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ARMISTICE IN JERUSALEM EFFECTIVE TODAY; JEWS TAKE CONTROL OF TIBERIAS AND SAFAD

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- Arab League leaders today agreed to a truce in Jerusalem effective at noon tomorrow on the condition that the Jews cease fire. The Paganah tonight gave orders to all its members to hold their fire, although the sound of mortars and machine guns were heard in the Yemin Moshe quarter of the Old City at the very moment that an official communique announced the Arab leaders' agreement.

The accord was reached after Sir Henry L. Gurney, Palestine Chief Secretary, journeyed to Jericho to confer with Arab leaders including Arab League secretary Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha. Gurney carried proposals from High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham to the Arabs.

The Jews today gained virtual control of Upper Galilee following the retreat of armed Arabs from Tiberias and surrounding Arab villages today. Sejera, strong-point west of Tiberias, was among the occupied villages. Most of the major roaming Arab bands in the district have been beaten off or subdued, particularly after the almost complete occupation of Safad during the past few days.

Three Arab strongholds in the vicinity of Safad, including the important village of Ein Zeitim, are now in the hands of the Jews who also have complete control of all roads and communications between the towns and villages. The major part of Safad's 8,000 Arabs have left for Transjordan and the 3,000 Jews in the town appear to be in the majority.

A Jewish Agency spokesman today presented a picture of the preparations which the Jews have made for taking over the normal activities and facilities of the state after May 15. Some of the activities--such as the issuance of domestic postage stamps--have already begun. Programs which have been mostly independent of governmental control, such as health, education and social services, will continue to function as they always have.

Among the planned activities is the floating of a \$20,000,000 internal loan to support the Jewish national administration, and other fiscal measures including the imposition and collection of an income tax. The spokesman also announced that the Agency has established an export-import license office which has already granted licenses for the \$25,000,000 worth of imports and exports to and from 36 countries, including 12 countries in the sterling bloc.

U.S. CHARGES BRITAIN WITH NON-COOPERATION ON PALESTINE; BEVIN EMBARRASSES U.N. ASSEMBLY

LAKE SUCCESS, May 8. (JTA) -- The United States today charged the British Government with refusal to cooperate in a United Nations solution of the Palestine problem, following receipt of a message from British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin informing the U.N. that Britain can find no suitable neutral commissioner for Jerusalem.

Bevin's message, which was addressed to U.N. Secretary General Trygve Lie, caused great embarrassment to the American and other delegations, who only less than

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hours ago at the General Assembly voted authorization for Britain to appoint a commission to administer the city of Jerusalem after the expiration of the Palestine Mandate on May 15. Bevin requested the U.N. to suggest names of candidates in consultation with the Jewish Agency and the Arab Higher Committee at Lake Success.

"This is still another striking example of the lack of British cooperation in the whole Palestine issue," a U.S. spokesman said. Another member of the U.S. delegation bluntly accused the British of refusing to make the appointment they had encouraged at the General Assembly only 18 hours previously on the grounds that the Jerusalem commissioner, shorn of enforcement powers, was bound to fail in his task, and Britain wanted the U.N. to be responsible for that failure.

After the U.S. declaration had been made public, the British delegation called a press conference at which an official spokesman said the text which had been released by the U.N. came from Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones, not from Bevin. It was based, he added, upon two telegrams received here today from High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham in Jerusalem.

The High Commissioner's message said there is no one in Palestine who now can be considered a suitable candidate and that it would be impossible to secure Arab-Jewish agreement on the spot. It was Creech-Jones, the spokesman added, who suggested that Secretary General Lie might consult with Arab and Jewish representatives at Lake Success. He then reported that a new message had arrived this afternoon from the Foreign Office advising the British delegation that Britain is still trying to find a candidate for the post of Jerusalem Commissioner.

U.N. Starts Consultations with Jews, Arabs on Commissioner

Immediately after the British announcement a meeting with Jewish and Arab representatives was called by Lie and Dr. Jose Arce, president of the General Assembly. It is expected that an agreement will be reached on a man acceptable to both parties within the next 24 hours, particularly in view of the announced truce agreement in Jerusalem.

Major Aubrey Eban, of the Jewish Agency, today called upon the Security Council to take immediate action against Arab armies poised to invade Palestine when the Mandate expires. Pointing out that responsible ministers of the Arab League states had never bothered to deny press reports of their intention to launch an aggressive war against the Jews of Palestine, Eban warned that truce talks could achieve nothing until that threat is removed.

Sir Alexander Cadogan of Britain, in reply to a question asking if Britain could assist in providing better communications facilities for the U.N. truce Commission in Jerusalem, announced that the British Cable and Wireless Company would soon transfer its transmitters to Amman in Transjordan, leaving only a mobile transmitter in Palestine. He saw no prospect of resuming the suspended airmail service since further use of both Lydda and Haifa airports was "highly speculative."

Creech-Jones, testifying today before the 12-member Political Committee subcommittee studying the problem of establishing a provisional regime in Palestine, admitted that partition has taken deep root, but warned that the Jewish state could not live in isolation from the rest of the country. For the composition of the interim regime he proposed the members of the Consular Truce Commission--the Jerusalem consuls of the U.S., France and Belgium--plus two more individuals, one of whom might be Karel Lisicky, chairman of the U.N. Palestine Commission.

ST. LOUIS RABBI DISCUSSES PALESTINE WITH TRUMAN; SAYS PRESIDENT BELIEVES IN PARTITION

WASHINGTON, May 7. (JTA) -- Rabbi Samuel Thurman, of the United Hebrew Temple St. Louis, discussed Palestine with President Truman today and said he was "very much encouraged" as a result of the talk. He told reporters that he did not think the President had really departed from partition as the ultimate solution for the Palestine problem.

In response to questions, Rabbi Thurman said he thought the Jewish State could be established on May 16, but said he did not know whether the United States could recognize the new state. He said he thought a declaration of independence by the new state on May 16 would put things "in focus."

Asked if he thought the President would lift the arms embargo, Rabbi Thurman said the subject did not come up, but said he thought such a move would be only fair since "we know for a fact" that the Arabs are getting arms from the British.

Thirty-six House Republicans from 15 states today wrote President Truman and the nine members of his Cabinet urging that the U.S. Government work towards establishing "a truce under fair conditions which could lead to a permanent settlement in Palestine." To obtain these objectives they urged that the U.S. Government:

1. Lift the arms embargo until the truce is obtained or until the Arab forces from neighboring states are withdrawn and "foreign arms are no longer a factor in the Palestine fighting."
2. Prepare to participate in any effective measures to protect Jerusalem and its environs and to put these areas under international control as already proposed by the U.S. representative at the U.N.
3. Support all U.N. efforts to apply such sanctions that are provided for in the Charter in order to bring about "compliance" with the General Assembly's resolution to partition Palestine.

The 36 Congressmen--substantially the same group that has several times in the past petitioned Secretary Marshall to clarify America's Palestine policy--said they were writing the letter at present because the Palestine crisis affects "so many interests vital to the U.S. and the world's hopes for peace." They said that the continued and accelerated pace of the warfare in Palestine, the reported and admitted incursions into Palestine on a large scale of non-Palestinian Arabs and the de facto establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine "required the taking of the steps they outlined."

Moshe Shertok, Jewish Agency leader, told a meeting of the United Jewish Appeal here last night that partition was the only solution to the Palestine problem. Declaring the birth of a Jewish state "is inevitable," Shertok told the 5,000 people who attended the meeting that "if the United Nations does not come to the aid of Palestine to prevent a threat to world peace, we will take up the challenge and fight alone." Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and William Rosenwald, national co-chairmen of the U.J.A., also spoke.

A rally sponsored by the American Council for Judaism here, which was attended by 300 persons, heard Kermit Roosevelt, executive director of the Committee for Justice and Peace in Palestine, charge that the Jewish Agency allocated a very small percentage of the Palestine immigration certificates to European refugees. He said the Zionists repudiated the DP's after having claimed that Zionism "would solve the DP problem." Rabbi Morris Lazaron, of Baltimore, and Irving E. Reichert, of San Francisco, were among the other speakers at the meeting.

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MS IN FOUR DP CAMPS IN ITALY JOIN HUNGER STRIKE IN PROTEST AGAINST I.R.O. ACTION

ROME, May 7. (JTA) -- Displaced Jews in four camps in Northern Italy -- Gola Cadorna, Cremona, Grigliasco and Rivoli -- today joined in a hunger strike proclaimed yesterday by Jewish DPs in a refugee center near Milan maintained by the International Refugee Organization.

The strike was called in protest against the cancellation by the I.R.O. of ration books of 500 Jewish refugees as punishment for their refusal to comply with an order to move from the center to another I.R.O. camp.

U.S. OFFICIAL DENIES DP'S ARE NO LONGER ANXIOUS TO EMIGRATE TO PALESTINE

FRANKFURT, May 7. (JTA) -- A report published in New York alleging that the majority of the displaced Jews in Germany have lost interest in Palestine because of the "uncertain future" there, and that about 80 percent of them prefer to emigrate to the United States, was denied here today.

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dr. William Haber, advisor on Jewish affairs at the U.S. military headquarters, declared that he is convinced that even under the existing unsettled conditions, the vast majority of displaced Jews in Germany and Austria would emigrate to Palestine when legal immigration is authorized.

"They are tired of endless waiting in DP camps and would gladly sacrifice temporary safety in these camps for the hazards of life in Palestine," Dr. Haber stated.

BRITAIN EXTRADITES POLISH DOCTOR WHO TORTURED JEWISH WOMEN AT OSWIECIM CAMP

LONDON, May 7. (JTA) -- The British Government agreed today to extradite Dr. Wladislaw Nehring, Polish war criminal, who, as Nazi-appointed chief surgeon at Oswiecim, is allegedly responsible for performing 18,000 "experimental operations" on the camp's inmates, most of whom were Jewish women.

After the war, Nehring joined Gen. Anders' Polish army in Italy and later arrived in England as an army physician. He was arrested in 1947 following publication of the U.N. War Commission list of unapprehended war criminals. He is wanted not only in Poland but also in France and Czechoslovakia.

QUESTION OF SABBATH OBSERVANCE IMPEDES MERGER OF LEADING JEWISH GROUPS IN POLAND

WARSAW, May 7. (JTA) -- Negotiations for a merger of the Central Jewish Committee and the Federation of Jewish Communities of Poland hit a snag today when the Central Committee declined to accept the principle of Sabbath observance, offered by the Chief Rabbinate, an affiliate of the Federation, as one of five points to be discussed during the current talks. The Committee, however, has accepted in principle the other four points. They are:

1. Kosher food shall be served in all Committee-sponsored kitchens; 2. Autonomy for all religious children's homes shall be preserved; 3. Financial independence for the Federation; 4. Continuation of the "Talmud Torah" method in the country's Jewish educational system.

A spokesman for the two organizations announced today that agreement had been reached on the questions of restitution of Jewish communal real property; the exhumation of Jewish martyrs and their reburial in Jewish cemeteries; and the provision of adequate supervision for Jewish burial places. He pointed out that the purpose of the merger discussions is to set up a unified Jewish representative body.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD OPENS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO; LAUDED BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN

CHICAGO, May 7. (JTA) -- "Admiration of the high character" of the work conducted by the National Jewish Welfare Board was expressed today by President Truman in a message to the annual conference of the organization which opens here tomorrow at the Hotel Stevens. Delegates from 314 Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWHA's, as well as representatives of the agency's 282 Army-Navy committees, will attend.

The President's message, addressed to Frank L. Weil, president of the J.W.B., hailed the Jewish Community Center movement as a "magnificent symbol of service." This movement, he said, is "in effect a trusteeship, and the Jewish Welfare Board has splendidly borne the burdens and carried the responsibilities inherent in a proper fulfillment of that trust."

President Truman also praised the two-fold service conducted by the Jewish Welfare Board--"service in the realms of recreation, culture and morale to the 500,000 young people and adults who find Jewish Community Center an attractive and helpful institution, and of continued service, as well, to the men and women wearing the uniform of the United States and to hospitalized veterans."

The major business before the conference will be to formulate a statement of principles on the aims and objectives of a Jewish Community Center. Another important subject on the meeting's agenda is the question of the new responsibilities which the J.W.B. may be required to undertake in view of possible enactment of selective or universal training legislation. The J.W.B. is officially authorized by the government to serve the religious, recreational and morale needs of Jewish servicemen and women in military installations and Veterans Administration hospitals.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE CONFERENCE ENDS; RE-ELECTS STEINBRINK NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

LOS ANGELES, May 7. (JTA) -- Justice Steinbrink, of New York, was re-elected national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League today at the closing session of the organization's three-day annual meeting here at which a broad program for combating bigotry and prejudice in the United States was presented to the 500 delegates.

Pointing out that "excellent as the Bill of Rights is, it is not self-enforcing," Justice Steinbrink, who has served as head of the A.D.L. since 1936, stressed that "bigotry has injured and still injures in the most tragic way more people more seriously than forest fires or train wrecks or hurricanes or floods."

Benjamin R. Epstein, who was re-elected secretary and national director of the organization, asserted that anti-Semitism cannot be fought merely by pronouncements that "democracy is good, or that Protestants, Catholics and Jews must work together. We must go further than that. We must show specific cases in which democracy is falling down."

Posing the question on "how shall we combat anti-Semitism today?" Epstein said: "Obviously the soundest method of all is to fight for a healthy society, full employment, adequate higher education and ample housing. Where there is scarcity and men must compete desperately for the basic necessities of life, minorities are bound to be at the mercy of those who stir up hatred and fear."

Judge David Rose, chairman of the A.D.L.'s civil liberties committee, charged that many Americans had begun to look "with an unjaundiced eye" on anti-Semitic prejudices expressed by public figures; that certain universities were still discriminating against Jewish students and that there was a continuing influx into the U.S. of alien fascists and Nazis.

Others re-elected today to A.D.L. posts include Jacob Olson, treasurer, and Richard E. Goodstadt, executive vice-chairman.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS URGES U.S. GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE JEWISH STATE MAY 16

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the United States to extend formal recognition to the Jewish state in Palestine, which will be proclaimed May 16, was adopted here last night at a meeting of the executive committee of the American Jewish Congress.

Describing the present United Nations deliberations at Lake Success as "a futile and last-minute effort to thwart the establishment of the Jewish state on the eve of the fulfillment of the age-old aspiration of our people," the resolution urged the U.S. Government, in granting recognition to the Jewish state, "to render it, in a spirit of fellowship and cooperation, all assistance in establishing itself, in equality and dignity, among the democratic nations of the world."

CANADIAN ZIONIST COUNCIL WARNS AGAINST SUPPORTING "MAPLE LEAF LEGION FOR PALESTINE"

MONTREAL, May 7. (JTA) -- The Canadian League for a Free Palestine was sharply criticized today by the United Zionist Council of Canada, meeting here, for announcing the formation of a "Maple Leaf Legion for Palestine."

"We are most anxious that the Canadian public be made aware that the Maple Leaf Legion has not been authorized and does not have the support of any representative Zionist body," the resolution said. "We, therefore, find it necessary to repeat previous warnings to Canadian Zionists against the desirability of lending any support to dissident and divisive movements which can only lead to confusion."

FREEDMAN TELLS COURT OF HIS EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE 52 CONGRESSMEN AGAINST ZIONISM

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- Benjamin Freedman, founder of the League for Peace with Justice in Palestine, revealed today that, several days after the U.N. General Assembly adopted its Palestine partition decision, he addressed a private dinner of 52 Congressmen at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington on the subject of Palestine during which he outlined his group's anti-Zionist views. All expenses for the dinner were paid by him, Freedman said.

Appearing as a principal witness in a libel suit hearing brought against the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League by an attorney for the League for Peace with Justice in Palestine, Freedman said he contacted Rep. El Gossett, of Texas, early in December after the latter said on the floor of the House that that day when the U.N. partition decision was announced was "the blackest day in American history."

During today's cross-examination Freedman indulged in anti-Zionist utterances. The court asked him several times to refrain from using the term, 'Jew state,' in reference to Palestine, a term which he described as conceived by Dr. Theodore Herzl in his pamphlet, "judenstaat."

MORE THAN \$1,600,000 RAISED FOR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AT NEW YORK DINNER

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- More than \$1,000,000 was raised last night for the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York at a dinner of 300 members of the real estate industry in this area. This sum is believed to be the largest amount ever raised at such a fund-raising affair.

INTERNATIONAL PARLEY ON JEWISH SOCIAL WORK TO RESUME SESSION IN ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY, May 7. (JTA) -- The International Conference of Jewish Social Work will resume its session here on May 13 in conjunction with the forthcoming national conference of Jewish Social Welfare, it was announced here today. The parley will review problems of Jewish migration, overseas relief, personnel needs, the U.N. appeal for children and reports on Jewish social welfare programs abroad.

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