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BRITAIN DISPLAYS ITS MILITARY MIGHT IN PALESTINE; U.N. OFFICIALS REVIEW PARADE

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA)--British military might in Palestine was displayed today in a parade marking the birthday of King George VI, with members of the U.N. Secretariat reviewing it from stands near the building in which the U.N. Palestine committee will start hearings next Monday.

Earlier in the day, the thirty members of the Secretariat were taken on a tour of the Wailing Wall and other points of interest in the city, conducted by a special liaison committee organized by the government.

The Camel Corps and British infantry units as well as units of the Palestine police and of the Transjordan frontier force composed the major part of the parade. Royal Air Force war planes made an impressive showing in the sky.

Twenty-three Jews who have been under arrest since last summer on a charge of illegal possession of arms were released today on the occasion of the King's Birthday. They are the last of the nearly 100 settlers of the Birya colony who were arrested during a British raid on Birya last year in a hunt for arms and members of the underground. Others have been released in small groups previously.

Several other men from the Dead Sea settlement of Beth Aarava were also released. They were arrested several months ago during a search of the colony in which arms were found.

High Government Officials In Palestine Warned Of "Letter Bombs"

The Palestine secret service today warned high government officials and prominent personalities to be on guard against the expected arrival of "letter bombs" in the mail. A full description of the envelopes in which these letters are expected is given in the warning, which says that such letters have been mailed from a foreign country to Palestine.

Various government offices and all branches of the Palestine Post Office were similarly warned to watch the mails for the explosive missives. The warning was made following receipt of a report that Scotland Yard men had arrested two persons in Italy with "bomb letters" in their possession stamped and addressed to persons in Palestine.

A hastily-mobilized Haganah unit last night intervened to foil an extremist kidnapping of two Jewish drivers and the stealing of their trucks. Shortly after it was learned that the two men and their vehicles had disappeared, the Haganah went to work locating them. Several hours later ten men found the two drivers and freed them. Later the same force discovered and returned the two trucks.

The offices of the Reuter news agency in Tel Aviv were raided tonight by extremists who removed several typewriters and a telephone.

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HAGANAH ACTION NIPS GOVT. PLAN TO BACK ANTI-JEWISH OPERATIONS BY ARAB TERRORISTS

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA)--A move by the Palestine Government to encourage anti-Jewish operations by Arab extremists has been nipped in the bud by prompt Haganah action, it was learned here today from highly competent sources.

It was disclosed that recently the government has been lending encouragement to the Hussein faction, which is led by the ex-Mufti, and has closed its eyes to increased arms traffic by the Arab terrorists. The Criminal Investigation Division even opened negotiations with Fahdel el Haj Nurshid, a notorious gang leader who was active in the 1936-39 riots, and allegedly supplied him with money.

However, the Haganah's raid last month on Arab bandits in the Petach Tikvah district, which resulted in the killing of several members of gangs which had been terrorizing Jewish settlers, has made many Arabs reluctant to launch a large-scale war against the Jews, even with government backing.

The extremists leaders have, nevertheless, not been discouraged. Subhi el Khadara, Haifa terrorist chief and a right-hand man of the Mufti, is reported to have stated that preparations are still under way for the Mufti to move to Lebanon, from which, Khadara says, it would be much easier for him to direct operations against the Jews in Palestine. The move would also make it simpler to obtain money from the Arab states.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST PARLEY CLOSES IN ZURICH WITHOUT DEBATE ON PALESTINE

ZURICH, June 12. (JTA)--The International Socialist Conference ended this week without a full dress debate on the Palestine question, although such a discussion had been demanded by Palestine delegate Goldie Meirson, political chief of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.

Before leaving Zurich today, Mrs. Meirson released to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency a copy of the statement she circulated to the delegates at the parley after it was decided not to hold the debate. The statement reviewed the close ties between Zionism and various leaders of the Socialist movement and gave an account of the accomplishments of the Palestine Labor movement. It sharply attacked the White Paper policy, declaring that Palestine was now the only country in the world which carries anti-Jewish laws on its books.

It also scored the British Labor Party for breaking its pre-election pledges to the Jews and protested the fact that the remnants of Hitler's first victims must remain in Europe behind barbed wire. "We often receive dead Jews in Palestine," Mrs. Meirson's statement said, referring to the senseless Jews who were killed during clashes with British naval parties which boarded blockade runners carrying them to Palestine, "but those who live are sent to Cyprus and are again placed behind barbed wire."

Mrs. Meirson also protested against the British press campaign villifying Palestine Jews. Finally, she invited the parley to send an international delegation to review the effects of Jewish settlement on the Arab standard of living.

JEWISH NEWSPAPER, CLAIMING TO BE IRGUNIST ORGAN, STARTS PUBLICATION IN ITALY

ROME, June 12. (JTA)--A new Jewish newspaper in the Italian language made its appearance in Florence today. The newspaper claims to be an organ of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, but the authorities have granted it a regular publication permit.

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VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY VOTES TAX ON GIFT PARCELS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR LOCAL RELIEF

VIENNA, June 12. (JTA) -- The Vienna Jewish Community today voted to impose a tax of 20 schillings (nominally \$2.00) on every gift food parcel sent by American Jews and distributed here by the Joint Distribution Committee. The measure was approved overwhelmingly following a stormy session of the Community Council.

It is hoped to realize 60,000 schillings from the tax which will be used for relief funds. Parcels distributed to persons on relief or to children under 14 will be exempted from the tax. It will go into effect June 16, when the J.D.C. will make the next distribution, following a lapse of a few weeks during which no parcels were issued.

During the debate the managing director of the relief fund reported that relief grants from the Austrian Government would be exhausted shortly and that the Community would face bankruptcy in three months without the tax. The opposition warned that there would be a strong reaction against such an "unpopular tax," and asked on what basis the J.D.C. had recently divided some 9,000 parcels among 7,000 persons.

Jews BEATEN IN SLOVAKIA; PRESS CHARGES DEMOCRATIC PARTY CREATING ANTI-JEWISH FEELING

PRAGUE, June 12. (JTA) -- Several Jews have been attacked and severely beaten in the Slovakian town of Bardejov, it was reported here today. The Czech press charges the Slovakian Democratic Party with responsibility for whipping up an anti-Jewish atmosphere throughout Slovakia.

BRITISH FOOD MINISTER ORDERS REPORT ON HOTELS BARRING JEWS; MAY WITHDRAW FOOD PERMITS

LONDON, June 12. (JTA) -- Food Minister John Strachey has asked Britain's 15 divisional food officers for reports of hotels and clubs in their areas which bar Jews, it was learned today. Strachey and his legal staff will study the reports to see if there are any cases serious enough to warrant withdrawal of food permits from the restaurateurs.

A three-man Palestine delegation has arrived in Hull to attend the International Conference of Fishermen. The Jews represent the Histadruth, the Tel Aviv fishermen's cooperative and the Athlit collective fishing settlement. They have been accorded every opportunity to study the British fishing industry both at sea and ashore.

ITALIAN SCHOOLS INSTRUCTED NOT TO SCHEDULE EXAMINATIONS ON JEWISH HOLIDAYS

ROME, June 12. (JTA) -- The Italian Ministry of Education has issued instructions to all public high schools and universities to take Jewish holidays into account when drawing up their schedules. The schools have been ordered not to schedule examinations for Jewish students on Saturdays, Rosh Hashonah, Yom Kippur and Succoth.

ARGENTINA SIGNS I.R.O. CONSTITUTION; BECOMES 18TH NATION TO JOIN ORGANIZATION

LAKE SUCCESS, June 12. (JTA) -- Argentina yesterday signed the constitution of the International Refugee Organization, becoming the 18th nation to join the organization. Argentina has been assigned 1.5 percent of the I.R.O.'s \$150,000,000 budget.

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ALLIANCE ISRAELITE SUBMITS ITS VIEWS ON PALESTINE ISSUE TO U.N. INQUIRY COMMITTEE

LAKE SUCCESS, June 12. (JTA) -- The United Nations secretariat today received a memorandum on Palestine submitted by the Alliance Israelite Universelle, oldest Jewish organization in France, which has been active since 1860 in the defense of Jewish rights. The memorandum, intended for the U.N. inquiry committee on Palestine, was signed by Prof. Rene Cassin, president of the organization, who represents the French Government on the U.N. committee now drafting the International Bill of Human Rights.

Outlining the views of the Alliance with regard to the solution of the Palestine problem, the document asks for the immediate admission of 100,000 refugees into Palestine, the abolition of the British White Paper and the replacement of the British Mandate by an international trusteeship whose objective it would be to facilitate the immigration into and colonization of Palestine. While advocating such trusteeship, the Alliance would, however, be willing to accept another solution provided it allows large-scale immigration and colonization as well as the free development of the Jewish national home.

The memorandum underlines that the experience which the Alliance has acquired during the 85 years of its activities in countries inhabited by Moslems and its work in Palestine prove that a righteous solution of the problem is possible if no outside interference disturbs Jewish-Arab relations. It emphasizes that democratic ideals in the Near East would benefit considerably if Jewish hopes are fulfilled.

The memorandum concludes by pointing out that while continuing its endeavours to ensure to Jews their rights as free citizens in their respective countries, the Alliance is fully aware of the fact that the great majority of Jews in Central and Eastern Europe aspire primarily to a new life in Palestine.

CANADA ANNOUNCES IMMEDIATE ADMISSION OF 5,000 DP'S ON FUTURE I.R.O. QUOTA

OTTAWA, June 12. (JTA) -- The immediate admission into Canada of 5,000 displaced persons was announced today by Reconstruction Minister C.D. Howe who stated that this gesture was "a further and voluntary contribution by the Dominion towards the solution of the DP problem." The number will be deductible from the DP quota later assigned to the Dominion by the International Refugee Organization.

A German reparations vessel will be used to bring the DP's to Canada and the transportation costs will be borne by the I.R.O. Displaced persons need not have relatives residing in Canada to become eligible for selection under the new order, Mr. Howe said. Priority would be given to persons with special skills and aptitudes leading to ready assimilation within the economy. Single persons would, because of the continuing housing shortage in the Dominion, receive right of way over married people.

A total of 2,500 tailors, instead of 1,000, will be taken from the European displaced persons' camps and brought to Canada to ease the shortage of skilled workers, according to information available here. Contracts to hire these workers will be signed next week by manufacturers in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg.

The plan to bring in skilled clothing artisans from Europe was fostered by the Garment Manufacturers Association, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union. Some weeks ago representatives of the unions and the manufacturers journeyed to Ottawa with the proposal. It was approved by the government and details worked out. Representatives of the industry and the unions will travel to Europe to select the workers.

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WISE TESTIFIES ON ANTI-JEWISH DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL BODY

WASHINGTON, June 12. (JTA)--The entire nation loses a valuable source of skill and manpower as a result of racial discrimination in employment, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, declared today at a Senate subcommittee hearing on the Ives Bill for a Fair Employment Practices Commission.

In a vigorous appeal for passage of the legislation, Dr. Wise insisted that "despite all the talk in recent years about equality and freedom, progress has been made only where that talk has resulted in the enactment of effective legislation to guarantee the democratic rights and equal treatment of all persons." Referring to a study of the American Jewish Congress' Commission on Law and Social Action of discrimination since the war's end, he declared that it was on the increase and effected Negroes mainly, but also Jews to a large extent.

He stated that the report revealed that "insurance firms and financial houses uniformly maintain a closed-door policy with regard to Jews. Utility companies, despite their semi-public character, engage very few Jews for their staffs. A young Jew with a scientific bent who seeks a start in such new and expanding fields as the aircraft, chemical or electrical industries is almost always denied the opportunity of proving or demonstrating his merit and ability," he said.

During Dr. Wise's testimony, Sen. Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana asked him whether he thought an employer should be compelled to hire a man he does not want to employ. Dr. Wise replied in the affirmative, adding: "He shall be compelled to under the Ives law. He should be denied the right to deny employment because of race, creed or color." Later, Ellender attempted to draw him into a discussion on interracial marriages, but Dr. Wise refused to testify on anything but the F.E.P.C. bill.

Others who spoke in favor of the Ives measure included: Joseph Kovner, Washington representative of the American Civil Liberties Union; Roy Wilkins, reading a statement for Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for Colored People; and Gilbert Harrison, national vice-chairman of the American Veterans Committee.

MIGRATION RIGHTS DISCUSSED AT UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

LAKE SUCCESS, June 12. (JTA)--The right of individuals to migrate from one country to another was discussed here today at a session of the drafting committee of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights.

The United States delegation expressed disagreement with the part of the U.N. secretariat's draft covering the right of emigration and submitted an alternative text. The main difference between the two drafts is that the Secretariat paper states, without qualification, that the right of emigration and expatriation shall not be denied, whereas the United States proposal states that "every person shall, subject to equitable immigration and deportation laws, be free to enter, travel through or over, and remain temporarily in the territory of another state, provided always that he observes local laws and police regulations."

Miss Tony Sender, observer of the A.F. of L., emphasized that the problems of immigration and emigration must be considered separately. She was supported by Dr. Charles Malik of Lebanon who noted that the right to leave one's country must be reaffirmed. He referred to Hitler's denial to German citizens of their right to leave Germany.

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POPE PIUS XII RECEIVES J.D.C. LEADERS; HOPES FOR EARLY SOLUTION OF DP PROBLEM

ROME, June 12. (JTA) -- Pope Pius XII yesterday received Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Jacob L. Trobe, its director in Italy.

They discussed the general situation of the displaced and other Jews of Europe. The Pope expressed the hope that the problem of the 230,000 displaced Jews in Germany, Austria and Italy would be solved shortly.

J.N.F. RECEIVES GIFT OF \$60,000 FROM VETERAN SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONIST LEADER

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- A gift of \$60,000 by Harry Lourie, South African Jewish leader who is prominent in Zionist circles, has been announced here by the Jewish National Fund.

The gift includes 411 acres of land in the Beer Sheba district of Palestine, valued at about \$4,000, and the sum of \$56,000 in cash. The entire Lourie family is active in Zionist affairs and one of Mr. Lourie's sons, Arthur, is political secretary of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Dr. Abraham Granovsky, managing director of the Jewish National Fund today flew to South Africa where he will lead the local J.N.F. campaign. He will also be one of the featured speakers at the 21st South African Zionist Conference.

WALTER ROTHSCHILD, J.W.B. LEADER, RECEIVES ARMY "MEDAL OF FREEDOM" FOR WAR SERVICES

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- Walter Rothschild, chairman of the Jewish Welfare Board's Army and Navy Committee between 1942 and 1946, was today awarded the Army's Medal of Freedom with bronze palm "for exceptionally meritorious achievement which aided the United States in the prosecution of the war against the enemy in continental Europe."

The citation further stated that he was "instrumental in organizing hospital-ity committees in Great Britain which contributed notably to the fulfillment of the urgent and special religious needs and welfare requirements of members of the armed forces of the Jewish faith, and which later on served as a model for the solution of similar problems in other sections of the theater. His initiative, tireless energy and outstanding devotion to duty merit the praise and recognition of the United States."

BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT GIVES JEWISH COMMUNITY VILLA AS REST HOME FOR CHILDREN

SOFIA, June 12. (JTA) -- The Bulgarian Government this week assigned a large villa to the Jewish community for use as a convalescent home for Jewish children. Youngsters threatened with tuberculosis will be sent there for special care. The JDC will provide all necessary equipment.

APATHY OF AMERICAN JEWRY TOWARDS JEWISH BOOKS DEPLORED AT BOOK COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- The "apathy" of American Jewry toward Jewish books was deplored here at the annual meeting of the Jewish Book Council, a body sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board. Principal speakers at the meeting, which was held at the Hotel Sheraton, included Rabbi S. Felix Mendelsohn of Chicago and Dr. Solomon Grayzel of Philadelphia.

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