apartment. He was informed later that the directors of the cooperative had refused to approve his bid. He filed a complaint with the city commission and a hearing was held which upheld his contention he had been denied ownership of the apartment because of religious prejudice.

21 JEWISH CANDIDATES UP FOR FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTIONS IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Twenty-one Jewish candidates will be on the ballot Sunday when Brazilians go to the polls in a nationwide election for seats in federal and state legislatures and other public offices.

Of the 21 Jews up for election, one is a candidate for a seat in the federal Senate; two in the federal Chamber of Deputies; two are running for mayoralty posts and 16 for seats in the provincial legislatures. The Senatorial candidate and one of the two candidates for the Chamber of Deputies are given good chances of being elected. It is estimated that there are 450,000 Jewish voters in Brazil.

FRENCH CITY NAMES STREET FOR TEL AVIV; CELEBRATES 'ISRAEL WEEK'

PARIS, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- One of the main squares of Toulouse was named for Tel Aviv today as one of the highlights of "Israel Week" in the French city.

The official event opened Tuesday with a reception at the Toulouse airport for a Tel Aviv delegation led by Mayor Mordechai Namir. The entire city was decked out with French and Israeli flags. Another highlight will be a concert to be given by the noted cellist Pablo Casals. Mayor Namir will present the Spanish musician with a check for \$1,000 to aid the victims of the recent Barcelona flood disaster.

JEWISH LEADERS HOLD MEMORIAL GATHERING FOR DR. JOSEPH TAL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- A distinguished audience of top Jewish leaders and representatives of all major Jewish organizations attended a memorial gathering last night for Dr. Giora Joseph Tal, Israel's late Minister of Development and Housing, who died this summer in Switzerland while recuperating from a heart attack. The memorial meeting, which was held at the premises of the Jewish Agency here, was arranged by the Israel Mission in the United States and the Jewish Agency.

Dr. Joseph Tal was eulogized by Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir; Mrs. Rose Halprin, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency executive; and Rabbi Herbert Freedman, executive vice-president of the United Jewish Appeal. Rabbi Mordechai Kirshblum, president of the Religious Zionists of America and member of the Jewish Agency executive, delivered a memorial prayer.

MEMORY OF JEWS WHO LEFT LEGACIES TO N. Y. JEWISH FEDERATION HONORED

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- A collective memorial service honoring the thousands of men and women who have left legacies totaling \$30,000,000 during the past 45 years was held last night by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies here. The service took place in the Felix M. and Frieda Schiff Warburg Room at Federation headquarters where a memorial wall bears the names of major donors to the Federation affiliated institutions.

Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, a founder and former president of the Federation, and Rabbi Israel Moushowitz, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, led the memorial service. In an address to the gathering, Lawrence A. Wien, Federation president, stressed the spiritual closeness between the Ten Days of Penitence and remembering those who, both in life and death had been concerned with the needs of the community.