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U.S. AND FRANCE BACK SOVIET ON ORDERING PALESTINE CEASE-FIRE; LEBANON ASKS CONCILIATION

LAKE SUCCESS, May 28. (JTA) -- The United States and France today rallied behind a Soviet proposal for ordering an end to the Palestine war -- backed by U.N. sanctions if necessary. The Security Council also heard an impassioned plea by Charles Malik of Lebanon for conciliation rather than coercion as the only possible foundation for lasting peace in the Middle East. Malik's declaration was the first conciliatory note yet heard from an Arab delegate at the Security Council.

The line-up within the Council was identical with that of last Saturday when a U.S. resolution, similar in all essential points to the present Soviet proposal, was defeated. Thus far the strongly-worded resolution has mustered only five votes -- two less than the requisite majority.

China and Canada today supported the resolution introduced yesterday by Sir Alexander Cadogan of Britain. The British proposal was condemned by Maj. Aubrey Eban, the Israeli representative, as "unilateral and biased" against the Jews.

Canada served notice, however, that two important changes would have to be made before it voted for the British draft. A Canadian spokesman said the delegation will insist that the ban on Jewish immigration be removed and that the embargo on arms importation into Palestine be extended to cover all the Arab states. U.S. sources intimated that if the Russian plan is defeated, America will vote for the British text, amended along the lines suggested by Canada.

Sen. Warren Austin rejected Arab excuses that they entered Palestine to suppress a Zionist rebellion and maintain peace. "It's a funny way of maintaining peace," he declared, "and it is certainly odd that five regular armies must be used to overwhelm 'terrorist bands' in that little place about the size of my native state." (Verant.) He warned the Arabs that they would not be able "to blot out the state of Israel" and called upon the Council to approve the Soviet resolution.

## Conciliation Possible Only When Battles Cease, Eban Says

In pressing for conciliation, Malik asserted that the Jews would eventually be forced to seek terms of agreement with the Arab world. Understanding and friendship with Israel's neighbors, he said, were more important than friendship anywhere else in the world. He warned the Council against acting in a punitive spirit or accepting a fait accompli. Only conciliation, Malik added, can stop the bloodshed. He also voiced a thinly-veiled threat that if the United States favors the Jews against the Arabs, America's "good friends" may have to turn elsewhere for sympathy and assistance.

Eban said the Jews of Israel desired normal relations with their Arab neighbors but maintained that "the noise of battle must be quiet before other sounds can be heard."

Alexandre Parodi of France, after citing French reports from the Truce Commission that the Holy Places are threatened with total destruction, introduced a third resolution which would order a cease-fire in Jerusalem zones to become effective at 1:00 P.M. tomorrow. If the cease-fire should be rejected, Parodi said, the Council would have no choice but to take forceful action under the terms of the U.N. Charter.

OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM FALLS TO ARABS; JEWS GAIN IN BATTLE FOR TEL AVIV HIGHWAY

TEL AVIV, May 28. (JTA) -- The Old City, ancient walled town in the center of Jerusalem in which Jews have dwelt for tens of generations, fell this afternoon to King Abdullah's Arab Legion after a siege of eleven days during which the outnumbered and outgunned Jewish defenders turned every stone and base into a sniper's post and a fortress. Jewish sources estimated that the trapped Jews numbered between 1,500 and 1,600 persons, including 300 women and children who will be turned over to the Red Cross.

The surrender negotiations were opened by two rabbis who entered the Arab lines this morning under a white flag of truce. Later, the head of the municipal government of the Jewish quarter of the Old City and two Israeli military officers entered the Legion lines to hear the surrender terms laid down by Abdullah. The young men will be interned "outside of Palestine" while the old men will be turned over to the Red Cross.

Many of the survivors are wounded and all are starved because there has been no food inside the Jewish lines for several days. Ammunition was extremely short and all Jews, concentrated in three houses, were exhausted.

Jewish sources tonight claimed substantial successes in the battle of the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway and asserted that the Arabs had suffered "fantastic" casualties. The battle, which has centered about Latrun, some 30 miles west of Jerusalem, is developing into a battle for the entire city of Jerusalem. The principal aim of the Arabs is to cut the road and starve into surrender the 90,000 Jews who control most of the new city.

Because Jewish forces in Jerusalem were pinned down by the Arabs the attempt to break through Arab concentrations along the road was initiated by Palmach units rushed up from Tel Aviv and other western areas where the fighting had died down. The Arab Legion has diverted a large number of crack troops from the Jerusalem battle and thrown them into the highway attack. Both sides are using considerable artillery and Jewish anti-aircraft fire downed an Iraqi bomber over Latrun. Several Arab villages south of Latrun have fallen to the Israelis.

Formation of the Israel Defense Army, composed of land, sea and air forces, was decreed today by the Israeli Government at a special meeting of the Provisional Government Council. The decree forbids the existence of any other armed Jewish forces outside this army. It also provides for conscription for all three branches of the service, the government to determine which age groups are to be called up.

Britain Accused of Imposing Economic Sanctions Against Israel

The charge that the British Government is imposing economic sanctions against Israel and, by blocking in London the Palestine currency's coverage as well as Palestine deposits in British banks, is endangering the Jewish state's economic structure, was made here today by David Horowitz, Under-Secretary of State for the Treasury.

The Israeli official revealed that "four foreign vessels which passed Egyptian ports with non-military cargo, chiefly foodstuffs bound for Israel, were forced to unload their cargoes, since the Egyptian Government is confiscating all Israel-bound goods." It is still uncertain what countermeasures will be taken by the Israeli Government, as well as by the shipowners, he added.

Plans for the development of the Israeli merchant marine were reviewed by Horowitz, who said that several vessels, including passenger ships, are already operating under the new state's flag.

MARSHALL WELCOMES ISRAEL INTO COMMUNITY OF NATIONS; 41 SEIZED JEWS TO RETURN TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 28. (JTA) -- Secretary of State George C. Marshall, in a message to the Provisional Government of Israel released here today, said he welcomes the new state into "the community of nations" and expressed the hope that Israel "will cooperate with the United Nations" in peace endeavors for the Middle East. The letter, which was addressed to Eliahu Epstein, Israeli Minister in Washington, reads:

"It is the hope of the United States Government that the efforts of the United Nations to bring about conditions of peace in Palestine will be successful and that Israel will cooperate with the United Nations in these endeavors.

"I extend to Israel the felicitations of the United States Government and express the hope that Israel will be able to look forward to long years of tranquility, prosperity and honor as one of the community of nations."

The 41 American Jews seized by Lebanese authorities when their ship, the U.S.-owned Marine Carp, docked at Beirut last week, are "willing" to return to the United States directly under conditions imposed by the Lebanese Government, State Department press officer Michael J. McDermott said today. The State Department is aiding in arrangements for their return, he told a press conference.

McDermott also reported that the United States Government still has had no replies from the Egyptian or Syrian Governments in answer to an American protest against the maritime blockade which the two governments imposed off the coast of Palestine.

The United States based its embargo on shipment of arms to the Middle East on a resolution passed by the U.N. General Assembly on May 15, 1947, calling on all nations "to refrain from the threat of use of force or any other action which might create an atmosphere prejudicial to an early settlement of the question of Palestine," Presidential secretary Charles G. Ross said today.

Ross made the statement in response to questions for clarification of President Truman's statement yesterday that the United Nations had requested the arms embargo. What the President "particularly had reference to," Ross stated, was a resolution of the Security Council issued on April 17, 1948, based on Chapter six of the United Nations Charter. Article three of that resolution called upon all member nations to refrain from sending arms and war materials to the Middle East, Ross pointed out. "The United States abided by that U.N. request," he said.

ARTHUR LOURIE NAMED ISRAEL CONSUL-GENERAL IN NEW YORK; WILL ALSO DIRECT U.N. OFFICE

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- Arthur Lourie, formerly director of the local office of the Jewish Agency, was today named Israeli Consul-General in New York. He will also direct the Israeli Government's U.N. office at Lake Success.

Lourie has served as liaison between the Jewish Agency and the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine and has represented the Agency on other occasions. He is a native of South Africa.

GROUP OF IRISH VETERANS OF PALESTINE POLICE FORCE OFFER SERVICES TO JEWISH STATE

DUBLIN, May 28. (JTA) -- A group of 30 young Irishmen, many of whom served formerly as police constables in Palestine, have offered their services to the Israeli Government, it was revealed here today. Jewish leaders have informed them that they have received no instructions from the Jewish state's officials on such voluntary enlistments, but promised to notify them as soon as instructions are received from Tel Aviv.

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BEVIN REPORTED PROPOSING NEW PALESTINE PARTITION PLAN TO U.S.; WANTS NEGEV FOR ARABS

LONDON, May 28. (JTA) -- Reports that Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin has presented a new proposal to the U.S. Government for a negotiated settlement between Jews and Arabs were circulating here today. The plan is said to be based on the principle of partition, but differs from the United Nations partition-allotted territory for the Jewish and Arab states.

Under the terms of this new proposal, according to reliable informants, the Negev would be given to the Arabs, the Western Galilee to the Jews while Jerusalem would be internationalized.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office announced today that Britain is considering action on the Arab states' maritime blockade of Palestine. The announcement followed the disclosure that a British vessel, the S.S. Richard Borchard, had been seized by Egyptian authorities at Alexandria. The vessel was en route to Israel with a cargo of foodstuffs.

A spokesman for the Foreign Office, explaining the order issued yesterday "withdrawing" 21 British officers from service with the Transjordan Legion, asserted today that the Britons would be withdrawn from Palestine only and would be allowed to continue training Legion troops in Transjordan.

The British Trades Union Congress today received a message from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, urging the British to withdraw their support of the Arabs warring against Israel. The message emphasized that the A.F.L. endorsed the creation of the Jewish state.

SO. AFRICAN NATIONALISTS, VICTORIOUS IN ELECTIONS, ABSTAIN FROM ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

JOHANNESBURG, May 28. (JTA) -- The national elections in South Africa, which resulted in the resignation today of Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts following the loss of his seat in Parliament, were not marked by any anti-Semitic propaganda, despite the fact that the National Party which came out the victor in Tuesday's elections, has preached anti-Jewish doctrines, especially during the years when Hitler was in power in Germany.

Until last October, the nationalist party openly advocated anti-Jewish discrimination in the spheres of immigration and naturalization, as well as quotas in the professions and in commerce. In October a statement was issued by Dr. Daniel Francois Malan, leader of the party, who was called today to form a new South African Government, declaring that the nationalists are not anti-Semitic and would not introduce any anti-Jewish legislation. The statement added, however, that the National Party, when coming to power, would reduce further Jewish immigration into South Africa, except for immigrants admitted for humanitarian and religious reasons.

The statement by Dr. Malan seemed to be borne out by the election campaign during which nationalist speakers abstained from denouncing Jews. Nevertheless, the Jews here, like the rest of the population, are now awaiting an official statement of the new government's plans.

Ten Jews were elected to Parliament in the national elections; nine of them are members of the United Party and one is a member of the Labor Party. Both these political groups supported Field Marshal Smuts who, only several days ago, announced the recognition of Israel by his government. The ten Jews elected include Mrs. Bertha Solomon, Morris Kentridge, Adolph Davis, Max Sonnenberg, Dr. Bernard Friedman, A. Bloomberg, A.E. Robinson, H.F. Oppenheimer and Dr. Henry Gluckman. The Laborite is H. Davidoff.

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CUBAN GOVERNMENT SUSPENDS ISSUANCE OF ALL IMMIGRATION VISAS; MANY JEWS AFFECTED

HAVANA, May 28. (JTA) -- The issuance of all immigration visas to Cuba has been indefinitely suspended, Dr. Gonzales Muniaz, Foreign Minister, announced today.

At the same time, the Cuban Government has cancelled visas already issued which have not yet been used. The government's action directly affects hundreds of Jews holding such visas which were obtained for them through the intervention of their relatives in Cuba.

WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY MARKS ISSUANCE OF INTERFAITH POSTAGE STAMP HONORING CHAPLAINS

WASHINGTON, May 28. (JTA) -- Ceremonies at the White House today marked the issuance of an "interfaith in action" three-cent stamp commemorating the death of four chaplains--a rabbi, a Catholic priest, and two Protestant ministers--when their ship, the Dorchester, was torpedoed in the North Atlantic on February 3, 1943.

President Truman, addressing a group of 400 persons who gathered in the White House Rose Garden for the ceremony, pointed out that three faiths had been represented in the act of heroism--the chaplains gave up their life preservers to enlist men on the sinking ship--that took place on the Dorchester. "The greatest sermon that ever was preached is right here on this stamp," he said.

Representatives of the families of the chaplains--Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Father John P. Washington, Rev. George L. Fox, and Rev. Clark V. Poling--received the first issues of the stamp from Postmaster General Jesse Donaldson.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY APPOINTS FACULTY MEMBERS; WILL OPEN IN OCTOBER WITH 135 STUDENTS

BOSTON, May 28. (JTA) -- The appointment of eight scholars to the faculty of Brandeis University at nearby Waltham, was announced here today by George Alpert, president of the Board of Trustees. The first semester will begin on October 11 with an enrollment of 135 students, the announcement said.

The eight appointees of the Jewish-sponsored, non-sectarian secular institution include Ludwig Lewisohn, noted author, who will teach comparative literature. The others are: Prof. Milton Hindus of the University of Chicago; Dr. David S. Berkowitz, associate professor of history; Dr. Osborne Earle, assistant professor of English; Mrs. Lois Rossignol, assistant professor of speech; Dr. Aron Gurwitsch, assistant professor of mathematics; Stuart A. Mayer, instructor in chemistry, and William Leibowitz, assistant librarian. Other faculty appointments will be made public soon, the announcement said.

HUNGARIAN PREMIER DECORATES JEWISH LEADERS FOR HOSPITAL RECONSTRUCTION WORK

BUDAPEST, May 28. (JTA) -- Premier Lajos Bihnyes today decorated Jewish leaders for their "meritorious and successful reconstruction achievements," especially that of the Jewish Hospital.

Lajos Stoeckler, leader of the Jewish community in Budapest, Demankos hospital director Dr. Laszlo Benešek and administrator Istvaan Groak were decorated with the Order of the Officers Cross. Albert Geyer and seven officials and doctors were awarded the Officers Cross, second class, while two others received gold medals.

MINIMUM OF \$75,000,000 NEEDED BY ISRAEL BY AUGUST 1, GOLDA MEIRSON REPORTS TO U.P.A.

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- A minimum of \$75,000,000 in cash is needed by August 1 by the state of Israel for immigration and defense, Mrs. Golda Meirson, Israeli administrator for Jerusalem and member of the Israeli Provisional Government now visiting the U.S., told the executive committee of the United Palestine Appeal here last night.

The initial requirements of refugee immigrants--food, clothing and medical attention--constitute the greatest "drain on available funds," Mrs. Meirson declared. Another urgent financial responsibility facing the Jewish state, she stated, is the extension of support to the families of men serving in the Jewish army. Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the U.P.A., revealed that 150,000 Jewish immigrants arrived in Palestine without official certification among the 530,000 Jews who entered the country since 1917.

CHURCHMAN MAGAZINE WILL AWARD CITATION TO ISRAEL DESPITE REJECTION BY REPRESENTATIVE

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- Notwithstanding Israel's rejection of a special citation awarded it by The Churchman magazine, Dr. Guy Emery Shipler, editor, said today "The Churchman will give a special citation to the new state of Israel as originally planned because the paper has long stood for the Jewish aspirations in Palestine. It will continue to give its support to an independent Israel."

The citation will be awarded at the publication's annual dinner next week by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York area of the Methodist Church. A statement issued earlier by Major Aubrey Eban, Israeli representative to the United Nations, explained that the citation was declined following reports of "controversy" about the dinner and because the state of Israel does not wish to become involved "in domestic controversial matters."

BOGOTA JEWISH COMMUNITY RECEIVES \$50,000 FROM J.D.C. TO REBUILD DESTROYED BUSINESSES

BOGOTA, Colombia, May 28. (JTA) -- The Jewish community has received a Joint Distribution Committee appropriation of \$50,000 for use in rebuilding the community's business enterprises which were destroyed in last month's anti-government riots, it was announced here today.

HENRY MORGENTHAU RECEIVES 1948 AWARD OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS FOR "SERVICE TO JEWRY"

PITTSBURGH, May 28. (JTA) -- The 1948 award for "distinguished service to Jewry" will be presented here to Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, by the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs on Sunday for his "outstanding leadership" in the U.J.A. program. Stanley Garten, honorary president of the Federation, will present the yearly award to Mr. Morgenthau at the group's annual convention.

HERMAN GILMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL OF BOSTON

BOSTON, May 28. (JTA) -- Herman Gilman, who served as chairman of the 1946 and 1947 drives of the Combined Jewish Appeal here, was today elected president of the organization, succeeding Israel Friedlander who held the post for the past two years. Gilman is also national co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal initial gifts division.

BECAUSE OF DECORATION DAY, THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON TUESDAY