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PALESTINE ISSUES AT U.N. WHERE THEY WERE YEAR AGO; AD HOC BODY GETS JERUSALEM CASE

FLUSHING MEADOW, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Palestine issues in the United Nations are now back again where they were just one year ago. The General Assembly's Steering Committee has assigned to the Ad Hoc (Special) Political Committee the discussions on internationalization of Jerusalem, Palestine refugees and the report of the Palestine Conciliation Commission.

The Steering Committee has voted to send to the plenary session of the General Assembly, without committee debate, the item entitled: "Permanent Invitation to the Arab League." This was placed on the agenda by the Arab states and, if adopted would give the Arab League recognition as an "official" regional organization of the United Nations under the terms of the U.N. Charter.

Matters concerning European refugees, including the election of a High Commissioner for Refugees and a draft convention on refugees and stateless persons, have been assigned to the Social Commission.

Meanwhile, Israel is sitting as a provisional member of the current Assembly session due to a mix-up in credentials. When the Israel delegation's credentials were examined by the Credentials Committee, it was found that they did not comply with the rules in that they were in the form of a telegram from Abba Eban, permanent Israel delegate, instead of in a notification from the head of state or Foreign Minister. The committee voted to seat the delegation provisionally until this could be rectified.

U.S. AND BRITAIN REPORTED IN AGREEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST ROLE IN PRESENT WORLD CRISIS

LONDON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The role of the Middle East in the present world crisis has been agreed upon in talks which have been held in London and Washington, according to information in official circles here. These talks were part of the general survey of the situation which has been conducted by the British Chiefs of Staff and which resulted in the recent British suspension of all sales and delivery of arms to Middle East countries.

This survey has now been concluded and the general conclusions which the British arrived at have been approved in Washington. The main conclusion is that Britain and the United States are agreed on the need for some form of priorities in dealing with the present crisis centers. The Middle East, it is understood, does not figure as an immediate crisis center and there is agreement on certain preliminary steps with regard to that area.

First, it is reported that Britain and the United States have agreed to ensure the present status quo and prevent anything that might again unsettle the precarious quiet in the Middle East. Secondly, Britain has reportedly undertaken to clarify its relations with Egypt before Middle East priorities are considered. Thirdly, Britain and the United States will make every effort to avoid another Arab-Israel clash at Lake Success.

ISRAEL CIRCLES INDIGNANT AT U.N. TRUCE CHIEF RILEY'S REPORT ON NEGEV SITUATION

TEL AVIV, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Official quarters here have expressed surprise and indignation over the report by Maj. Gen. William Riley, U.N. armistice chief, to the United Nations on Egyptian complaints alleging that Israel forces had driven 4,000 Arab Bedouins into Egypt from the demilitarized zone around El Auja in the Negev.

They pointed out that all matters dealt with in the report are now sub judice in the mixed armistice commission. It is felt here that the Riley report, published under U.N. authority at Lake Success, is bound to detract from the armistice commission's ability to settle this and other disputes peaceably and generally undermines the authority of the commission.

It was stressed that under the armistice agreement, only the Mixed Armistice Commission has the right and duty to establish the facts of any incident and fix responsibility. There is no provision enabling Gen. Riley or any other authority to bypass the commission and reach a separate, arbitrary conclusion. In fact, it is stated here, these allegations have not yet been investigated by the Mixed Armistice Commission.

It was recalled here that the Negev area where the combing out operations took place recently has been rendered unsafe by depredations and armed attacks mostly by Bedouin tribes from Egypt or Egyptian-held territory. This situation was described as providing the true background to the recent events in the Negev and it was stated that it was completely ignored in the Riley report except in the form of "Israel allegations."

Israel Delegation at U.N. Preparing Reply to Egyptian Charges

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The Israel delegation to the United Nations is preparing a written reply to be submitted to the Security Council in answer to Egyptian complaints of the expulsion of Bedouin tribesmen from Israel to Egyptian territory, it was learned this week-end. Egypt made a formal complaint to the Council earlier this month.

The reply, it is understood, will also deal with allegations contained in the report made to the U.N. this week by Maj. Gen. William Riley, truce mission chief.

DR. BUNCHE RECEIVES NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR 1950 FOR PALESTINE ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS

OSLO, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The Nobel Peace Prize for 1950 was this week-end awarded to Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, former United Nations Acting Mediator for Palestine, for his work in negotiating three armistice agreements between Israel and the Arab states.

The award will be presented in Oslo December 10 at ceremonies which will also mark the 50th year of the establishment of the peace prize. Dr. Bunche, the first Negro to receive the honor, will get prize money of about \$31,700.

(At Lake Success, Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharott declared: "The award of the Nobel Prize for Peace to Dr. Ralph Bunche will be appreciated particularly by those who watched at close range his Herculean efforts to put an end to fighting in Palestine, and learned to admire his inexhaustible patience, resource and ingenuity in the complex armistice negotiations between Israel and her four neighbors. It is a fitting tribute to a great servant of the United Nations and gives renewed strength to faith in its cause.")

EASTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS REPORTED FAVORING UNRESTRICTED JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Reports reaching here indicate that the Eastern European bloc has decided to permit unrestricted Jewish emigration from the Soviet satellite nations to Israel. The reports explain this reversal in policy as an attempt to keep Israel from accepting Marshall Plan aid and from entering into a closer rapprochement with the United States and Britain.

Meanwhile, 1,080 immigrants arrived at Haifa today from Poland and 1,663 from Rumania.

J.D.C.'S "OPERATION MAGIC CARPET" ENDS AS LAST YEMENITE JEWS LAND AT ISRAEL AIRPORT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee's historic "Operation Magic Carpet" is scheduled to come to an end tonight with the landing of the last two plane-loads of some 15,000 Yemenite Jews flown from Aden to the Jewish state.

In the last planes will also be the J.D.C. officials who administered the Geula Camp in Aden. After the last planes land at Lydda airport a solemn ceremony will be held to mark the end of the operation which began two years ago, in October, 1948.

MOVEMENT OF JEWS FROM MANCHURIA TO ISRAEL IS CONTINUING AT UNABATED PACE

HONG KONG, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The movement of Jews from Manchuria to Israel is continuing at an unabated pace and persons in a position to buy air passage from Hong Kong to Lydda airport are receiving Hong Kong transit visas, it was reported here this week.

One Jewish woman who stopped off here on her way to Israel from Manchuria said that 200 Jews were included in the total of 6,000 persons reportedly abducted by Soviet authorities during the last few years in Harbin. The fear of abduction, she said, is the reason for the large-scale movement of Jews from Harbin to Israel. Jewish property owners in Harbin are selling their property for one-fifth of its value, which is the price paid by government authorities.

Meanwhile, it was reported here that the recent order by Communist authorities that all foreigners leave Tsingtao--a port city in Shantung province--has resulted in apprehension on the part of Jews there for their property. Most of the Jews still remaining in Tsingtao--a large number were transferred to Israel last year--are businessmen and property owners.

PERSIAN ENVOY CONFERS WITH BEN GURION ON RETURN OF IRANIANS WHO FLED PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The alleged failure by Israel to permit the return of former Iranian residents of this country and to restore their property to them is a serious threat to Iranian-Israel relations, Reza Safinia, special Iranian representative in Israel, is reported to have told Premier David Ben Gurion at their meeting here Wednesday.

In the course of their one-hour meeting, the Iranian diplomat is reported to have complained that of 280 Iranian Moslem nationals who fled from Palestine during the war in 1948, only 160 had been permitted to return and that the authorities had refused to restore their property. The Iranian diplomat is also said to have pointed out that Iran is granting asylum to thousands of Jewish refugees. He is said to have warned that de jure recognition and economic relations would depend on satisfactory settlement of this question. Mr. Ben Gurion reportedly promised a speedy investigation and action on this situation.

ANGLO-ISRAEL CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT INITIALED; AGREEMENT SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES

LONDON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Israel air agreement was initialed here Friday by representatives of the British Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Israel Legation. Formal signature will take place in the near future.

The agreement provides for normal air services between the two countries, specifying the flying routes and other details. In view of the importance of Lydda Airport for transit between London and the Middle and Far East and of London for Israel traffic to America, the agreement is highly welcomed in both British and Israel aviation circles.

ISRAEL HAD NO DEALINGS WITH JEWISH BANK OF FRANKFURT DISSOLVED BY HESSE GOVERNMENT

MUNICH, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Elijah Liwneh, Israel Consul in Munich, has informed the press that no Israel authority had cooperated with the Jewish Bank for Industry and Commerce in Frankfurt which was recently dissolved by the Hesse Governmental Bankers Advisory Office.

Meanwhile, three leading directors of the Bank were arrested by the German police on charges of alleged currency smuggling and fraud. Two other directors are fugitives in Switzerland. According to a statement by the Hesse Finance Ministry the alleged illegal operations involved 4,000,000 marks. The arrested directors are Wilhelm Marrien, Anton Wiendling and Joseph Klibansky, deputy head of the Frankfurt Jewish community.

DELEGATION OF ISRAEL BUSINESSMEN VISITING GREECE IN EFFORT TO IMPROVE TRADE RELATIONS

ATHENS, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- A delegation of Israel manufacturers and exporters is now in Athens studying measures to improve Greek-Israel trade relations. The delegation was received by Premier Venizelos prior to his departure for the United Nations General Assembly session and is having talks with the Minister of National Economy and other government officials.

The delegation is also interested in the purchase of tobacco, currants and olives from Greece.

ISRAEL PURCHASES FROM TURKEY PASS 40,000 POUND MARK; MINISTER RETURNS FROM TALKS

ISTANBUL, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Israel has already purchased from Turkey supplies to the value of 40,000 pounds under the recent 300,000-pound Turkish-Israel trade agreement, Eliahu Sasson, Israel Minister to Turkey, said here today on his return from consultations in Israel.

The supplies purchased, he said, include tobacco and oilcakes. Turkey, he said, is importing manufactured goods from Israel including radio sets, fountain pens, household appliances and chemical products.

BRITISH ELECTIONS FOR DELEGATES TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS WILL NOT BE POSTPONED

LONDON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The Zionist Central Election Board has decided not to postpone the World Zionist Congress elections scheduled for October 29. The Miz-rachi and the Revisionists had sought postponement but the General Zionists, the Mapai and the Poale Zion supported the Jerusalem Executive's plea that the elections be held as previously arranged.

HISTADRUT NATIONAL COUNCIL SETS \$10,000,000 GOAL FOR 1951 CAMPAIGN FOR ISRAEL LABOR

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- A resolution setting a goal of \$10,000,000 for the 1950-51 Israel Histadrut Campaign was adopted here today by the Histadrut National Council during an all-day meeting. The goal and plans suggested for meeting it will be submitted for approval to the 27th national convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel which will be held here at the end of November.

The 150 delegates from cities throughout the United States and Canada also sent a message of greeting to Israel President Weizmann and Premier David Ben Gurion pledging "unstinting support" in the task of the "ingathering of the exiles and the building of the new state on the foundations of democracy, cooperation and social justice." A message from Vice-President Alben W. Barkley praised the accomplishments of Israel's labor federation. Israel Merom, director of the Histadrut vocational training department, who is here on a visit, told the meeting that Israel has enough manpower but lacks skilled laborers.

Last night, Dr. Joseph Burstein, director of the Histadrut education department, told the members of the council that Israel will be able to add next year another 100,000 dunams (25,000 acres) of land for agricultural and industrial development with the completion of the Negev irrigation project. Dr. Burstein estimated that in three or four years another 750,000 dunams would be available in the Negev for the settlement of 80,000 families. He reported that 40 percent of the adult population of Israel is now enrolled in the 311,000-member Histadrut and asserted that prophecies of mass unemployment in Israel had not materialized.

Isaac Hamlin, general secretary of the National Committee for Labor Israel, announced the acquisition of a building in this city to house the national and Latin American headquarters of the Israel Histadrut Campaign. The building will be known as "Histadrut House."

BLAUSTEIN REPORTS TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN ON ISRAEL TRIP; TO SEE HIM AGAIN THURSDAY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- President Truman was told this week-end by Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, that "the people of Israel definitely want democracy and do not want any form of totalitarianism either from within or without." In a visit to the White House, Mr. Blaustein reported on his recent trip to Israel, assuring the President that Israel is "the best friend America ever had in the Near East."

Mr. Blaustein said that he visited Israel President Weizmann at Bernes, Switzerland, and that Dr. Weizmann asked him to convey personal regards to Mr. Truman. A more complete report will be made to President Truman by Mr. Blaustein next Thursday when the Jewish leader again sees the Chief Executive. Today Mr. Blaustein only briefly reviewed the political, economic, and social situation in Israel.

CENTRAL JEWISH COMMITTEE IN MEXICO DISSOLVES ITSELF; MOVE BELIEVED AIMED AT COMMUNISTS

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The administration of the Central Jewish Committee of Mexico, in a surprise move, decided to dissolve the group. An official announcement said that a six-member commission has been appointed to prepare for new elections for a communal administration.

The announcement pointed out that the decision to dissolve the body was taken as a result of the "serious international developments" and their influence on the Mexican Jewish community. It is understood here that the purpose of the move is to oust all Communist members from the Committee's leadership.

TOP TASK FACING ISRAEL IS ATTRACTION OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT CAPITAL, SHARETT SAYS

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The "foremost" task of Israel's "economic state-manship" is to attract private capital for investment in sound economic enterprises which would make the Jewish state a great productive force in the Middle East, Moshe Sharett, Foreign Minister of Israel, declared here this week-end at a luncheon given by the Manufacturers Association of Israel for a delegation of Israel manufacturers now visiting in the United States.

Mr. Sharett asserted that the present position of Israel is determined by the "staggering volume of immigration" which, he insisted, must go on "as long as the driving force of misery and the urge for a healthy national life persist." The Foreign Minister also said that the Jewish state's political system is "based on the application of the fundamental concepts of western democracy to all spheres in life."

Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador to the U.S. and chief of its delegation to the U.N., told the 125 luncheon guests that the slogan for Israel's battle on the economic front must be increased production. "Israel must take urgent steps to increase its agricultural production, both in order to approach self-sufficiency in food, and in order to give a sound social basis to its civilization," he said. "In the long run, however, Israel's standard of living will depend on the capacity of its manufacturers to produce goods of high quality and in increasing quantity."

U.J.A. TO MAKE NATIONAL CASH COLLECTION OCTOBER 8; EDDIE CANTOR NAMED HEAD OF "C" DAY

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- To provide urgently needed funds for the immediate and large-scale transfer to Israel of Jews from Iraq, Roumania, Tripolitania and other Eastern European and Moslem countries, the national campaign cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal has designated Sunday, October 8th as National "C" Day (C for Cash) to mobilize millions of dollars in cash, it was announced this week-end by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman. More than 60,000 volunteers are now being recruited in communities from coast to coast to make personal visits to approximately 700,000 contributors, Mr. Morgenthau said.

He also announced that Eddie Cantor has been named national chairman for "C" Day. Mr. Cantor, who visited Israel two months ago, has had a leading role in the nationwide drive. In describing the circumstances which prompted the inauguration of the extraordinary one-day collection drive known as National "C" Day, Mr. Morgenthau said: "The 1950 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal is making encouraging progress. However, the remittance of cash on pledges which were made earlier this year has not kept pace with the urgently pressing needs involving the rescue of tens of thousands of Jews from Moslem and Eastern European countries."

BALTIMORE TO HOLD COMBINED FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN FOR SECOND YEAR IN 1951

BALTIMORE, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The combined campaign of the Associated Jewish Charities and the Jewish Welfare Fund of Baltimore, which is expected to raise \$3,500,000 for 1950, will be continued another year, it was announced here. Prior to this year, Baltimore was the only major community to hold two separate campaigns.

ERIC JOHNSTON NAMED TO HEAD BROTHERHOOD WEEK; EVENT TO BE CELEBRATED DURING FEBRUARY

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, has been named general chairman of Brotherhood Week which is to be observed February 18-25. The event is held under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

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