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#### ISPAEL AND ARABS ACCEPT U.N. ORDER FOR FOUR-WEEKS TRUCE; NOTIFY SECURITY COUNCIL

LAKE SUCCESS, June 1. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel, and the six Arch League states which have invaded Palestine, today accepted the U.N. Security Council four-week cease-fire order, the sixth U.N. call for peace in Palestine.

The reply from the Provisional Government of Israel stated that the government had ordered the army high command to issue a cease-fire order at 3 A.M. local time (7 P.M. New York time) if the other side also holds its fire. Similarly, the Israelis agreed to accept the other obligations in the resolution -- arms embargo and halting of immigration of potential soldiers -- if the Arabs did likewise.

The Israeli communication then stated that although the Jews accepted the cease-fire without reservation, they wished to place on record "consequences" which "seem to flow naturally from the text and spirit of the resolution." The interpretation included the following points:

1. That the ban on erms importations also coverstransfer of stocks of arms owned or controlled by foreign powers within the effected territory; 2. That neither side attempts to advance beyond the points where the cease-fire finds them and that each side will maintain the position it occupies at that time; 3. That freedom of access to Jerusalem be assured for food supplies as well as civilian exit and entry; 4. That attempts to impede the normal transit of goods assigned to Israel and other states concerned will be regarded as an act of armed force; 5. That while the Israel Covernment agrees not to mobilize or train persons of military age during the four weeks, its freedom to admit immigrants, regardless of age, will not be impaired.

The Arab decision was first made known with the release of a message from the Arab League to Cherles Malit. Lebanese delegate to the U.N. which informed him that the League's Political Committee had accepted the request for a truce and that the decision would be communicated directly to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie and to the President of the Security Council. The message added that "acceptance by the Areb governments of these proposals proves once more their genuine desire to see peace restored in the Holy Land and a just solution of the Palestine problem arrived at.

The Israeli communication also asked for an opportunity, at the discretion of the Council, for the Israeli Government to explain its views crally.

Faris al Khoury of Syria will preside over the Security Council for the month of June although the Council's rules of procedure provide that if the chairman repre-Sents one of the parties in a dispute before the Council he may waive that right. El Choury indicated resterday that he would not yield the chair.

(Analyzing the military situation in Tel Aviv today, Shertok declared: "We hold both Eastern and Western Gailles. In fact, we hold the entire area of the state of Israel, set up in accordance with the partition decision, plus Western Galilee and a good part of the Jarusales road. The situation in the south is difficult; an Egyption column has made deep incursions, but we are dealing with it most effectively. Outside of the Old City we wirtually control all of the Jerusalem area.")

#### IRAHII PLANES BOMB AMMAN; EAGANAH SAYS AIRCRAFT "VERY ACTIVE": ARAB TRIANGLE RAIDED

TEL AVIV, June 1. (JTA) -- Haganah announced today that Israeli planes last night bombed military targets in Amman, Transjorden capital. This was the first time that Jewish aircraft attacked an Arab capital since the launching of nearly daily air raids on Tel Aviv on May 15.

The Haganah announcement did not elaborate on the bombing run, but Arab radio reports intercepted here stated that ten bombs weighing 50 pounds each were dropped on Amman by four single-plane flights over the city. The Arabs claimed six civilians were killed in the raid.

In Heifa, a British Army spokesman announced that Ioracli planes also bent an R.A.F. airfield near the Transjordan capital, killing 12 and wounding 30 Arabs and damaging several grounded planes.

Israeli fighters this morning took to the air to intercept Arab planes of the Tel Aviv area, a late Haganah announcement said. No further details of the action were available.

Unofficial reports circulating here indicate that a 3,500-man Egyptian amoved column located less than six miles from Rehovoth, which is 15 miles southeast of the Israel metropolis, is now being subjected to heavy Jewish artillery shelling from the north and south and is also encountering heavy Jewish fire from other directions.

The advancing Egyptians did not take the Israelis by surprise, these reports stated, adding that Jowish aircraft are carrying out "exceptionally heavy stateks" on the enemy column. The advance party is said to be many miles ahead of the main Egyptian force and in all likelihood will be cut off from possible retreats

A Haganah communique issued today reported that Israeli planes are "very active" and, for the first time, Israeli fighters have gone into action, onegaing Arab Spitfires above Tulkarm and shooting one plane down. At the same time, Israeli bembers raided concentrations of Arab armored units, Sherman tanks and Iraqi barracks in Tulkarm while Arab Legion concentrations, including the I.gion garrison holding Lyda airport, were also raided by Israeli aircraft. Lydas airport was also subjected to Jevish artillery fire.

Israeli aircraft attacked the western fringe of the Arab triangle--the area lying between Jenin, Tulkarm and Nablus in central Pelestine--hitting military targets in Tulkarm and Tyrreh village, south of the city. Israeli planes also attacked Arab concentrations in Immes and Talu, near the Latrum front, and Deir Ayoub, east of Latrum. Beith Time, southeast of Majdal, which was compiled by Egyptian forces several days after the proclamation of Jewish statehood, has been overrum by Hagamah shock troops.

The Haganah communique reported that Arab forces have evacuated the village of Hoj, which is midway between Gaza and Doroth, in the Negev. "Many points inside the Arab triangle" have been bit by the Israeli air force, the communique stated.

### ISRAELI LEADERS TELL BERMADOTTE JENISH STATE WILL NOT REVISE ITS BOUNDARIES

TKL AVIV, June 1. (JTA) -- Members of the Israeli Government who conferred here last night with U.W. mediator Count Folks Bernadotts emphasized that there is no possibility that the state of Israel would revise its present boundaries. The Israeli leaders pointed out to Bernadotts that the Jovian state's frontiers were approved by the U.W. General Assembly in the Hovember 29 partition resolution.

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#### ISRAELI'S MILITARY POSITION CUTLINED AT LAKE SUCCESS; ARAB REPORTS TERMED "ABSURD"

LAKE SUCCESS. June 1. (JTA) -- Arab reports of the capture of the Jewish coastal township of Natanya in Israel were termed "absurd" by a military spokesman of the Israeli delegation at the United Mations. He declared that communiques issued from Cairo and Amman "give a distorted impression of the military position in Palestine." and outlined the following facts:

The territory of the state of Israel is entirely free of invaders, and Isreali forces in operations of active defense have seized military control of more than 400 square miles of territory outside Israel. Israeli forces are in control of the whole of Calilee. Syrian and Lebanese invaders have been evicted entirely from Palestinian soil, and Israeli forces have been operating on Syrian and Lebanese soil.

The coastal plain from the Lebanese border down to Isdud -- the Arab border city under the partition plan-is under full Israeli control. All the seaports of Palestine -- Acre, Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jaffa -- are in Jewish hands. Israeli forces have advanced within the last few days into the Arab triangle in the direction of Jenin. capturing Latium and Zirin.

In the south Egyptian attacks on Jewish villages have all been successfully repelled. Advanced bases of the Egyptian forces in Majdal have been successfully attacked. Egyptian forces are operating exclusively on Arab territory. All territory assigned to Israel in the Jordan Valley has been cleared of the invader, and Beisan is the seat of a Jewish military command.

The heights overlooking the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road, which is outside Ismel's territory, are all in Israeli hands, with the exception of the Latrun monastery around which the battle is now raging. Dispatches placing Arab forces a few miles from Tel Aviv are entirely misleading since the boundaries of Israel are at many points only a few miles east of Tel Aviv.

A spokesman for the Israeli Government also revealed here today that the socalled Christian Union in Jerusalem, which has issued a manifesto regarding damage to religious buildings in Jerusalem, is not a neutral body. "It is a group of Arab clergymen or clergymen with predominantly Arab congregations, which has completely identified itself with the political aims of the Arab Higher Committee. None of the Protestant churches is associated with this group, nor is the Roman Catholic church as such," the spokesman said.

"Over two months ago the Syrian delegate in the Security Council read a Political statement by this group which gave complete support to the Arab case," the Israeli spokesman pointed out. "It demanded the revocation of the General Assembly's partition resolution and declared the solidarity of this group with their 'Moslem brethren. Since then this body has continued to be active in the field of Arab Political propaganda."

#### FRENCH LABOR UNIONS REFUSE TO PERMIT LOADING OF ARMS DESTINED FOR LEBANON

PARIS, June 1. (JTA) -- An Italian freighter rushed to Marseilles from Gence this morning to pick up some 20 tons of arms and war material sold by French munitions makers to Lebanon before the expected imposition of a world-wide arms embargo on the Arab states and Israel. However, the cargo was not loaded because longshoremen's unions refused to permit the workers to cooperate in sending the Arabs arms.

The freighter, San Carlo, was expected to clear Marseilles before 11 P.M. local time tonight when the United Nations Security Council's four-week cease-fire in Priestine and ban on arms shipments to the Arab League states invading Palestine is expected to be proclaimed.

# SHATE DEFFATS MEASURE TO ADMIT JEWISH DF S ON SAME BASIS AS OTHER NATIONAL GROUPS

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MASHINGTON, June 1. (JEA) -- The Senate today defeated, by a vote of 40-31, a meadment to the proposed Wiley DP immigration bill providing for the admission of 00,000 DP's to this country on a "proportional basis"--with Jews being admitted in the same proportion that they now hold in relation to the total DP population.

The final vote followed a statement by Sen. Chapman Revercomb that the proposal is "a very grave amendment which would endanger the entire bill. This amendment would benefit not DP's but emigrants," he added.

Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon, who opened the debate on the amendment offered by himself and five other Senators, reviewed his experiences in DP camps in Berlin and Vienna and insisted that the Jews "should receive proportional entry to the U.S. as to other national groups. This displaced persons problem is not a Jewish problem nor / a Polish or Czechoslovak problem, but confront all people who have fled persecuted areas. Morse declared.

"It is characteristic that Jews make adaption to the mores and customs of the commtries they exist in," he stated. "As I watched the displaced persons, I recognized the great possibilities and culture of the Jewish people, and the Jews as suitable immigrants. Jews must come in in the same proportions as other nationalities."

The text of the amendment, which was also supported by Sens. Homer Ferguson, I. Howard McGrath, Leverett Saltonstall, John S. Cooper and Alexander Smith, provides that "visas issued pursuant to this act, shall, insofar as possible, be mad available to each element or group among the displaced persons, as such elements or groups were saggested or designated for the purpose of being cared for by the International Refuses persons in such element or group bears to the total number of displaced persons in such element or group bears to the total number of displaced persons, it being the purpose of this provision to insure, insofar as possible, that no discrimination in favor of or against any such element or group among the eligible displaced persons shall occur."

#### Amendments Offered to Admit Sudeten Germans As DP's

Earlier, Sen. William Langer offered two changes to the Wiley Bill--which will bring the total number of amendments pending to 25. Langer's move would extend DP states to persons who were bown in other countries but who now reside in Germany and lastria--such as Sudeten Germans. It would grant them German or Austrian birthrights were U.S. immigration laws are concerned.

Late today Sen. James Eastland of Mississippi opposed the bill, claiming it would aid "enemies who fought against us in the war, left home voluntarily, and entered P camps only to be able to enter the U.S. These people are of entitled to special consideration from the Congress," he declared. "Some people in the DP camps are overfed immates with servents and automobiles."

While the Senate debate continued, Emanuel Celler of New York introduced a bill in the House of Representatives which would classify 5,000 Europeans in Shanghai as displaced persons and allow them permanent residence in the United States as non-tuch immigrants to be admitted up to June 30, 1970.

The bill provides for their admission irrespective of nationality and "in addition to persons admissible under other laws." The immigration of these persons wald be according to rules prescribed by the Secretary of State on the recommendation of the Attorney General. The I.R.O. definition of IP would be used as a measuring stick in determining admissibility of the refugees. Celler said the refugees were within of personation from Poland, Germany and other areas who have been stranded in Smanfad since 1938.

#### US, ARMY STUDYING PLAN TO NAME JEWISH AGENCY OFFICIAL BODY FOR BRINGING DP'S TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 1. (JTA) -- The Department of the Army is considering a plan to designate the Jewish Agency the official body to transfer Jewish displaced persons now in Europe to Israel, it was authoritatively learned here today.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U.S. military commander in Germany, reportedly has proposed such a plan to Washington. An official announcement outlining the proposal use scheduled to be made here last Friday but was postponed for undisclosed reasons.

Last week the International Refugee Organization amounced that it could not assume any responsibility for the transfer of Jewish DP's from Europe to Israel because of the flighting now raging in Palestine and because the United Nations, with which the I.R.O. is affiliated, has not recognized the Jewish state.

Observers here believe that the U.N. cease-fire plea to both warring sides in Palestine, which bars the entrance of persons of military age into Palestine during a four-weeks truce period, will not affect the immigration to Israel of women and children.

#### MERCH COVI. CONSIDERING INTERVENTION IN PALESTINE AFTER ATTACKS ON FRENCH PROPERTY

PARIS, June 1. (JTA) -- The French Government is considering the feasibility of intervention in Palestine because of continued attacks on French medical, cultural, religious and consular installations in Jerusalem and elsewhere in the country, it was reported here today. Intervention may take the form of dispatching military aircraft as well as mon and warships.

Study of the problem, which followed the dispatch during the week-end of a cuiser to Palestinian waters, stems chiefly from the fact that the French Government has been unable to obtain guarantees from the belligerents that attacks on French property and citizens will cease. Although neither of the belligerents is specifically mentioned in governmental circles, it is believed that the Arabs are alluded to, because most of the destruction wrought on French institutions and the occupation of the buildings has been carried out by Arab forces.

The Israel1 representative here this week-end issued the first visa for Israel. The document is a British passport which has been stamped with the new Israel visa seal.

# CZECH MINISTER VOICES HOPE FOR CLOSE TIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAGUE, June 1. (JTA) -- The hope that close economic and cultural ties will soon be established between Czechoslovakia and Israel was expressed today by Minister of Industry Dr. Zdenek Fierlinger at a conference of labor Zionist youths held in Rajecka Teplica in Slovakia.

Dr. Fierlinger, who is also head of the Czech Social Democratic Party, congratulated the delegates on the occasion of the creation of the Jewish state and extended his greatings to the new state.

# CHAN STUDENTS UNCE COVERNMENT TO RECOUNTER ISRAEL: PRO-ARABS CALL FOR ABSTRACTION

HAVANA, June 1. (JTA) -- The Federation of Cuban University Students today amounced its support for the immediate recognition by the Cuban Government of the Provisional Government of Israel.

At the same time, however, the National Group of Pro-Palestine Arabs wrged the government to withhold recognition on the grounds that the Jews were "taking a country which for 14 centuries has belonged to the Arabs." 6/2/48

# IMISH COMMUNITIES IN U.S. PLANNING TO RAISE \$135,000,000 IN CAPITAL FUNDS DRIVES

J.T.A. NEWS

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- American Jewish communities are planning to

raise \$135,000,000 in capital funds campaigns to meet the new demands for social service which have been delayed during "the past ten years of crisis and status quo." according to a report by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. made public here today. Approximately \$60,000,000 of the total has already been raised since 1944.

The report warns communities against a repetition of "the unplanned and unsoordinated effort" which characterized building campaigns after World War 1. It recalls the "grave problems" which such action brought about during the depression when "nortgages could not be paid and maintenance costs could not be met."

Seventy communities engaged in raising capital funds will use them for new hospitals, community centers, homes for the aged, congregational buildings and convalescent facilities. "The facilities built in an earlier, less developed period are my revealed as inadequate," the report asserts. "There is a new design in service and our physical facilities must follow that design."

#### MOSHE TOFF APPOINTED HEAD OF ISRAEL LATIN AMERICAN DIVISION; TO SERVE AT U.N.

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- Moshe Toff, former head of the Latin American department of the Jewish Agency, has been appointed head of the Latin American Division of the Israel Foreign Ministry and a member of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations, the local office of the Israel Government revealed today.

Toff was born in Argentina where he was active in civic and communal affairs and served as general secretary of the Zionist organization. He was an honorary secretary of the DATA, central representative body of Argentine Jews. His father and grandfather settled in Argentina as colonists under the auspices of the Jewish Colonization Association.

# ARGESTINE JEWS PLEDGE 10,000,000 PESOS FOR JEWISH STATE; WILL RAISE 50,000,000

BUENOS AIRES, June 1. (JTA) -- The first 10,000,000 peacs of the United Compaign for the Defense and Consolidation of the Jewish State goal of 50,000,000 pesos was pledged here last night at a special campaign meeting. One million pesos were pledged by the Teubal brothers, a noted textile manufacturing family.

#### CANADIAN LABOR CROUP URGES GOVT. TO RECOGNIZE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL

MONTREAL, June 1. (JTA) -- The Montreal Labor Council, an affiliate of the Canadian Congress of Labor, today urged the Canadian Government to recognize the Provisional Government of Israel. A similar plea was voiced by the United Nations Society.

Semuel J. Zacks, president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, announced to the press that the Israel Government has concluded a contract with Canadian lumber concerns for the parchase of \$500,000 worth of lumber.

# NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ALL-DAY JEWISH PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS OPENS IN BALITIMORE

BALTIMORE, June 1. (JTA) -- The National Conference of Yeshiva Education opened here last night with more than 200 delegates from all sections of the U.S. in attendance. Representing all-day Jewish parochail schools and educational groups, the delegates will review the problems of Yeshivoth in the United States and will also study the impact that the state of Israel will have on Jewish education throughout the world.

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