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BREAD, MILK, EGGS RATIONED IN JERUSALEM'S JEWISH SECTIONS AS ARABS BLOCKADE CITY

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- Bread, milk, and eggs were rationed in the Jewish sections of Jerusalem today after food supply convoys had failed to reach the city's Jews for five days.

Each person will receive slightly over a half-pound of bread daily and eggs and milk have been reserved for children only. The children will be limited to two eggs and a half-pint of milk weekly. Unless the Arab blockade of Jewish Jerusalem is broken soon, the 100,000 Jewish residents face intense hardship, Jewish leaders declared.

U.S. ASKS SECURITY COUNCIL TO ORDER PALESTINE TRUCE AND CALL NEW ASSEMBLY SESSION

LAKE SUCCESS, March 30. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government today formally submitted to the U.N. Security Council resolutions calling for an immediate Arab-Jewish truce in Palestine and requesting the convocation of a special session of the General Assembly "to consider further the question of the future government of Palestine." Discussion on the resolutions started today and will be resumed on Thursday.

Although no reference was made in the resolutions to trusteeship for Palestine, U.S. delegate Warren Austin, who read the proposals at today's session of the Council, said that the United States still holds "that a temporary trusteeship should be established to maintain the peace." A formal proposal on trusteeship was not offered, he declared, because of "the exigencies of the time limits confronting the Security Council." The Council's work, he said, should not be delayed by debate over details of a temporary trusteeship.

Austin referred to President Truman's latest statement regarding Palestine and emphasized the "urgent necessity" of exerting all efforts in the Security Council toward arranging a truce between the Jews and Arabs in Palestine. He made the following two points:

1. Violence and bloodshed must cease. "We must prevent anarchy," he stated. "It is required to keep international peace. Cessation of hostilities is imperative."

2. Both Jews and Arabs must be prepared to accept a truce involving suspension of political as well as military activity. The Jewish Agency and the Palestine Arab Higher Committee must send representatives empowered to enter into a definitive truce arrangement with the Security Council.

Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko, the only other speaker today, strongly opposed the U.S. proposal for Palestine trusteeship and the calling of a special Assembly session. He pointed out that Austin, while asserting that partition could

not be carried out by peaceful means, had not produced any facts or arguments to prove that something more than peaceful measures was needed to implement partition.

It is apparent, continued Gromyko, that all the arguments of the United States were aimed at preparing the ground to bury the plan of partition" and to justify the new American proposals. All the arguments of the U.S. representative were intended to justify the step of the U.S. Government "directed at the wrecking" of the partition decision and at its substitution by trusteeship, he declared.

Gromyko Says Partition Can Be Implemented: Charges U.S. With "Wrecking" It

Emphasizing that it was impossible to agree that partition could not be implemented by peaceful means, Gromyko said that "no one has ever proved this." The Council, he added, had hardly discussed the question. Nor had it been discussed by the permanent Members. This point of view was not supported by any facts either, he declared. It was unfounded for the very reason that the Council not only had not used all possible peaceful means but had not adopted a single decision at all aimed at assuring partition.

For the same reasons, said the Soviet representative, the assertions that the implementation of partition could involve graver sacrifices for the Palestine population than a trusteeship administration were groundless. No foundation existed for such a conclusion, particularly taking into account the reaction caused by the new American proposals among the peoples of Palestine. "These sacrifices can be reduced only through prompt and effective creation of two states in Palestine" as outlined by the Assembly, Gromyko declared.

If the U.S. and some other countries "wrecked the implementation of partition and consider Palestine as a component element in their economic, military and strategic calculations," then any decision on the future of Palestine, including trusteeship, would mean the "transformation of Palestine into a field of dissension and struggle for the Jews and Arabs and will only increase the number of victims," Gromyko continued. "All this gave reason for the conclusion that full responsibility for the killing of the decision to partition Palestine rests on the United States," he stated.

The Soviet delegation, Gromyko asserted, did not see any reason for convening a special Assembly session. Such a session "would mean throwing the United Nations backwards, at least for a year with respect to the Palestine question, while our task is not that of moving backwards but of making progress and of implementing the decision already adopted," he pointed out.

Full Text of U.S. Resolution on Palestine Truce

The American resolution asking the Security Council to call upon the Jews and Arabs in Palestine for an immediate truce, reads as follows:

"The Security Council, in the exercise of its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, notes with grave concern the increasing violence in Palestine and believes that it is of the utmost urgency that an immediate truce be effected in Palestine;

"Calls upon the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Arab Higher Committee to make representatives available to the Security Council for the purpose of arranging a truce between the Arab and Jewish communities of Palestine and emphasizes the heavy responsibility which would fall upon any party failing to observe such a truce;

"Calls upon Arab and Jewish armed groups in Palestine to cease acts of violence immediately."

RED CROSS SETS UP PERMANENT MISSION IN PALESTINE; URGES "POW" STATUS FOR CAPTIVES

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- Urging Jewish and Arab fighting forces in Palestine to treat captured enemies as "prisoners of war," the International Red Cross announced today that it is setting up a permanent mission in eight Palestine cities.

Jacques Reynier, Red Cross official in charge of the Palestine operation, told newsmen that the relief organization had asked the Palestine Government, the Jews and the Arabs to adhere to the Geneva Convention on rules of warfare. He said the Red Cross had also advanced the following requests:

1. "Neutral zones" be established in fighting areas so that the sick and wounded, and women and children, might find refuge and receive medical aid and food until the fighting subsides.
2. Hospitals and other medical centers be "immunized" and not used as bases for attacks so that they do not become targets for retaliation.
3. Funds for the Red Cross program be contributed by the Government, the Jews and the Arabs, Funds contributed by Jews would be used only for Jews, and the same principle would be applied for the Arabs.

The Red Cross representative revealed that the organization had a fund of \$240,000 for administrative expenses, but would use some of the money for relief purposes if there is a surplus.

He disclosed that the Red Cross had appealed to all parties in the country to adhere to the organization's humanitarian principles. These, he said, include: 1. Protection for the sick and wounded and their transportation to safety; and, 2. Respect for the remains of the dead and for funerals.

The message also asked guarantees of safety for non-combatants, especially women and children. Both the Jews and the Arabs, Reynier asserted, have promised to adhere to the Red Cross requests and have also pledged funds for the organization's program.

The Palestine Government today amended a communique of yesterday, which said three bombs were dropped on Jaffa from a plane. The correction said the missiles were three-inch mortar shells. Jewish quarters charged that the rumor had been spread by Arab sources with the assistance of the Palestine Government in order to provide a pretext for Syria to send her planes to bombard Jewish cities and settlements.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZES HUGE SALE OF ARMS TO LEBANON IN "FULFILLMENT" OF TREATY

PARIS, March 30. (JTA) -- The French Government has authorized the sale of armaments to Lebanon, a spokesman for the French Foreign Office announced today. He added that the transaction was in "fulfillment" of a Franco-Lebanese pact of last year.

The armaments firm of Edgar Brandt today admitted to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent that it had received orders for \$20,000,000 worth of mortars, artillery and machine guns from Syria and Lebanon. The company asserted that agreements to deliver the goods were conditioned on the prior approval of the French Ministries of War and Foreign Affairs.

PALESTINE JEWISH GROUPS SEEK DIRECT CONSULTATION WITH U.N. ON PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

LAKE SUCCESS, March 30. (JTA) -- The U.N. Palestine Commission today revealed that it has communicated directly with representatives of Jewish democratic parties and other Jewish public organizations in Palestine for the purpose of selecting and establishing a Jewish Provisional Governing Council there.

"While most of them indicated that the Jewish Agency was entitled to speak for them, certain of them wished to consult with the Commission directly, and the Commission is obligated to grant them the privilege of doing so," the U.N. body informed the Jewish Agency last night.

The Commission emphasized that it intends "to continue its consultations with the representative of the Jewish Agency on such matters as the size, structure, composition and initial authority to be exercised by the Provisional Council of Government of the Jewish state, after the termination of the Mandate." Parallel consultations will be held with those representative Jewish groups which have indicated a desire to consult directly.

"On the basis of such consultations, the Commission can and will, in pursuance of its authority under the Assembly resolution, reach decisions on these matters on the understanding, however, that the Provisional Council of Government, acting under the Commission, can exercise no authority before the date of the termination of the Mandate," the Commission's statement said.

HERSCHEL JOHNSON RECEIVED BY TRUMAN; HOPES PALESTINE PROBLEM WILL BE RESOLVED BY MAY

WASHINGTON, March 30. (JTA) -- Herschel V. Johnson, deputy U.S. representative to the United Nations, was received by President Truman briefly today and later expressed the hope that the Palestine question would be resolved by May.

Johnson was the American representative on the Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine at last fall's session of the General Assembly and was one of those largely responsible for working out the partition plan. He has been ill since December but told newsmen today that he plans to return to his U.N. duties in May after a month's leave at his home in North Carolina.

FOREIGN OFFICE DESIGNATES BRITISH MINISTER TO PALESTINE TO ACT AS OFFICIAL OBSERVER

LONDON, March 30. (JTA) -- The Foreign Office disclosed today that Sir Hugh Dow, a 62-year-old former civil servant in India, has been selected as British Minister to Palestine, effective after the termination of the Mandate.

Dow, who was formerly governor of the native states of Sind and Bihar in India, will not be accredited to any government in Palestine but will merely act as "a Foreign Office observer," the announcement said. Asked whether a British representative will be accredited to the Jewish state, a Foreign Office spokesman replied the matter would be considered--if and when a state is proclaimed.

700 "YECHIAM" REFUGEES ARRIVE IN CYPRUS; DISEMBARKED WITHOUT INCIDENT

FAMAGUSTIA, Cyprus, March 30. (JTA) -- Seven hundred and thirty-seven Jewish stateless refugees arrived here this morning aboard the Empire Rival. The immigrants, who were intercepted aboard the blockade runner Yechiam Sunday night, were disembarked and removed to camps without incident.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF VIENNA BEGUN; BALLOTING APRIL 11

VIENNA, March 30. (JTA) -- Election campaigning has already begun in the Vienna Jewish Community in preparation for the forthcoming community-wide balloting for council members scheduled for April 11.

Four slates are in the field. They are the Jewish Unity Party, headed by David Brill, incumbent president of the community; the Organization of Jewish Merchants, headed by Aaron Ehrlich, longtime political foe of Brill; the Jewish Socialist Party, supported by the Austrian Social Democratic Party; and a slate representing all Zionist groups in the city. The Zionists have demanded that affiliation with Austrian political parties should not be an issue in the elections and that only "purely Jewish" problems should occupy the attention of the 24 councillors.

Under recently-adopted regulations, community elections must be held every two years. The last voting took place April 11, 1946. There are some 5,700 resident Austrian Jews eligible to vote and under a new ruling an additional 1,300 displaced Jews who have been in Vienna for six months will also be allowed to cast ballots. Some 2,000 other DP Jews will not have the necessary residence qualifications for voting on April 11.

CONVENTION OF JEWISH CONGRESS OPENS TODAY IN NEW YORK; WILL CONCLUDE IN WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- A four-day convention of the American Jewish Congress, which will discuss problems concerning Jewish life in the United States and Palestine, will open tomorrow at the Hotel New Yorker here with Prof. Harold Laski, former chairman of the British Labor Party, as one of the principal speakers. He will discuss "The Prospects of the Jew in the Post-War World."

The convention will adjourn Sunday afternoon but will resume the following day at the Jewish Community Center in Washington for a special "Palestine session" which will be addressed by members of both houses of Congress. Of the 1,200 delegates registered for the convention, some 500 will attend the Washington session.

RABBINICAL PARLEY ON JEWISH LAW REVIEWS MARRIAGE LAWS; "SANHEDRIN" PROPOSED

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- Jewish marriage laws were discussed here today at an all-day conference on Jewish law attended by 100 rabbis under the sponsorship of the Rabbinical Assembly of America. Meeting at the Jewish Theological Seminary, the parley reviewed the hardships now being experienced by many Jewish women as a result of the Jewish law which prohibits remarriage where their husbands have been reported missing, but where absolute proof of death is not available.

Rabbi Louis Epstein, a leading authority on Jewish law, voiced the hope that a new supreme judicial body may come into existence with the establishment of the Jewish state in Palestine. He hoped that this 20th-century "Sanhedrin" will dedicate itself to the task of making the Jewish law operative normally "in the life of a normal people."

Addressing the conference on the "Principles of Change in Jewish Law," Rabbi Jacob Agus proposed the establishment of a Jewish Academy made up of selected rabbis, scholars and laymen who would regularly review all phases of Jewish doctrine and practice. "The term 'Jewish Academy' is chosen," he said, "to suggest a resemblance to the French Academy and to eschew the notion of claiming the authority of the ancient Sanhedrin."

