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U.N. TRUCE COMMISSION IN JERUSALEM WILL CONSIDER PLAN TODAY TO DEMILITARIZE CITY

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- The United Nations consular truce commission here will meet tomorrow to consider the Security Council's plan to demilitarize Jerusalem and put the city under U.N. supervision, it was reported here today.

At the same time, the Arabs in Jerusalem continued to violate the truce order here. Jewish positions in scattered sections of the city were attacked throughout the night. At midnight the Arabs launched an assault on Jewish positions in the Mt. Zion area which was repulsed, with one Israeli soldier reported wounded. Dr. Bernard Joseph, chairman of the Jerusalem Emergency Committee, today submitted a strong protest to the chairman of the consular truce commission against the Arabs' violations of the cease-fire.

Although the details of the Security Council's plan for Jerusalem are not known here, it is understood that the scheme calls for the removal of all arms from within the city's boundaries and the evacuation of all members of any armed force. It is also reported that the plan proposes the setting up of a U.N. force to police the city and insure its demilitarization.

Israeli Officials Incredulous at Mediator's Plan for Jerusalem

TEL AVIV, July 25. (JTA) -- Count Folke Bernadotte's plan for the demilitarization of Jerusalem which he formally submitted to the Arab League Political Committee in Beirut yesterday, was received with incredulous astonishment in Israeli Government circles here. His latest proposal stipulates that every male who was a member of Haganah should be compelled to leave Jerusalem, according to reports here.

This means, in effect, that 20,000 Jews would be compelled to quit Jerusalem, leaving their families and virtually destroying the economic life of the city. It appears that Israel will not even consent to discuss this plan, which government circles suggest is so fantastic as to cast doubt on Bernadotte's capacity to mediate.

It is understood that the Arab League's Political Committee approved Count Bernadotte's scheme but demanded that the United Nations take over all Jewish arms in Jerusalem and prevent Israeli forces in the city from joining other units.

The mediator's efforts are now concentrated on this issue and also on the problem of returning Arab refugees to their homes. On both these points Israeli opinion is totally opposed to the Count's plan. So long as there is no definitely settled peace, Israeli authorities say they are not prepared to give up their position in Jerusalem or allow hundreds of thousands of Arabs to drift back behind Israeli lines.

ISRAEL GOVT. NOTIFIES FIVE BRITONS THEY ARE BEING HELD "ON SUSPICION" OF ESPIONAGE

TEL AVIV, July 25. (JTA) -- The five British officials of the Jerusalem Electricity Corporation who are expected to stand trial soon on charges of engaging in espionage for the Arabs during the Arab-Israeli war were notified over the week-end that they are being held "on suspicion of passing information of military value to the enemy." No formal charges have, however, been made against them.

Only a handful of correspondents--most of whom represent British newspapers and press associations--have been permitted to visit the five detainees, who are being held "somewhere in the Tel Aviv area." Four of the five detainees served on the Palestine police force and two of them are married to Jewish women.

All of the detainees report that they have no complaints about their treatment at the hands of the Israel Government. They receive ample supplies of food, cigarettes and other amenities. It is expected here that upon the completion of the Inspector-General's official investigation, the charges against them will be announced.

Despite the fact that most of the Britons are reported to be calm at the prospect of standing trial on charges of espionage against the state of Israel, it is understood here that charges against some of them are "very serious." Reliable sources indicate that the trial will probably take place early in August. Although most of the evidence to date has been supplied by Irgun circles, there is also some irrefutable evidence against them in the files of the Israeli Army.

Israel, Jewish National Council Negotiating on Departments

Meanwhile, it was reported today that negotiations between the Israeli Government and the Jewish National Council for the return of two government departments to the Council are at present under way. The departments in question are the health and welfare of soldiers' families sections of the government.

The week-end conference of the General Zionist Party of Israel concluded here today without adopting any major decision. A committee comprising 32 members was chosen, however, to elect an executive to determine the group's future political platform which will be announced at the next meeting of the party in approximately one month.

A Hebrew newspaper here reported today that "the British representative in Haifa, who calls himself the British consul, lodged a protest to the Jewish authorities against the resumption of operations in the Haifa oil refineries." Commenting editorially on this action, the paper said "we hear the Israel Government does not intend to answer this protest, which was presented in an unofficial manner to our government. The title of 'Jewish authorities' is not identical with the Israel Government and there is, therefore, no reason to even answer this communication," the editorial added.

A Lebanese medical mission, which has been caring for Arab wounded in Acre, was today flown to Beirut on an Israeli plane loaned to the International Red Cross for the purpose. The services of the mission are no longer needed and the emergency military hospitals established after the Israeli seizure of the Arab city have been closed. It was announced today that the civil court of Jaffa will resume sessions tomorrow with a Tel Aviv magistrate on the bench.

Several tons of milk powder arrived in Haifa over the week-end for needy children in Israel. The consignment was shipped by the New York office of the CSE.

U.N. TRUCE COMMISSION IN JERUSALEM ACCUSED BY ISRAEL OF RELFASING FALSE REPORTS

LAKE SUCCESS, July 25. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government accused the U.N. Truce Commission in Jerusalem over the week-end of having "seriously jeopardized that public confidence in the commission which is essential to its successful functioning."

Aubrey S. Eban, Israeli representative to the U.N., in a note to the Security Council, declared that the truce body had no business transmitting "vague insinuations unsupported by any facts, rumors concerning plots by unspecified Jews, and tendentious speculations about the future political or military policy of any party."

The Israeli note quoted a July 13 message from the commission which said "Jerusalem Jews appear to be increasingly inclined to ignore the most elementary rules of international war." In this message, Eban pointed out, "there is no indication as to the identity of the Jews concerned; or what are the elementary rules of international war which they are alleged to be ignoring; or in what way they are contravening those rules." He also quoted from messages of July 15 and 16, dealing with the seizure of five Britons in Jerusalem by Irgun members, which the commission said, was "part of a whole scheme carefully planned by Jews beforehand in order to seize illegally a power station and its assets" and to bring Jerusalem within the Jewish state.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY URGES IMMEDIATE DE JURE RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL, LIFTING OF ARMS EMBARGO

PHILADELPHIA, July 25. (JTA) -- The Progressive Party convention, which concluded here today, adopted an Israel plank calling for "immediate de jure recognition of the state of Israel" by the United States. The plank also urged a "Presidential proclamation lifting the discriminatory arms embargo" and the "admission of Israel to the United Nations."

The convention demanded recognition of the "borders of Israel as determined by the United Nations partition plan" and expressed "support for the extension to Israel of generous financial assistance without political conditions." The plank also called upon "the U.S. Government to provide immediate shipping and other facilities" for the transportation of Jewish displaced persons in Europe who desire to emigrate to Israel." The Israel platform also placed the Progressives on record in "support, within the framework of the United Nations, of the internationalization of Jerusalem and the protection of the Holy Places."

In its plank on displaced persons, the Progressive Party called for the "repeal of the anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic Displaced Persons Act of 1948, which permits the entry into the United States of Fascists and collaborators. We call for the enactment of legislation to open our doors in the true American tradition to the victims of Fascist persecution," the plank said.

Earlier, in an address to the convention, Rep. Leo Isaacson, who recently visited Palestine, charged the American Government "with having betrayed Palestine." He appealed to President Truman to lift the arms embargo, declaring that it had resulted "in the deaths of thousands of men, women and children."

CAPTAIN OF MYSTERIOUS B-17 SEIZED BY F.B.I. AGENTS ON CHARGES OF EMBARGO VIOLATION

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- The captain of the mysterious B-17 which flew from New York to Halifax and eventually to the Azores, reputedly en route to Israel, was arrested here by F.B.I. agents over the week-end on charges of violating the U.S. arms embargo.

Irvin R. Schindeler, the captain, and his crew of eight--all of whom are under 30--were deported from Ponta del Graça by order of the State Department. Their ship is being detained by Portuguese authorities. Schindeler was released after posting a \$1,000 bail while two of the crew members were sent to Ellis Island for not possessing passports.

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- Terming the displaced persons act recently passed by Congress "discriminatory" and "exclusionist," major national Jewish organizations in the United States this week-end called upon Congress to "rectify the major injustices" in the legislation at the forthcoming special session.

In letters to President Truman, Governor Thomas E. Dewey and the majority and minority leaders in both houses of Congress, the organizations denounced the law as "restrictive, discriminatory and anti-Semitic" and urged the immediate adoption of 11 amendments. Among the groups signing the messages were the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, HIAS, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Jewish War Veterans, the National Council of Jewish Women, the Synagogue Council of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the National Community Relations Advisory Council and 24 local Jewish community councils throughout the country.

The letter to President Truman reads in part:

"The Special Session of the 80th Congress has the opportunity of rectifying major injustices which the regular session permitted to be embodied in the Displaced Persons Act of 1948. Members of both parties, in both Houses of Congress, voted for the measure reluctantly, while vigorously condemning its restrictive and discriminatory provisions, only because they felt it was better than no bill at all. You signed the measure into law, Mr. President, 'with very great reluctance', excoriating it as 'flagrantly discriminatory' and 'anti-Semitic', and expressing 'the hope that its injustices will be rectified by the Congress at the first opportunity.'

"To re-write this discriminatory and exclusionist bill into a genuine displaced persons bill, worthy of our great democratic nation and its traditions as a haven for the oppressed--a bill that will make it possible for us to welcome to our land the energies and skills and drives of people whose only faults were that they could not live under totalitarianism, eleven amendments to the present measure are required. We urge the Congress to enact them. They are:

"1. Section 2(c) should be revised so as to make eligible those displaced persons who entered Germany, Austria or Italy on or after Sept. 1, 1939, and on or before April 21, 1947.

"2. Section 2 (c) and 2 (d) should be amended to eliminate those passages which require that a displaced person to be eligible for admission 'will be suitably employed without displacing some other person from employment ... and will have safe and sanitary housing without displacing some other person from such housing.'

"3. Section 3 (a) should be amended to increase the total number of non-quota visas authorized from 202,000 to at least 400,000 and to eliminate the proviso that 40 percent of the visas issued under the act 'shall be available exclusively to eligible displaced persons whose place of origin or country of nationality has been de facto annexed by a foreign power.'

"4. The act should be amended so as to remove the provisions which require that admissions for permanent residence effected or recorded under the act shall be charged against future quotas of the countries of nationality of the displaced persons admitted.

"5. Section 4 should be amended to permit displaced persons now lawfully in this country to remain on approval by the Attorney General, unless ordered to be deported by concurrent resolution of Congress.

"6 Section 6 should be amended so as to delete the provision that agriculturists given preference shall be employed in the United States in agricultural pursuits'

and to equalize the preferences accorded the several vocational classifications of agricultural, household, construction, clothing and garment workers. Other workers needed in the localities in which they propose to reside, etc.

"7. Section 7 should be amended to equalize the treatment of persons now in DP camps, and former inmates now outside the camps; the latter were assured that their leaving the camps would not prejudice their status as displaced persons.

"8. Section 11 should be amended so as to provide for extension of the President's directive until March 31, 1949; and making it inapplicable thereafter to persons covered by the displaced persons act (with the amendments proposed here.)

"9. Section 12 should be amended to strike out the German and Austrian quota preferences for the Volksdeutsche.

"10. In order to assure equitable treatment of all groups, the act should be amended by adding a provision to admit displaced persons in proportion to the numbers of each group or element in the DP camps.

"11. Section 13 should be amended by adding to the present 'screening' provisions, language excluding from admission persons 'who advocated or assisted in the persecution of any person because of his race, religion, or national origin.'"

American Jewish Conference Calls for Revised DP Law

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Conference today urged President Truman to ask the Special Session of Congress to adopt amendments to the present DP law which would alter it from "a threat to democracy to a legislative enactment worthy of American traditions." In a telegram signed by Louis Lipsky, chairman of the executive committee, a number of amendments to the present law were proposed by the Conference.

JEWISH BOOK MONTH TO BE HELD FROM NOV. 26-DEC. 26 THIS YEAR, J.W.B. ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Welfare Board announced here today that Jewish Book Month, an annual event of the Jewish Book Council, will be held this year from November 26 to December 26. Last year, over 1,800 Jewish groups participated in the celebration which is dedicated to promoting an interest in Jewish books.

The J.W.B. also announced that its Jewish Center Lecture Bureau booked 1,700 programs for Jewish Community Centers and Jewish educational organizations during the 1947-48 season.

RABBI ROUTTENBERG APPOINTED EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- Rabbi Max J. Routtenberg of the Keshet Zion Synagogue of Reading, Pa., has been appointed executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, it was announced here today by Rabbi David Aronson, president of the Assembly. Rabbi Routtenberg, who served as chaplain with the U.S. Army in Europe for three years, is also a member of the Board of Overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.