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ARAB STATES SABOTAGE SECURITY COUNCIL'S CEASE-FIRE ORDER; DEMAND EXTENSION

LAKE SUCCESS, May 24. (JTA) -- While Israel has accepted the Security Council's cease-fire request, which was to have taken effect this afternoon, the Arab League states are continuing to sabotage the U.N.'s peace efforts by demanding a 36-hour extension of the deadline set last Saturday.

Faris el Khoury of Syria made the request this afternoon to Council President Alexandre Parodi of France, claiming that the Arabs require additional time for consultation. (In London a Foreign Office spokesman announced that the British Government has decided to support the Arab states' demand for a 36-hour extension of the Security Council's cease-fire order. A report received in London from Cairo said that the U.S. and British Governments have appealed to the Egyptian Government to abide by the cease-fire order.)

Late this afternoon the Council received a message from Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok declaring that half an hour after the expiration of the cease-fire deadline Lebanese artillery opened fire on the Jewish settlement of Ramath Haphtali.

A spokesman here for the state of Israel said the Arabs were stalling to gain time for their efforts "to capture the Old City of Jerusalem and to influence the military position in general." He added that it is "fantastic that anyone should ask the Security Council to sanction another 36 hours of murder in Palestine," pointing out that Thomas C. Wasson, U.S. Consul General and a member of the Security Council's Truce Commission in Jerusalem, had been "killed by Arab bullets in the last 36 hours."

### U.S. May Reopen Question of Sanctions If Arabs Refuse to Cooperate

The United Nations flag fluttered at half-mast here today in memory of the two American consular officials killed in Jerusalem as the American delegation prepared to demand strong action rather than more resolutions to halt the war in Palestine. A spokesman for the U.S. delegation confirmed that Senator Warren Austin will call upon the Council to reopen the whole question of military and economic sanctions against the Arab League if the Arab states do not comply with the request issued on Saturday. The spokesman said Austin and Council President Parodi had agreed to wait until a full report is available from the Truce Commission in Jerusalem.

The Council today received an appeal transmitted by the Truce Commission in Jerusalem from two Jerusalem rabbis. The rabbis stated that the entire Jewish population of the Old City is faced with possible massacre and that eight Scrolls have already been destroyed by Arab soldiers. The commission also informed the Council that it required three military advisors, but not to send Britons because of the sentiment against the British.

Secretary-General Trygve Lie today cabled the Arab states, the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, the United Kingdom and the Provisional Government of Israel to send him assurances of a safe conduct by civil and military authorities for Count Folke Bernadotte, U.N. mediator for Palestine.

FLAG OF ISRAEL FLIES IN WASHINGTON TODAY AS PRESIDENT WEIZMANN VISITS TRUMAN

WASHINGTON, May 24. (JTA) -- The flag of Israel was raised in Washington tonight to honor the arrival here of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Provisional Government of Israel, for an official visit tomorrow with President Truman.

President Weizmann arrived in the Capital at 5:30 P.M. after flying down from New York. He will spend the night at Blair House, official residence for visiting dignitaries, where, for the first time in U.S. history, the Israeli flag will fly after his arrival. In addition to his appointment with President Truman tomorrow morning, Dr. Weizmann will probably confer with high State Department officials during his official stay here. Brig.-Gen. Julius Klein, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, will serve as Dr. Weizmann's military aide during the latter's visit in this country.

U.S. GOVERNMENT ASKS SIX ARAB STATES TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NATIONS CEASE-FIRE ORDER

WASHINGTON, May 24. (JTA) -- The U.S. has informed six Arab Governments that it is "gravely disturbed at the present course of developments in Palestine" and has asked each of the Arab Governments to cooperate to the fullest extent "as a fellow member of the U.N." in the cease-fire resolution adopted May 22 by the U.N. Security Council, the State Department disclosed today.

Instructions to this effect were telegraphed yesterday to the American diplomatic representatives in Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Yemen to be communicated to the head of state or foreign minister in each of the governments concerned. Similar instructions were sent to Acting Vice-Consul William C. Burdett in Jerusalem to be communicated to a representative of the government of Transjordan. The United States has no diplomatic representative in Transjordan, it was explained.

Reports circulating here today state that the U.S. is considering making a second demand to the Lebanese Government to release 41 Americans seized last week at Beirut following Lebanon's rejection of an earlier State Department note. A Department spokesman said that the Lebanese Government's reply was under "active consideration."

(A dispatch from Beirut quoted U.S. Minister Lowell Pinkerton as saying he will ask Lebanon to permit the detained Americans, all of whom are Jewish, to return to the U.S. or to go to any other country except Palestine.)

Senator William F. Knowland told the Senate today that it was time for the United Nations to demand a truce in Palestine and suggested that if the Arabs did not agree to such a truce, sanctions should be applied to the "aggressor nations."

Legislation to send military and economic assistance to Israel on the same basis as American aid to Greece will be introduced in Congress tomorrow by Rep. Jacob Javits of New York. Rep. Adolph Sabath of Illinois said he has asked the House Appropriations Committee to write safeguards into the European Recovery Program to prevent any E.R.P. funds being "used for the support of Arab nations directly or indirectly." Sabath made public the text of a letter to Committee Chairman John Taber, whose group must provide funds for the Marshall Plan, declaring that:

"I protest against the use of American funds to finance attacks on Israel by Transjordan, a British dependency. No funds should be appropriated to help slaughter innocent men, women and children. It is apparent that the American people and the Congress never intended that American funds should be used to help Arab armies wage war against the only democratic state in the Middle East."

AIR BOMBING OF TEL AVIV RESUMED; ISRAELI AIR FORCE SPEEDS UP ATTACK TEMPO

TEL AVIV, May 24. (JTA) -- After a respite of two days this week-end the quarter-million Jews of Tel Aviv were again subjected to air bombing today. Early this morning enemy Spitfires dropped eight bombs in a residential area of the city causing a number of casualties and some damage.

Meanwhile, a Haganah communique this morning indicated a speed-up in the tempo of bombings by the Israeli air force. The communique declared that Jewish bombs hit a road junction at Kuneitra, in northeastern Israel. The junction connects major roads between Damascus and Amman.

Among other points bombed by the Jews was an Arab village on the eastern shore of Lake Tiberias which was used as an Arab base for attacks on the nearby Jewish settlement of Eingebe. Further south, in the Jordan Valley, the settlement of Mahanaim was strafed by enemy fighters and a woman was killed.

The Haganah communique also spoke of Jewish operations on the Lebanese border yesterday. At Serafand an Arab hit-and-run attack was beaten off by the Jewish garrison. The Arabs opened fire with small arms from an armored car, but left as soon as the Jews replied.

Arab sources today stated that an estimated 1,500 Jews marooned in the Old City of Jerusalem were in desperate straits. They also said that another attempt last night to crash through the Zion Gate with assistance for them was beaten off by the Transjordan Arab Legion. The Legionnaires were today pictured as blasting their way from house to house in an attempt to destroy the Jews without a costly frontal attack.

Damages to Hadassah Hospital Estimated at \$12,000,000

The Arab assault on Ramath Rachel, south of Jerusalem, was still continuing today with reports of fighting within the settlement's defense perimeter. In Jerusalem the Hadassah Hospital has ceased functioning as a hospital following the destruction of many of its facilities by 15 hours of continuous shelling by Legion artillery. Dr. Eli Davis, acting medical director, estimated that at least \$12,000,000 worth of equipment and structure must be replaced before the hospital can begin functioning again. The hospital which has a normal bed capacity of 400 was operating at 105 percent of capacity during the early days of the fighting before it became a major target for the Arabs.

Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog today issued a proclamation to the Jews of Jerusalem declaring that "in this hour of mortal peril my people in Jerusalem is dedicated to its centuries-old faith in divine salvation. I am not a prophet, but faith rises from the depths of my soul and tells me that we stand on the eve of the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy," the proclamation said. "Our battle is not for conquest but for the defense of the Lord and the shrine of Israel."

Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan told a press conference here that soon the security of Israel's coastal plain will be so strong that any blockade attempt will prove unsuccessful and men and material will pour into the country from abroad. He warned that any nation which participates in a blockade of Israel's shore will be considered and treated as an enemy. He also revealed that half of the first international loan of \$20,000,000 has already been subscribed.

Another government spokesman told foreign correspondents that Israel will protect all accredited correspondents. The statement was made following yesterday's threats by the Irgun against British correspondents and the demand that they be expelled as spies.

SOUTH AFRICA RECOGNIZES ISRAEL; BECOMES FIRST BRITISH COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT TO ACT

PRETORIA, May 24. (JTA) -- The Government of South Africa today recognized the Government of Israel, it was officially announced here.

Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts, life-long friend of Zionism, telegraphed his government's decision to Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok. South Africa is the first British Commonwealth to recognize the Provisional Government in Tel Aviv.

BEVIN AND AMERICAN AMBASSADOR MEET ON PALESTINE PROBLEM FOR SECOND TIME IN TWO DAYS

LONDON, May 24. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and American Ambassador Lewis Douglas met today for the second time within 48 hours. Although a Foreign Office spokesman refused to divulge the subject of their conversation, informed quarters stated that it was Palestine.

The same sources asserted that the diplomats discussed what actions their respective governments would take in the anticipated event that the Arab states refuse to obey the United Nations cease-fire order in Palestine. The Foreign Office official refused to comment on the possibility of American aid under the Marshall Plan being cut off from Britain if she continues to aid the Arabs. All he would say was that Britain had agreed to a clause in the European Relief Plan outlining the conditions under which aid would be cut off.

Meanwhile, it was learned that Bevin is scheduled to reply to two questions on the Labor Government's policy in the present Palestine situation this Wednesday in Commons. However, no comprehensive statement is expected.

CZECH-ISRAEL POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS RESUMED; JEWS HAIL RECOGNITION OF GOVERNMENT

PRAGUE, MAY 24. (JTA) -- Normal postal communications between Czechoslovakia and Israel have been resumed, the Czechoslovak Post Office announced today.

Meanwhile, Czechoslovak Zionists have sent a message to Foreign Minister Vlado Clementis thanking him for Czechoslovakia's recognition of the Jewish state. The message assured Clementis that the Czech Zionists' gratitude will find expression in an "increasing contribution to the democratic development of the Czech people's republic." A similar message was sent to Clementis by the Council of Jewish Communities of Bohemia-Moravia.

ARGENTINE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES VOTES TO POSTPONE SENDING OF GREETINGS TO ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, May 24. (JTA) -- The Argentine Chamber of Deputies today rejected a resolution introduced by Radical Deputy San Martino to "pay homage to Israel." A motion calling for postponement of an extension of greetings to the Jewish state was carried by a vote of 85 to 38. The motion states that homage will be paid to the new state "when the opportune moment" is at hand.

TURKEY EXPECTED TO BE AMONG LAST TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL; TO BE NEUTRAL IN PALESTINE WAR

ISTANBUL, May 24. (JTA) -- Turkey will probably be one of the last states to recognize Israel, informed quarters here reported today. The Turkish Government, mindful of America's immediate recognition of the new Jewish state, will follow a neutral policy with respect to the war in Palestine, although up to the present time the country's newspapers have been consistently pro-Arab, it was stated.

SULTAN OF MOROCCO BACKS ARABS IN PALESTINE; WARNS JEWISH SUBJECTS NOT TO AID ISRAEL

PARIS, May 24. (JTA) -- The Sultan of Morocco, recognized religious leader of the Arabs of French North Africa, today issued a statement expressing solidarity with the Arab cause in Palestine.

At the same time, the Sultan warned the Jews of Morocco, nominally under his political and administrative control, against supporting "Zionist aggression." He also called on his Moslem subjects not to commit acts likely to disturb public order and security. The reaction of the Sultan and other Arab leaders in various parts of North Africa is said to have caused the French hesitation in supporting partition for Palestine.

JEW APPOINTED DEPUTY MINISTER IN RUMANIA; WILL BE MEMBER OF CABINET

BUCHAREST, May 24. (JTA) -- Simon Zeigher, a Jew, has been appointed deputy minister in the Prime Minister's office, it was announced here today by the Praesidium of the Rumanian Republic.

Zeigher, whose duties will be to "coordinate the activities of the Cabinet commission for economic recovery and monetary stabilization," is the second Jew to have been appointed to the Rumanian Cabinet, the first being Anna Pauker, Foreign Minister.

BRITISH JEWS PLEDGE RAISING ADDITIONAL \$4,000,000 FOR JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

LONDON, May 24. (JTA) -- A resolution pledging the Jewish National Fund of Britain to raise an additional \$4,000,000 toward a revised 1948 goal of \$10,000,000 was adopted at two parallel meetings of the J.N.F. attended by some 800 delegates. The second meeting consisted of an overflow of delegates who could not be accommodated at the major parley.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews, at a meeting yesterday marked with the greatest degree of unity ever achieved between Zionists and non-Zionists in the organization, adopted a resolution calling on the British Government "to reverse its policy of supplying Arab states with arms and money which are being used to resist the carrying out of the United Nations decision of November last. This policy has, in contradiction of all the noble ideals for which Britain has stood in the past, culminated in an attack on the Holy City led by British officers and fed by British money and arms," the resolution continued.

The name of Rabbi Israel Brodie, senior Jewish chaplain in the British armed forces, will be submitted for election as the Chief Rabbi of the British Empire to a special conference called for May 30, it was revealed here today. Rabbi Brodie was chosen unanimously by a special committee appointed by the major Jewish religious bodies of Britain for the purpose of selecting candidates.

SEVERAL HUNDRED DISPLACED JEWS IN BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY BEGIN JOURNEY TO ISRAEL

HAMBURG, May 24. (JTA) -- Several hundred displaced Jews left the British zone of Germany today for Israel. Bearing the last of Britain's Palestine immigration certificates, the group will go to Marseilles and embark on French vessels.

J.D.C. ANNOUNCES ALLOCATION OF \$12,000 FOR JEWISH VICTIMS OF YEMEN DISORDERS

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- The extension of a provisional grant of \$12,000 for emergency aid to several thousand Jewish victims of recent riots in Yemen was announced here today by the Administration Committee of the Joint Distribution Committee.

4,000 JEWS IN VIENNA MARK ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL BY MARCH TO DR. HERZL'S GRAVE

VIENNA, May 24. (JTA) -- Nearly 4,000 Jews including a large contingent of R's today marched through the streets of Vienna to the grave of Theodor Herzl, founder of modern Zionism, in the largest public demonstration by Jews since the liberation. The ceremony marked the establishment of the state of Israel.

The parade was headed by leaders of the Vienna Jewish Community, various Zionist organizations, and representatives of the Jewish Agency and the World Jewish Congress. At the Doebling Cemetery, where Herzl's remains are buried, the Jews filed silently past the grave which was guarded by uniformed Jewish youths. In the parade the marchers carried Zionist flags and posters with slogans in Hebrew.

HUMANIAN JEWS APPEAL TO UNITED NATIONS TO HALT ARAB AGGRESSION ON ISRAEL

BUCHAREST, May 24. (JTA) -- A resolution calling on the United Nations to take immediate steps to halt the fighting in Palestine was adopted here today at a mass meeting sponsored jointly by the Democratic Jewish Committee and the Federation of Jewish Communities.

A huge crowd, including representatives of the Rumanian civil and military authorities, commemorated at Bistritza the fourth anniversary of the wholesale deportation of the Transylvanian Jews to the Auschwitz and Theresienstadt prison camps.

The procession paraded through Bistritza where a ghetto has been established since 1944. At the monument dedicated to the victims of terror, the assemblage was addressed by the district prefect, the town mayor and delegates of the army and trade unions.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT URGED TO HELP IMPLEMENT PALESTINE PARTITION DECISION BY U.N. GROUP

MONTREAL, May 24. (JTA) -- A resolution calling on the Canadian Government to help implement the U.N. Palestine partition decision was adopted here today by the United Nations Association of Canada, at its annual convention. The resolution also called on Canada to work for the "establishment of peace in Palestine through vigorous measures as outlined in the United Nations Charter."

DR. SIMON GREENBERG NAMED ACTING PRESIDENT OF JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FOR 1948-49

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Simon Greenberg, provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will be acting president of the Seminary for the academic year 1948-49, it was announced today by Alan M. Strocck, chairman of the board of directors. Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Seminary, has been granted a leave of absence to carry out further research in his rabbinic studies.

LEHMAN NAMED HONORARY PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF ALLIANCE ISRAELITE UNIVERSELLE

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman has accepted the honorary presidency of the American Friends of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, it was announced here today by the New York office of the organization. At the same time, it was made known that the Alliance is expanding its operations to all sections of the United States as well as to Central and South America.

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