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DISCUSSIONS ON ARAB REFUGEE ISSUE TO OPEN TODAY AT UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Discussions on the Arab refugee issue will start here tomorrow in the General Assembly's 11-member Special Political Committee. The Saudi Arabian delegate, Ahmad Shukairy, has given notice that he expects his opening speech--one of many he will deliver--to last seven hours. The Jordanian delegate is also on the schedule for a speech to last several hours.

Prior to the opening of the discussions on the subject of the refugees, a fight is expected over the request by all Arab states that a so-called delegation representing the "Palestine Arab People" be seated for full participation in the discussions. The request, submitted by the Arab delegations to the chairman of the Special Political Committee, will be opposed by the Israel delegation, as well as by some of the Afro-Asian representatives.

When that issue is settled, the Committee will hear, first, from Dr. John H. Davis, Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. This American heading the agency responsible for aiding the refugees, had already filed a long written report, buttressed by six "working papers." Before the Committee, he is to add only some oral remarks.

His written reports had already been characterized by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, when she addressed her Parliament two weeks ago, as going outside the bounds of his mandate. He had told the Assembly in writing that "works" are not feasible for purposes of resettling the Arab refugees; and that the "Arab people" seek only repatriation of the refugees or their compensation by Israel.

The Palestine Conciliation Commission, a three-member body composed of representatives of the United States, France and Turkey, is also scheduled to present a report. The CC must report specifically on the work of its special Middle East emissary, Dr. Joseph Johnson. For two years, the latter, who is president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, has been trying to find ways to ease or solve the refugee problem.

He had, purportedly, proposed that Arabs be given a choice of accepting "return to Israel or compensation under certain, strict UN regulations. While there have been rumors that he has made such a proposal, it is known that both the Arab states and Israel rejected the Johnson idea.

GOLDA MEIR ARRIVES IN CANADA; CARRIED ON SPECIAL PLANE SENT BY GOVT.

OTTAWA, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, arrived here this evening as an official guest of the Government of Canada. She was greeted at the airport by Howard Green, Canadian Secretary for External Affairs, who made a statement of welcome in which he described Mrs. Meir as one of the most distinguished foreign ministers in the world.

Mrs. Meir, in her reply, stressed the deep and abiding friendship between Canada and Israel. At the airport were also leaders of the Canadian Jewish community. The Canadian government's plane, which came especially to New York to pick her up, also carried the Canadian Chief of Protocol and a member of the Canadian United Nations Mission.

Tonight, Mr. Green is tendering an official dinner in Mrs. Meir's honor. Tomorrow morning she will confer with Prime Minister Diefenbaker and Mr. Green.

BRUSSELS TALKS ON ISRAEL LINK TO EUROMART TO END NEXT WEEK

BRUSSELS, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The conference of European Economic Community representatives with Israeli experts, which opened Monday as the first step in Israel's bid for trade ties with the six European Common Market countries, will be ended early next week, it was learned here today.

After adjournment, the EEC delegates will report to the EEC Commission, and the Government representatives will ask their governments for new instructions. Finance Minister Eshkol left today for Israel. The Israeli delegation participation will be directed in his absence by Ambassador Amiel Najjar.

CUSTOMS REDUCED FOR ISRAELIS RETURNING FROM TWO YEARS STAY ABROAD

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The Israel Treasury announced today new regulations reducing or eliminating customs duties and easing of purchase taxes on a wide range of products brought from other countries by Israeli residents returning from a minimum stay of two years abroad.

The new regulations, which apply to Israelis leaving Israel for such visits after next January 1, provide that refrigerators, freezers, tape-recorders, washing machines, cooking ranges, food mixers and radiogramophones brought back by such travelers will be subject to customs but free of purchase tax whether new or used. Television sets will be subject to half the combined customs and purchase taxes.

The right of such returning residents to tax benefits on overseas-made vehicles, however, has been completely canceled. Typewriters, cameras, portable radios and binoculars will be completely free of such taxes. The regulations will be modified for the benefit of students returning after only 22 months abroad.

U. S. FIRM TO BUILD \$2,000,000 PLANT USING PROCESS DEVELOPED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The Kaiser Aluminum Company of the United States and Israeli Mining Industries of Tel Aviv, signed an agreement today under which the American firm will build a \$2,000,000 phosphoric acid plant in Louisiana using a process developed by the Tel Aviv company.

The agreement provides a license to Kaiser for use of the process which is said to yield a higher quality acid than has previously been possible. The American firm also participated in a survey project in Israel on the acid which is used in fertilizers and in a variety of other industrial and chemical processing applications.

ISRAEL CHIEF OF STAFF MAY REVOKE MILITARY RANK OF CONVICTED SPY

TEL AVIV, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The office of the Israel Chief of Staff was reported today to be considering revoking the rank of lieutenant colonel of Dr. Israel Beer whose conviction on charges of espionage was sustained yesterday by the Israel Supreme Court. The high court also increased Dr. Beer's sentence from 10 to 15 years.

The Israeli military code empowers the Chief of Staff, on permission of the Defense Ministry, to revoke the rank of any officer of the regular army of the reserves who is convicted of a criminal offense.

SHTARKES PLEADS 'NOT GUILTY' IN JERUSALEM COURT; HEARING POSTPONED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Shalom Shtarkes, who was extradited from Britain to face charges of kidnaping and perjury in connection with the kidnaping of his nephew, Yoselle Schumacher, pleaded not guilty today in Jerusalem district court.

He denied involvement in the two-year disappearance of the boy who was sought on three continents and finally found by United States Secret Service men in the home of a Brooklyn rabbi last July. The uncle also denied that he had perjured himself before the Israel Supreme Court when he declared, before leaving Israel to settle in London, that he had not seen the boy after December 1960. The court today postponed the hearing today until mid-December.

J. W. V. COMMANDER CRITICIZES STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AIDING NASSER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- A new American-Israel defensive relationship was asked today by National Commander Morton London of the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A., because Israel "faces a greater menace from Soviet jet bombers and rockets in the hands of her Arab neighbors than America does from Cuba."

In a statement supporting President Kennedy's stand on removal of the IL-28 Soviet jet bombers from Cuba, Mr. London stressed that the United Arab Republic is equipped with much more modern and dangerous TU-16 Soviet jet bombers.

"But instead of backing Israeli protests against the introduction of these dangerous offensive weapons into the Near East, the State Department actually is indirectly financing their purchase by increasing economic assistance and loans to Col. Nasser," said Mr. London. He pointed out that this enabled Nasser to divert the UAR's own resources from domestic needs to the purchase of more Soviet jet bombers and missile equipment.

GERMAN MAYOR TOLD HE WILL GET NC VISA TO ISRAEL; HAS NAZI RECORD

TEL AVIV, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- A West German mayor who had been scheduled to be a member of a delegation of 124 municipal officers from several European countries was reported today to have canceled his visit when the Israel Foreign Ministry told West German authorities he would be denied entry because of a Nazi record.

The official was Mayor Muench of Schwartzeneegg. No details were given on his Nazi past. The municipal officials arrived last night for a 10-day visit and were received officially today by representatives of the local municipalities which are the host to the visitors. Countries represented include France, West Germany, Belgium and Austria.

SO. AFRICAN BOARD OF DEPUTIES BACKS LEADERS' STAND ON ISRAEL VOTE

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The South African Board of Jewish Deputies, at a heavily attended monthly meeting, approved its previous actions and the actions of its spokesmen regarding Israel's United Nations vote against South Africa's apartheid policy.

A resolution of the Board endorsed the five-point "credo" as previously expressed by the organization's president, Dr. Teddy Schneider. This "credo" stated:

1. South African Jewry is a permanent community; 2. South African Jewry will do everything to advance South Africa's welfare; 3. Members of the Jewish community will play a full part as citizens of the country and individually join political parties of personal choice; 4. The Jewish community will do its best to explain South Africa's attitude and policies to Jews overseas; 5. Fostering of Jewish education will help the community to apply the principles of Judaism to its every-day lives.

Gustav Saron, Board general secretary, urged "two-way efforts" to interpret South Africa to Israel and Israel to South Africa. The Board also declared it "welcomed" Premier Hendrik Verwoerd's understanding of the position of South African Jewry.

LOUIS LIPSKY AWARDED HERZL GOLD MEDAL; Z. C. A. HONORS JACOB GOODMAN

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Louis Lipsky, dean of American Zionist leaders, was presented tonight with the Herzl Gold Medallion, awarded annually by the Zionist Organization of America to an individual for the most outstanding service to the Zionist cause.

The medallion was presented to Mr. Lipsky by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, ZOA honorary president, at the annual ZOA metropolitan dinner before 1,000 Zionists and Jewish communal leaders from the metropolitan and adjacent areas. The dinner was dedicated to Jacob Goodman, veteran Zionist and ZOA associate treasurer, who was presented with a plaque for outstanding services to Zionism and Israel for more than half a century. President Kennedy sent a message of tribute to Mr. Lipsky and Mr. Goodman "for their services to humanitarian causes."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, told the dinner guests that the Zionist movement in this country should "try to lead in the fight for a representative central organization of American Jewry" and that Zionists should "fight for a change of priorities in American Jewish life" to give "the top priority to education and cultural activities." He described as "nonsensical" the idea that the Zionist movement had "outlived its usefulness."

Dr. Neumann, in his address, said that the current international crises over Cuba and the China-India conflict had "temporarily obscured the Middle East problems which remain unresolved." He warned of the possibility of a renewal of dangerous "political and diplomatic pressure against Israel in the present sessions of the United Nations from avowed enemies and possibly even from well-intentioned friends."

Dr. Max Nussbaum, ZOA president, said that it was "incomprehensible" that for more than a decade the United States Department of State had "procrastinated" in taking action toward United States affiliation of the United Nations genocide convention. He emphasized the fact that 65 nations, including Soviet Russia, had already ratified this international agreement, aimed at preventing the recurrence of such a mass murder as the Nazi genocide against European Jewry.

In response to the tributes and the award, Mr. Lipsky, who will observe his 86th birthday tomorrow, stressed that American Zionism "fulfilled its first mission brilliantly when the State of Israel was born." He expressed the hope that "the friendship and support that Israel now needs should be given by American Zionists as an expression of their kinship with the whole of Israel."

"It is indeed an honor to receive the medal bearing the name of Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern Zionism, who indelibly impressed himself on the succeeding generations and whose luminous personality will forever remain their inspiration," Mr. Lipsky stated. "And I accept it with deep emotion, as the gracious token it is intended to be, of my part in building the movement that challenged history and brought Herzl's dream of a Jewish State to life. I am grateful that I have lived to see that dream realized."

Mr. Goodman, responding to the tributes paid to him by the speakers, reviewed the achievements and future goals of the Zionist movement. At the same time, he pointed out that "since the establishment of the State of Israel, Zionism, and its major instrumentality -- the Zionist Organization of America -- has been the target of downgrading on the part of certain misguided great personalities in Israel." He termed this attitude as "the height of ingratitude" emphasizing that "the record of the Zionist Organization of America speaks for itself. Every major achievement in Israel, although it may not carry a ZOA label, is the outgrowth of the blood, sweat and tears of true Zionists," he declared.

Mr. Goodman, who occupies high positions in various educational and communal organizations, further asserted with emphasis that "the State of Israel never had, and never can have, more dependable friends than tried and true Zionists wherever they are. This is axiomatic and incontrovertible," he stressed.

CANADIAN JEWISH SENATOR URGES JEWS TO PARTICIPATE IN POLITICS

MONTREAL, Nov. 28. (JTA) - Senator David Croll, of Toronto, the only Jewish Senator in Canadian history, urged Jews today to participate more in Canadian federal politics. Speaking at the first Conference here of the Canadian Council of Reform Congregations, Senator Croll said "we have isolated ourselves as a religious group."

Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Hamilton, criticized Israel's Minister for Religious Affairs, Zorah Warhaftig, for labeling Reform Jewry a sect instead of recognizing it as part of the main stream of Judaism. "Warhaftig's attitude," he declared, "is calculated to engender tension and hostility among Jews."

Temple Emanuel, the oldest Reform congregation in Canada, observed here its 30th anniversary and the 35 years in the rabbinate of its spiritual leader, Rabbi Harry J. Stern. Participants at the service of rededication included Supreme Court Justice Douglas C. Abbott, the principal speaker; Rabbi Albert Minda, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; and Dr. Stanley B. Frost, dean of the Divinity Faculty at McGill University.

NEW YORK MAYOR PROCLAIMS 'WEIZMANN DAY'; PRESENTED WITH CITATION

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner proclaimed this day "Weizmann Day" in observance of the 10th anniversary of the death of Chaim Weizmann, the first President of Israel. In his proclamation issued in ceremonies at City Hall here, Mayor Wagner called upon New Yorkers "to render homage to the memory of one who by his teachings and practice advanced the noble purposes of world statesmanship and the peaceful uses of scientific achievements which he personified."

During the ceremonies, a delegation headed by Abraham Feinberg, president of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute, presented a citation to Mayor Wagner in recognition for the aid given by New Yorkers in support of the Weizmann Institute. New York citizens have contributed more than \$10,000,000 to the Weizmann Institute during the past 16 years.

In presenting the citation to the Mayor, Mr. Feinberg said that more than 278 scientists from 26 countries are making progress today in basic research in chemistry, physics and biology with a total of nearly 1,000 persons involved in the work. He pointed out that highly important work was now being undertaken under grants there from the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and the U.S. National Institutes of Health and Bureau of Standards among other international organizations and institutions of the free world.

LOS ANGELES LABOR UNION PURCHASES \$50,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The Sheet Metal Workers Union, Local 108, AFL-CIO, here, has purchased \$50,000 in State of Israel Bonds from the nation's pension trust fund, it was announced today by W.L. Bassett, secretary-treasurer of the L.A. County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO. The purchase marks the second major investment in Israel bonds here by a trade union. Local 770, Retail Clerks Union, made a similar investment last year.

(The purchase of \$10,000 in Israel Bonds on the basis of Israel's "progress and potential future growth" was made this week by the Merchants National Bank and Trust Company of Syracuse, New York. Thomas W. Higgins, executive vice-president of the bank, announced the purchase at a concert sponsored by the Syracuse Religious Council for Israel Bonds.)

65TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH SOCIALIST BUND MOVEMENT CELEBRATED

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 persons, including delegates from many centers in the United States and Canada, participated here at a dinner celebrating the 65th anniversary of the formation of the Bund, the Jewish Socialist movement which played a vital role in the organization of Jewish workers in Eastern Europe.

The Bund was particularly active during Czarist days in Russia, was persecuted by the Communist regime, and was an important element in other East European Jewish communities outside the USSR between the two World Wars. Dr. Emanuel Sherer, chairman of the event; I.T. Zuckerman, as representative of the Workmen's Circle; and Louis Nelson, a vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union were among the principal speakers.

TECHNION STARTS AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING COURSE FOR AFRO-ASIAN STUDENTS

HAIFA, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The Technion-Israel Institute of Technology began today a special four-year course in agricultural engineering for foreign students. Participating in the course, the first of its kind ever given in English by the Technion, are 30 students from newly established countries in Asia and Africa.