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LAST MINUTE NEWSRYOK CABLES TO U.N. CHARGES AGAINST BRITAIN; SAYS ARABS GOT ARMS FROM ENGLAND

LAKE SUCCESS, May 19. (JTA) -- Charges that Britain supplied the Arab coun-
tries with guns and ammunition although the British were aware of their intention to
invade Israel were made today by Moshe Shertok, Israel's Foreign Minister, in a cable
sent from Tel Aviv to the United Nations. The message, addressed to U.N. Secretary
General Trygve Lie reads:

"From documentary evidence received by us it appears that arrangements were
made by British authorities to ship a considerable quantity of military equipment to
the Arab Legion, timed so as to reach Transjordan on May 14 and May 15 coincident with
expiration of the Mandate. Transported on three vessels from Suez to Akaba, the
equipment comprises petrol, and more than 255 tons of guns and other ammunition and
was carried out with full knowledge of British intelligence of the activities and in-
tentions of the Arab Legion."

The American Zionist Emergency Council today asked the U.S. Government to de-
ny Britain funds which aid the Arabs in their war against Israel. "The time has come
for the United States to deny to Britain the means to supply Arab aggressors," the
Council declared in commenting on the British Foreign Office's announcement that the
British Government will continue to supply arms, money and officers to the Transjor-
dan Arab Legion and to the armies of other Arab states.

ARABS CAPTURE NEW POSITION IN JERUSALEM; ISOLATE HEBREW UNIVERSITY AND HOSPITAL

TEL AVIV, May 19. (JTA) -- The Haganah announced tonight that the Transjordan
Arab Legion had captured the Sheikh Jarrah quarter of Jerusalem, isolating the Hebrew
University and Hadassah Hospital.

GOLDA MEIRSON IS FIRST PASSENGER TO REACH U.S. FROM ISRAEL; BRINGS REPORT TO U.S. JEWRY

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- "Israel is confident of victory," Mrs. Golda Meir-
son said today upon arrival at La Guardia Field, as the first person from the state of
Israel to reach the United States since the proclamation of Jewish statehood.

Mrs. Meirson, who is a member of the Provisional Government Council of Is-
rael, was here to report on American Jews on the current situation in the Jewish
state. She left Tel Aviv after Arab air raids began there last Saturday. Mrs. Meir-
son will address United Jewish appeal gatherings during her stay here. "The Jews
are confident in a matter of weeks if they were provided with sufficient arms
they will win at the airport."

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HAGANAH BREAKS THROUGH ENCIRCLED OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM; CAPTURES SARAFAND

TEL AVIV, May 19. (JTA)--The 1,500 beleaguered Jews in the Old City of Jerusalem today received a supply of urgently-needed food, water and medical supplies, when Jewish army units battling Arab Legionnaires broke through the Arab ring around the area and later joined forces with the several hundred Haganah defenders within the Old City's confines.

Jewish units today captured Sarafand, formerly the biggest British military base in Palestine. Several months ago, the Jews had offered to buy the camp from the British for \$2,400,000, but at the last minute the British backed out and turned the camp over to the Arab Legion. The camp, of tremendous military strategic importance, is located between Lydda airport and Tel Aviv and controls the main highways from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and from Tel Aviv to Egypt.

Four Arab aircraft raided Tel Aviv again today, dropping some bombs and causing slight damage. Many Jews here today demanded that Israeli planes bomb Arab cities in retaliation for yesterday's bombing of a bus terminal during the rush hour in which 41 Jewish civilians, including women and children, were killed and 65 were wounded.

Jewish Settlements Bombed and Shelled; Enemy Plane Shot Down

Jewish settlements in the Jordan Valley were raided from the air today and hit by 25-pound shells. Haganah reported that one of the enemy planes was shot down. The former Arab village of Kankabilhaus, now in Haganah hands, was heavily shelled by Arab forces, but the Arabs were repulsed with 30 of the attackers killed.

Irgun forces fighting for the strategic Arab city of Ramleh issued a communique today reporting that the "Jewish offensive is continuing and a heavy battle is in progress." Precise information on this fighting area is not available here.

Haganah said today that all Jews have been evacuated safely from the isolated Har Tuv settlement in the Judean Hills. Jewish settlements in the Negev area are under heavy Egyptian Army shelling, Haganah reported, with shells hitting the colonies at the "rate of one per minute." The southern Jewish settlement of Negba was raided by planes this morning, but no casualties or damage were reported.

Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok told a news conference today that recognition of Israel by the United States and the Soviet Union has "opened the door to aid to our struggle." He pointed out that President Chaim Weizmann had made a substantial contribution in bringing about U.S. recognition of the Jewish state.

It was reliably reported here today that a Soviet charge d'affaires will arrive in Israel next week. The Soviet Union, according to this report, will set consulates in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa.

ATTEMPTS TO FORESTALL EFFECTIVE U.N. ACTION TO HALT ARAB-JEWISH WAR

LAKE SUCCESS, May 19. (JTA) -- Britain today threw her support behind Arab efforts to forestall effective Security Council action to halt the Arab-Jewish war when Alexander Cadogan, head of the British delegation at the United Nations, warned the Council that his government cannot agree to the invocation of Article 39 of the U.N. Charter, which could lead to economic and military sanctions against the Arab states.

Cadogan did not say whether Britain would abstain in the final vote, but as a member of the Big Five, a British "no" vote would have to be considered as a veto. He insisted that the Council should confine itself at this stage to working for truce in Jerusalem. He also called for the prompt appointment of a U.N. mediator by the Big Five committee of the General Assembly. Cadogan said that Israel had been set up as a unilateral act and charged that the Jews were no less responsible for the present fighting than the Arab League states.

"If our attention is focused on certain moves by Arab states, what do we think of the Jewish attack on Jaffa, to mention only one incident," Cadogan said. He supported the idea of a "cease-fire" but opposed issuing a stand-fast order. The British delegate introduced a series of amendments to the proposed U.S. resolution and suggested the substituting by the U.S. of a new preamble which calls for the clarification of the present juridical status of Palestine.

U.S. Delegate Opposes Britain's Move; Insists on Decision Invoking Sanctions

U.S. delegate Warren R. Austin rejected Cadogan's proposed amendments which, he said, in spite of their surface resemblance to the language of his own resolution, are "essentially different." The Security Council, Austin said, has a duty in Palestine which it cannot evade or avoid. He pointed out that the British amendments would rule out any effective U.N. action against a threat to the peace or breach of the peace.

Referring to Cadogan's concern about which of the parties was primarily responsible for the present warfare, Austin declared that it is not necessary to decide who is more the aggressor and who is less. "It is the fact that aggression is going on which has to be faced," Austin said.

As the session progressed it became apparent that Austin was fighting a losing struggle. Belgium, which had been counted upon to support the U.S. draft, came out firmly in favor of the British amendments. Austin conceded that the declarations by Egypt and Transjordan were "very serious events." But the Belgian delegate declared that "the mere fact that the army of one country has crossed the frontiers of another country does not necessarily constitute a threat to the peace or a breach of the peace."

Major Aubrey Eban of the Jewish Agency, recalling the "soothing assurances" of the Egyptian delegate that his country was moving into Palestine, but not to attack "anyone or anything," pointed to the bombing of Tel Aviv yesterday in which, he said, Egyptian attacks had caused 100 casualties. He urged the Council to act promptly against the aggression since it had sufficient official information including "frank confessions of aggression" from the leaders of the Arab states themselves.

Dr. T.F. Tsiang of China also opposed the United States resolution, preferring the British formula. Any action by the Security Council to declare the Arab invasions a breach of world peace would lead, he warned, to the eventual use of armed force against them. "This would amount to armed force in favor of partition rather than armed force to maintain simple peace," he declared, "and that is my major objection to the United States resolution." The session will resume tomorrow morning.

BOOK ASKS BRITAIN TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL; REQUEST IS BEING STUDIED, FOREIGN OFFICE SAYS

LONDON, May 19. (JTA)--Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok of Israel has formally requested British recognition of the new Jewish state, a Foreign Office spokesman declared today. The government is studying the request, the spokesman added.

Britain will not depart from its treaty obligations to Transjordan, the spokesman declared, unless the United Nations finds Transjordan guilty of aggression or violating the U.N. Charter. The British Government will in the meanwhile continue to supply officers to Transjordan to help train its Arab Legion, and will continue to sell arms and provide its regular subsidy to the Amman government.

According to the latest information, the spokesman stated, one Arab Legion company has failed to leave Palestine on schedule--last Saturday when the Mandate terminated--because it was engaged in a battle with the Kfar Etzion settlers. Forty British officers are serving at present with the Legion, he declared.

BEVIN URGES BRITISH DOMINION GOVERNMENTS TO WITHHOLD RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

LONDON, May 19. (JTA)--An urgent plea to withhold their recognition of the state of Israel has been addressed to the British Dominions by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, it was learned here today from unimpeachable sources.

According to these sources, Bevin argued earnestly in his communication to the governments of Canada, the Union of South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and the Irish Free State that recognition by all or any of them would hamper British efforts at this time to persuade the Arab armies, particularly that of King Abdullah of Transjordan, to refrain from invading additional parts of Jewish Palestine.

The note to the Dominions, it was stated, cited the "delicate British position" with respect to this country's Middle Eastern allies, insofar as the new state of Israel is concerned. The note is reported to have added that "present accomplished facts" would not render the British situation any easier if the Jews and Arabs could not get together.

MORRISON ADDRESSES LABOR PARTY ON JEWISH NATIONAL HOME; AVOIDS REFERENCE TO ISRAEL

SCARBOROUGH, England, May 19. (JTA)--Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison, addressing the annual convention of the British Labor Party here, today touched upon the Palestine question. He carefully avoided mentioning the establishment of the state of Israel and continued to use the term "Jewish National Home." He was also careful not to commit the British Government on its attitude towards the Arab invasion.

Appealing to Jews and Arabs "in Palestine and in the Middle East" to try and come together, Morrison said that organized British labor had always been in favor of the establishment of "a Jewish National Home." He went out of his way to praise the socialistic spirit of the Jewish agricultural settlements, declaring that while on a visit to Palestine he was impressed with the achievements of the Jews there.

"The Labor Party, including myself, has always been keen, sympathetic and enthusiastic in advocating the establishment of a Jewish Home in Palestine," the Deputy Prime Minister and leader of the Laborites, asserted. "That we have always said; that we still say. We hope that successful establishment of a Jewish Home in Palestine may come about when the present troubles are passed. We have worked for it, we have advocated it, and we have no reason to think otherwise than what we formally thought about it," he stated.

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SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION ON ISRAEL WILL DETERMINE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO POLICY, MARSHALL SAYS

WASHINGTON, May 19. (JTA)--Secretary of State George C. Marshall told his press conference today that the United States was waiting to see what the attitude of the U.N. Security Council will be with regard to the situation in Palestine before any announcement can be made regarding the lifting or modification of the Palestine arms embargo.

Replying to a question about the status of studies being made in this country on lifting the arms embargo, Marshall said that this government has the matter under consideration, adding that the U.S. must also consider the attitude of the Security Council in making its decision. He refused to elaborate further on his statement regarding the Security Council.

Asked if there was anything that could be said on the matter of exchanging diplomatic representatives with the Provisional Government of Israel, Secretary Marshall replied that the question has not come up yet.

FRANCE PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE DE FACTO ISRAEL GOVERNMENT; ANNOUNCEMENT EXPECTED HOURLY

PARIS, May 19. (JTA)--Under-Secretary of State Pierre Abelin announced today that France is prepared to recognize the de facto Israel Government within a matter of hours. He made this announcement after a Cabinet meeting this morning which reviewed all aspects of the Palestine problem.

(At Lake Success, a spokesman for the French delegation confirmed the U.T.A. cable from Paris, adding that French recognition of Israel may be announced even before the next regular meeting of the Cabinet.)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND YUGOSLAVIA ANNOUNCE THEIR OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

PRAGUE, May 19. (JTA)--The Czechoslovak Government has extended de jure recognition to the state of Israel, it was announced here today. The announcement followed a discussion yesterday by the Cabinet of the Israeli Government's request for formal recognition.

Belgrade Radio, monitored here, announced today that the Yugoslav Government has officially recognized the state of Israel.

URUGUAY AND NICARAGUA RECOGNIZE ISRAEL; ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ASKED TO FOLLOW SUIT

BUENOS AIRES, May 19. (JTA) -- Both the Uruguayan and Nicaraguan Governments have extended official recognition to Israel, it was reported here today. President Luis Battle Berres of Uruguay is expected to sign the recognition decree this afternoon. Guatemala granted official recognition to Israel shortly after the proclamation of statehood.

A resolution calling on the Argentine Government to grant recognition to the state of Israel was introduced today in Congress by the Radical Party. Meanwhile, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry, today sent a congratulatory message to Dr. Chaim Weizmann hailing his election to the Presidency of the Provisional Government.

ISRAELI JEWS EN ROUTE TO HOMELAND HELD BY GREEK OFFICIALS AFTER STOPPING IN ATHENS

ATHENS, May 19. (JTA)--A group of 30 Israeli Jews en route to the Jewish Agency, who made a brief stop here today, have been detained by Greek officials because their papers are not in order, it was announced here. Local officials have appealed to the Greek Foreign Office to free the Jews and their papers shortly.

JEWS IN AUSTRIA WITHDRAW REQUESTS FOR U.S. VISAS; NOW WISH TO GO TO ISRAEL

VIENNA, May 19. (JTA)--Displaced Jews in Austria who had previously registered for immigration to the United States and other countries today began to withdraw their applications, explaining that they now wish to go to the Jewish state of Israel. Unemployment in DP camps in Austria is at an all-time high as reports of the Arab-Jewish fighting are receiving hourly and camp inmates speculate as to their chances for swift immigration to the Jewish State.

Col. Harold Brotherton, chief of the Displaced Persons Division of the U.S. Armed Forces in Austria, announced here today that the American Army will not hinder displaced Jews leaving Austria, but stressed that the task of transferring them to Israel must be accomplished by such agencies as the International Refugee Organization and the Jewish Agency.

Most Jewish refugees in this country expect to leave Austria during the coming summer, a Jewish Agency spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. The Jewish Agency, he said, is preparing the necessary passports and visas for future Jewish immigrants to Israel. These will be distributed immediately after the Austrian Government extends official recognition to Israel.

Meanwhile, nearly all Austrian Jews who returned here from Palestine have informed the Jewish Agency office that they now wish to return to Israel, since they have achieved the purpose of their return, namely, the restitution of their Nazi-confiscated property. Three hundred Austrian Jews have already registered for immigration to Israel.

An Austrian Government official said that Austria has not yet received official notification from Tel Aviv of the establishment of Israel. The question of recognition, he stated, will be considered when such a request is received. He emphasized, however, that any decision by the government would have to pass through the Allied Control Council.

It was reliably learned today that Jewish refugees in Austria will have to wait several months until legal shipping facilities for them to Israel are ready. Jewish leaders point out that Haganah is thus deprived of some 1,000 reinforcements.

AMERICANS GET FIRST ISRAELI VISAS IN ITALY; ELEVEN ISRAEL-BOUND PLANES GROUND

ROME, May 19. (JTA)--Two Americans, Isler Solomon and his wife, today received the first Hebrew-printed visas to Israel issued in this country. Signed by Arle Stern, Jewish Agency representative in Italy, the visas were inserted into the Solomons' American passports. They will leave shortly for Tel Aviv where Solomon will conduct several concerts.

Celebrations marking the establishment of Israel are continuing in various parts of Italy. The British consul in Bari celebrated the Israeli proclamation of statehood at a Jewish gathering there today. Rabbi I.M. Levin, Minister without Portfolio in the Israeli Cabinet, stopped off here today en route to New York, becoming the first Israeli Minister to visit Italy.

Eleven planes believed to be en route to Israel were grounded by Italian officials yesterday after their papers were found not to be in order. They stopped at the Ciampino airport near here yesterday and today. Other planes, whose papers were in order, were allowed to proceed to their destination. Two or three planes, mostly from Western European countries, have passed through Rome daily en route to Israel since the British Mandate terminated.

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SPECIAL AIR MAIL SERVICE TO ISRAEL SET UP IN NEW YORK; ALL MAIL TO GO BY CHARTERED PLANE

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA)--The formation of a special air mail service to Israel was announced here today by Palestine Emergency Deliveries, set up by a group of Zionist organizations. The service will provide postal service--at the sender's request--to Israel on the following conditions:

Sealed letters addressed to individuals residing in Israel must be affixed with the necessary U.S. postage. An additional charge of 25 cents per half ounce must be paid in coin or postal money order. The sealed letter, plus the service charge, should be addressed in another envelope to Palestine Emergency Deliveries, 60 East 66 St., New York City 21. All mail will be flown to Israel by chartered plane. Regular mail service with the Jewish community of Israel has been unavailable since May 1.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS GREET ISRAEL WITH SOUNDING OF SHOFAR; PLEDGE SUPPORT TO STATE

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, May 19. (JTA)--Scenes rarely witnessed in this country marked the celebration last night of the establishment of Israel. All synagogues were crowded at special thanksgiving services, while at the chief Weinman St. Synagogue the Shofar was sounded amid expressions of solidarity and support for the new Jewish state.

A torchlight procession organized by the South African Zionist Youth Council made its way from the main synagogue to a mass demonstration at the local City Hall where the Israeli flag was unfurled. Speakers urged the Union of South Africa to recognize the infant state, pointing to the traditional friendship that has always existed between South Africa and the Jews of Palestine.

OVERFLOW RALLY OF NETHERLANDS JEWS HAILS ISRAEL; ARTISTS OFFER WORKS TO NEW STATE

AMSTERDAM, May 19. (JTA)--An overflow crowd of thousands jammed a Salute to Israel rally here today to express support for the new Jewish state. Speakers included all Jewish leaders in the Netherlands, with Chief Rabbi Edersheim offering special prayers for the success of Israel.

Congratulatory messages were received at the meeting from Indonesian and other groups in Holland. The Association of Dutch Artists offered to contribute one work of each member to the Tel Aviv art gallery, while hopes for cultural exchanges between Israel and the Netherlands were expressed by leaders in the various fields of art.

FRENCH JEWS HAIL ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL; SEND MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO ISRAELI GOVERNMENT

PARIS, May 19. (JTA)--The establishment of Israel was marked here last night at a monster demonstration attended by more than 30,000 persons. Berl Locker, Marc Yarbhum and Maurice Fischer, newly-appointed Israeli representative to France, were among the speakers. A message of felicitations and support for the Israeli Government was sent to Tel Aviv today by the Jewish Consistory of France.

HUNGARIAN ZIONISTS HOLD MEETING TO PREPARE FOR MASS RALLY TO GREET NEW JEWISH STATE

BUDAPEST, May 19. (JTA)--The Zionist Federation of Hungary today held a special meeting of party and youth leaders in preparation for a larger meeting to celebrate the proclamation of Israel and the formation of a Provisional Jewish Government. The date of the mass meeting has not yet been announced.

JEWISH SOCIAL WELFARE CONVENTION URGES MAXIMUM ADMISSION OF DP'S TO UNITED STATES

ATLANTIC CITY, May 19. (JTA)--A resolution calling for the admission of a maximum number of displaced persons to the United States on a non-discriminatory basis was adopted here today at the closing session of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare which was attended by 1,000 delegates.

Other resolutions pledged full support to the new Jewish state and commended President Truman for his swift recognition of the Israel Government, urged the passage of legislation to ensure the establishment of a permanent F.E.P.C. and approved the extension of the social security system. Samuel Levine, of Chicago, was elected president of the Conference, succeeding Louis Sobel, of New York. Herbert E. Aptekar was elected secretary and Max Engler treasurer.

OUTLAWING OF GROUPS ADVOCATING RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION ASKED IN ENGLAND

SCARBOROUGH, England, May 19. (JTA)--A resolution which expresses "grave alarm" at the growth of fascist activity and anti-Semitic propaganda in England was today placed before the annual Labor Party conference taking place here.

The resolution asserts that to "passively" allow fascist activities to continue is a "betrayal of the ideas for which the last war was fought and for which so many gave their lives." It also calls on the government to "render criminal propagation by writing or from political or public platform" defamatory statements based on race, color or creed. It also urges that any organization which "propagates racial or religious hatred and discrimination" be declared illegal.

BOGOTA JEWS SUFFERED \$3,500,000 IN PROPERTY LOSS IN RECENT RIOTS, SURVEY ESTABLISHES

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA)--A detailed report received here today by Dr. Joseph Grutzendler, Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Bogota who is now visiting the United States, reveals that the extent of property damage suffered by the Jewish community in the Colombian capital during the recent anti-government demonstrations was not \$500,000, as reported last month, but \$3,500,000.

Dr. Grutzendler reported that relief measures are currently being extended the Colombian Jewish community by the local Joint Distribution Committee office, under the direction of Ben Zion Halevy, head of the J.D.C. operations in Latin America. An emergency aid committee set up by Dr. Maxim Yagupsky, of the American Jewish Committee office in Buenos Aires, has merged with the J.D.C. group, Dr. Grutzendler said.

JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION PRESENTS ARGENTINA WITH LAND TO TRAIN FARMERS

BUENOS AIRES, May 19. (JTA)--The Jewish Colonization Association (ICA) has presented the Buenos Aires Provincial Government with a gift of 750 acres of land located near the town of Rivera, to enable the authorities to construct an agricultural-training school on the plot, it was announced here today. Several Jewish families are at present living in the town.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY VOTES TO UNDERTAKE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE OF MEMBERS TO ISRAEL

CHICAGO, May 19. (JTA)--A proposal that an annual pilgrimage to the state of Israel be undertaken by members of the Rabbinical Assembly of America was adopted today at the closing session of the organization's annual convention here. Rabbi David Aronson, of Minneapolis, was elected president, succeeding Rabbi Israel Goldman, of Providence, R.I.

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