VOL. XV No. 166 (30th year)

# Tuesday, July 20, 1948 Daily News Bulletin

106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

#### ISRAELI ARMY ORDERED TO FIGHT BACK AS SYRIAN AND IRAQI TROOPS VIOLATE U.N. TRUCE

TEL AVIV. July 19. (JTA) -- The Israeli Army's general staff tonight issued orders to commanders on all fronts to fight back wherever the Arabs violate the United Nations truce and to observe the cease-fire strictly wherever the Arabs do.

The order came after a day of continuous Arab violations of the truce. particularly in the north and on the central front. Syrian and guerrilla units were active on the northern fronts, while Iradi and other guerrilla units of Fawzi Kaukuji's "Liberation Army" were pressing attacks in the central area. Minor Arab activity was also reported on the southern front.

Meanwhile, an Israeli Government spokesman declared that except for Jerusalen no U.N. truce observers are yet on duty in Palestine. He revealed that of all the cease-fire breaches the heaviest and most serious are those committed by the Syrians in the north. Asserting that the Israelis consider themselves "at liberty to attack Syrian troops wherever they are," the opokesman added: "The Jewish army command is determined not to cease fighting until the Syrians have been taught their lesson."

Disclosing that Syrian attacks have cost the Jews a number of casualties and the loss of at least one strategic position, the spokesman said that the Israeli Arry has opened an attack on the Mishmar Hayarden bridgehead -- held by the Syrians -in order to relieve the pressure against Jewish positions elsewhere.

Syrian attacks were particularly heavy on Tel Azizia, on the northwestern border of Syria and Israel where fighting has been raging since before the truce came into effect. Syrian artillery also shelled the Jewish settlements of Shaar Hagolan and Massada, on the southern shore of the Sea of Calilee, last night, as well as the rillage of Ein Gev, on the eastern shore of the Sea. An attempt to recapture the Suseita hill, overlooking Ein Geb, was repulsed by the Jews. A Syrian plane bombed the Jewish-held village of Quacun, northeast of Tulkarm.

#### Iraqi Attack South and East of Haife; Egyptians Regroup on Southern Front

The Iraqi attacks today took place at a number of points on the central coastal plain from Zichron Yaachov, about 20 miles south of Haifa to the Tulkarm area. ther battles were fought with guerrille units and Iraqi troops north of Jenin. On the northern coast of Nahariah, about 20 miles above Haifa, the inhabitants were alerted when an Arab plane flew overhead, but no bombs were dropped.

It was officially reported that the Iraqi attacked Ramath Harkovesh, Kfar Eess, Midgal Zedek and Ras el Ain--all northeast of Tel Aviv in the Haifa-Tulkarm sector. On the battlefield at Maanit, halfway between Zichron Yaacov and Tulkarm, the Arabs left a score of bodies when they were finally beaten off this evening after an attack which lasted from last night through this afternoon. The Iraqi shelled graim, in the Gilboa Mountains.

On the southern front the Egyptiens made a determined but unsuccessful attempt to regain Birss Luj which the Jows seized before the truce. Otherwise, the southern front was fairly quiet. However, the Egyptiens have been regrouping and meneuvering in front of Hatta and Keratin, two towns which the Jews captured before the truce and which opened the supply route to the Jewish settlements in the Negev.

Before the truce came into effect Jewish forces penetrated to about 20 miles northeast of Nazareth and captured Lubia, a strategic village lying athwart the Haifa-Therias road. With this move and the seizure of several other villages in the area the Jews established full control of the highway between the port city and all-Jewish Therias, the chief city of Eastern Galilee. At Ein Razel, south of Haifa, the Jews and the Iraqi were locked in combat, with the Israelis attempting to clear all Arabs from any section of the Haifa-Tel Aviv road network.

#### ALL ARAB LEAGUE STATES, EXCEPT IRAQ, NOTIFY U.N. CEASE-FIRE ORDERS ISSUED TO TROOPS

LAKE SUCCESS, July 19. (JTA) -- All Arab states except Iraq have notified the United Nations Secretariat that they have issued a cease-fire order to their troops in Palestine, a U.N. spokesman said here late today. The Iraqi Government, he explained, has asked for more time.

Earlier, U.N. circles were alerted at an erroneous report that Syria and Iraq had rejected the U.N. Security Council's cease-fire. The confusion stemmed theirly from the fact that some Syrian and Iraqi forces in Pelestine continued their cerations beyond the truce deadline and also because the Iraqi Government in Bagdad issued a statement disclosing that in the voting yesterday by members of the Arab League on whether to accept the U.N.'s truce order, Syria and Iraq "rejected" the order. The announcement, however, failed to clarify that the other five members of the League overruled the "rejection."

In accepting the truce, the Arab League notified the U.N. of three conditions that it demanded be met: 1. Jewish immigration must be completely stopped during the truce; 2. Palestinian Arab refugees must be allowed to return to their homes in the Jewish areas; and, 3. A definite time limit must be set for the truce. As it stands now, the truce is of indefinite duration-until a permanent solution for the Palestine problem is found.

It is now certain that the Palestine mediator, Ccunt Folke Bernadotte, has suspended--at least temporarify--his plan for bringing into Jorusalem 1,000 U.N. cuards. U.N. circles expressed the belief that Bernadotte now hopes to place the city under "more rigid supervision" by increasing the number of U.N. military observers.

Meanwhile, dispatches from Rhodes released here said that Bernadotte told a press conference on his island headquarters upon his arrival today that the biggest job facing him now was setting up truce supervision machinery in order to make the Security Council order effective.

When this is accomplished, the mediator asserted, the next step will be to resume negotiations between the Jews and Arabs. However, he indicated that in view of the fact that the current truce is indefinite, there "is no rush" to get such negotiations under way. He revealed that he expects the first contingent of military observers to arrive in Rhodes tomorrow. Haifa will serve as truce control head-furters, he said, while Rhodes will be maintained as the mediation center.

#### ISRAELI AND ARAB MILITARY COMMANDERS IN JERUSALEM TO NEGOTIATE TRUCE BOUNDARIES TODAY

JERUSALEM, July 19. (JTA). -- Negotiations between Israeli and Arab military commanders in Jerusalem will begin tomorrow for the purpose of establishing "frozen boundaries" between the respective Arab and Jewish zones, it was reported here today. The U.H. consular truce commission will participate in the discussions.

A high Israeli officer told correspondents today that at the time the ceasefire went into offect yesterday, the Arabs held only three of the total of 40 miles of the main Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway. Despite this traffic between the two cities will proceed under U.N. auspices during the truce period. The officer also revealed that in yesterday's Arab shelling of the modern section of the city--following the breaking of the initial truce--a B'nai B'rith home for children was severely damaged, but there were no casualties.

In a sum-up of the present military situation, the Israeli officer disclosed that the Jews have recaptured Har Tuv, 15 miles west of here, which was abendoned on May 15. Israeli forces also seized an Arab village of the same name, a railroad station and an important strategic police fort in the area which the Arabs occupied after the British withdraw from Jerusalem. The Jews now control a string of villages and strategic mountain strongpoints all the way from Jerusalem to the plains along the coast.

North of the main highway, the Israelis captured a number of heights overlooking the road between Latzun and Remallah, encircling the Arab Legion garrison at Latzun. In the event of further hostilities in this area, Israeli forces could easily cut off all Arab supplies to the major base at Remallah.

#### U.S. CONSUL IN AZORES ORDERED TO INVESTIGATE MYSTERIOUS B-17, STATE DEPARTMENT REVEALS

WASHINGTON, July 19. (JTA) -- The U.S. consul at Ponta del Gada, in the Azores, has been ordered to proceed to Santa Maria, southernmost island in the group, to investigate the landing of a B-17 which took off from Hellfax, Nova Scotia, yesterday ostensibly en route to the United States, a State Department spokesman revealed here today at a press conference. Press reports about the "mystery" plane have indicated for the past week that the B-17's pilot is attempting to fly her to Israel. The Santa Maria airfield director is holding the plane at the State Department's request.

Purportedly carrying nine passengers, including pilot Irving Schindler, the plane left a Westchester (N.Y.) field last week on a "training cruise." The craft, which was suspected of being en route to Israel, was forced down by engine trouble in Helifax where the crew was fined for ontoring Canada without permission.

Replying to a question, State Department press officer Lincoln White said that to date no protests have been made against American officials in Lebanon by the \$1 U.S. citizens detained last month by the Lebanese Government in a concentration camp after they were forcibly removed from an Israel-bound vessel. Rep. Arthur Klein, in a letter to Secretary of State George C. Mershall, has demanded an immediate investigation of John B. Faust, U.S. consul in Beirut, who, he said, "made strongly anti-Semitic statements" when he was asked by the detainees to intervene in their behalf.

Sen. H. Alexander Smith, New Jersey Republican, announced today that he would introduce a displaced persons bill in the forthcoming special session of Congress designed to eliminate discriminatory features of the present law. "I firmly believe that it is most important that the Congress erase from the statute books the unfortunate provisions of the displaced persons act which bar most of the Jewish and many of the Catholic DP's from eligibility," he said.

7/20/48

## CZECH PRIME MINISTER RECEIVES HISTADRUPH ENVOY; EXPRESSES SYMPATRY FOR ISRAEL

J.T.A. NEWS

FRAGUE, July 19. (JTA) -- Antonin Zapotocky, Czechoslovak Prime Minister, today received Mordecai Oren, a member of the executive of Histadruth, Israel's General Federation of Labor, and on behalf of the government extended "best vishes" to the Israeli Government. He added that the Israelis' struggles are being followed "with the sympathy and full comprehension of the Czechoslovak people."

An announcement over the week-end by Israeli Minister to Czechoslovakia Ehud Weberall revealed that the Israeli Government is planning to fly between 600 and 800 Jevish immigrants monthly to the Jowish state by September. At present, approximately 250 Jevs are flying to Israel monthly via regular Czech air schedules.

Uberall revealed that negotiations are at present under way to obtain a franchise for several twin-engined C-47's to carry Israel-bound immigrants to Haifa via Rame and Athens. The Israeli aircraft, the Minister said, would supplement existing Czech air service to the Jewish state. The trip takes about 36 hours with an overnight stopover in Athens, where Israel-bound passengers must remain confined to their planes throughout the time they are on Greek soil.

#### FORMATION OF WEST GERMAN STATE WILL NOT ENDANGER RIGHTS OF DP'S. GEN. CLAY DECLARES

FRANKFURT, July 19. (JTA) -- The formation of a western German state will not jeopardize the position of "extra-territoriality" enjoyed at present by displaced persons in Germany, U.S. Military Governor Gen. Lucius D. Clay declared at a press conference here over the week-end.

"Until the last displaced person leaves Germany," Gen. Clay declared, "the U.S. will retain jurisdiction over all DP camps." In reply to a question as to what he intended to do to give German police the right to enter the DP camps, Clay replied: "Nothing."

## ERITISH FOREIGN OFFICE TO BE ASKED TO NAME NEW JEWISH ADVISOR TO ARMY IN GERMANY

ICNDON, July 19. (JTA) -- The Foreign Office will be asked to appoint a successor to the late Col. Robert Solomon, advisor on Jewish affairs to the British occupation authorities in Germany, it was learned here today.

The Committee for the Jews in Germany--comprising representatives of all leading Jewish organizations in Britain--is also expected to ask the Foreign Office to review the legal status of Jews residing at present in the British zone of Germany so as to enable them to organize their communal life.

# RIMANIAN MINISTER SAYS VERDICTS IN JASSY TRIAL ARE WARNING TO ADVCCATES OF RACE HATRED

BUCHAREST, July 19. (JTA) -- Vasile Vaida, Minister of Agriculture, today told a mass meeting in Jassy called to commomorate the seventh anniversary of the massare of 1k,000 Jews in that town that "the verdict against the perpetrators of the Jassy massacre constitutes a serious warning to all those who attempt to use racial hatred to disturb the peace between the nationalities living in this country." The defendants in the recent trial of war criminals charged with participation in the massacre received prison terms ranging from several years to life. The death sentence was recently outlawed in Rumania.

The mass memorial was attended by representatives of the government, the ermy, Jewish organizations and the Greek Orthodox Church. Dr. N. Guttman, chief rabil of Jassy, conducted a special memorial service. The government's action in granting the right of pension to the survivors of the massacre was highly lauded by saveral of the speakers.

# JEMISH SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES INCREASED IN 1947, C.J.F.W.F. REPORT REVEALS

NEW YORK, July 19. (JTA) -- Increased activity and expanded services were recorded in most areas of Jewish social service in 1947, it was revealed here today in a preliminary report by the Social Planning Department of the Council of Jewish Referentions and Welfare Funds. The report is based on an analysis of 1947 statistical figures from nearly two-thirds of all Jewish family agencies, child care agencies, hows for the aged and hospitals under Jewish auspices.

"Adjustment of Jewish health and welfare agencies to the profound changes that took place during the war years was by no means completed in 1947," the report declared. While employment levels continued high, the cost of living scared, affecting both the agencies and those they served. Continued higher costs and scarcities of labor and material largely postponed to the future new construction and expansion of institutional and hospital plants which had been needed since the early war years. Meanwhile, the needs of Jews overseas were unprecedented and substantial numbers of Jewish immigrants entered the United States, many of them in need of assistance from existing Jewish agencies."

Jewish family service agencies as a group reported an increase of over onethird in the total amount of assistance being given to clients. This reflected the increases in the cost of living as well as increased service to immigrants. Slight increases were recorded in child care statistics. The trend continued toward an increase in the proportion of children in foster homes and a decrease in the number being aided in institutions.

In the field of hospital service, a seven percent increase was registered in the total volume of service. About 15 percent of all patient days in general hospitals were free. In 1947, s fraction under 50 percent of all patients admitted to Jewish general hospitals were Jewish. Surveys of health and hospital needs and plans for improving organization of community health services continued as a major interest of the larger Jewish federations. Detroit, Minneapolis, Miami and Denver have raised finds to establish a Jerish hospital in those cities and New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Philadelphis, Baltimore, Boston and others, are planning to raise funds for expansion, modern/scation and improved services and facilities.

While the report cited a very slight increase in the number of people reciving old age care in homes for the aged and in institutional facilities, it added that most Jewish homes for the aged continue to have long waiting lists.

# SITE DEPARTMENT OFICIALS ASK SELECTIVE IMMIGRATION LAW AT SENATE INQUIRY HEARING

WASHINGTON, July 19. (JTA) -- State Department officials, testifying before 2 Seatte immigration investigation, have advocated a number of basic changes in the imigration code as it presently exists.

The sief suggestion was to change the law from a non-selective one--immigrants are additted unless a specific rule bers their entrance--to a selective onebest C. Alexander, assistant chief of the Department's Visa Division, assorted that the ideal selective immigration law was that in use in Argentina. When Congressman Ed Essett of fexas asked Alexander whether the Division had a record of the number of lessett additted to this country during the past few years, the State Department official said mat no such record was maintained.

Fliot B. Coulter, associate chief of the Visa Division, recommended that immigrants be admitted on quotas either of their countries of origin or of countries of which they are nationals at the time of immigration. Under the present law immigrants are charged against the quotas of countries in which they were born, a Fractice which frequently works hardships by exhausting small quotas for years in advance and not using us others.

### ISRAEL READY FOR ANY EVENTUALITY, EPSTEIN TELLS NUTTICHAL WORKERS ALLIANCE PARLEY

NEW YORK, July 19. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Workers Alliance weekend parley which concluded here last night heard Israeli Minister to the U.S., Eliahu Epstein, declare that "the Provisional Government of Israel accepted the truce in Palestine because, as a creature of the United Nations, it respects the mandate of the international tribunal."

"Israel is propared for any eventuality," he declared, "although we enter into the truce with the desire to see a permanent peace established in Palestine. If the Araba will renew fighting they will find the Israeli Army reedy. We are conficient that the chain of victories of the past week can be continued if the Araba insist on a military decision."

Louis Segal, general secretary of the Allience, reported that during the past fiscal year the organization raised more than \$4,000,000 for the National Committee for Labor Palestino, the United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish National Fund and other Zionist and relief funds. A membership drive with a quota of 35,000 new members was also announced and will be launched in September.

# MIZZACHI WORLD HEADQUARTERS TO REMAIN IN JERUSALEM, LEADER OF AMERICAN PARTY SAYS

NEW YORK, July 19. (JTA) -- Leon Gellman, national president of the Mizrachi Organization, declared here yesterday before boarding a plane for Israel, that the World Mizrachi Organization will maintain its headquarters in Jerusalem, regardless of the future political disposition of the city. The Mizrachi leader will attend the special session of the Zioniet Actions Committee in Tel Aviv which opons on Thursday.

Assorting that "no matter what political status the U.N. accords Jerusalem," Silman said that "Jerusalem will forever remain the heart of Israel. For nearly half a century, the World Mizrachi movement has made Jerusalem the center of its religious, cultural and colonization activities. We have no intention of moving our wrid offices to any other city in Israel. Moreover, cur movement will continue to brild the Holy City and will support all Jerish enterprises which will guarantee a stable, secure and fruitful future for the 100,000 Jews now in Jerusalem," he added.

## MERICAN JEWISH LABOR COUNCIL TO SEEK CONCRESSIONAL ACTION ON ISRAEL PLANKS

NEW YORK, July 19. (JTA) -- A campaign to obtain Congressional action on Isreal during the coming special session was announced this wock-end by the American Jewish Labor Council. Pointing to "the wide discrepancy between the major party planks on Israel and the truce proposals of the American delegation to the United Exting," the Council said it would seek the introduction of a joint Congressional resolution directing President Truman and the State Department to take the following

1. Accord Israel de jure recognition. 2. Lift the U.S. embargo on the shipment of ems to Israel. 3. Support the General Assembly's Nov. 29 resolution to partition Felestine into separate Jewish and Arab states. 4. Stop E.C.A. funds to Britain, which has armed and financed the Arab aggressors.

# 20 ISPABLIS, HERE AFTER BETRUT JAILING, SAIL FOR SECOND VOYAGE TO PALESTINE

NEW YORK, July 19. (JTA) -- Twenty Israelis, who were among the 69 U.S. citizes and alions removed from the S.S. Marine Carp last May 20, and held prisoners at Birut until their recent release, boarded the same ship over the week-end for the return voyage back to Palestine. Under an agreement between the State Department and the Israeli Mission in Washington, the ship will not dock in any Arab port while the israelis are aboard.

CONTENTS OF THIS BULLETIN ARE NOT FOR FUBLICATION WITHOUT SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION