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ISRAEL PROCLAIMS JERUSALEM AS "ISRAELI-OCCUPIED"; WILL NAME MILITARY GOVERNOR FOR CITY

TEL AVIV, July 26. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government today proclaimed Jerusalem as "Israeli-occupied territory" and announced that it will appoint a military governor for the city. An official statement said:

"The Israeli Government, at a meeting yesterday, discussed the legal status of Jerusalem and decided to determine Jerusalem as Israeli-occupied territory, and a military governor for Jerusalem will be appointed. The authority of the laws of the state of Israel shall henceforth apply to Jerusalem and the administration for Jerusalem will take account of the special needs of the Holy City."

Commenting on the announcement, a government spokesman said that the "change in Jerusalem's status, as announced by the government, is merely changing a de facto situation into a de jure situation." He said the decree affects only the Jewish-held area of Jerusalem, and not the Old City, which is in the hands of the Arabs.

Political observers here interpreted the government's action as an answer to the U.N. mediator's proposal to demilitarize the city. There are at present 100,000 Jews residing in the new city of Jerusalem.

The decision creates a major question for the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Group, which act independently of the Israeli Government in Jerusalem. These groups will now be subject to the authority of the state of Israel as extended to Jerusalem by the decree. They are expected to refuse to recognize the decree since they previously announced that they would recognize Israeli's authority in Jerusalem only if the city were proclaimed the Israeli capital.

BERNADOTTE CONFERS WITH SHERTOK ON ARMISTICE, DEMILITARIZING JERUSALEM, IMMIGRATION

TEL AVIV, July 26. (JTA) -- Count Folke Bernadotte, U.N. Palestine mediator, conferred for several hours today with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok in the government's capital in the former German suburb of Sarona, which has been renamed Hakiryat. The mediator later returned to U.N. truce control headquarters in Haifa.

After the meeting, it was reported that for the first time the term "armistice" was used in the talks between Bernadotte and Shertok. Five major points on the agenda of their meeting, it was learned, were:

1. The organization of truce-supervision machinery in Israel and in the neighboring Arab states;
2. The demilitarization of Jerusalem;
3. The return to Israel of some 300,000 Arab refugees who fled the country during the fighting;
4. Jewish immigration into Israel during the truce period;
5. A procedure for transforming the present truce agreement into a permanent armistice.

Political observers here anticipate great difficulties even in the maintenance of further discussions, since on most points the views of the Israel Government and the Arab states are completely divergent. It is known that the government is

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firmlly opposed both to restrictions on immigration and to permitting the Arab refugees to return to Israel while there is still a possibility that the war may resume.

Israeli Spokesman Objects to U.N. Check of Latrun Road Area

"Israeli authorities will not agree, during this truce period, to a U.N. check of the Latrun road area," a government spokesman said today, explaining that the Jews consider it unnecessary since they control practically the entire road to Jerusalem. If the Arabs do not agree to allow us to use the Ras el Ain water pumping station, which supplies Jerusalem, the spokesman added, "we will not permit the Arabs to use the Latrun-Ramallah road, which is under Jewish control." The Ras el Ain pumping station is reported to be in good condition.

A total of 34 Arab planes were shot down by Israeli fighters and anti-aircraft during the Palestine fighting, it was revealed here today at a press conference by Dan Tolkowsky, senior operations officer at the Israeli air force, and Mordecai Alon, ace fighter pilot and commander of a fighter wing. Both are 27 years old. Alon is credited with shooting down three Arab aircraft.

"If the war starts again," they declared, "the Israeli air force will hit the enemies harder and more often." They revealed that Jewish planes bombed Cairo once, Damascus twice and El Arish--Egyptian supply base in the Negev--three times, as well as other points, during the war. Only ten percent of the air force's staff comes from abroad, they said, with the number of non-Jews under one percent.

PALESTINE ARABS SEEN WILLING TO CONSIDER RAPPROCHEMENT WITH ISRAELI GOVERNMENT

HAIFA, July 26. (JTA) -- While the Israeli Government and the Arab League states negotiate for a peaceful settlement of the Palestine war through the medium of the U.N. mediator a development of possibly greater importance is the apparent willingness of the Palestine Arabs to consider a rapprochement without the services of Count Folke Bernadotte or the Arab League.

From Nazareth it was reported this week-end that the Arab League for National Liberation--the Arab Communist Party of Palestine--has emerged from the underground and has opened an employment office in the Arab city in conjunction with the Israeli Ministry of Labor. During the last three days over 1,000 Arabs have signed up for work with the Israeli authorities and hundreds of others have queued up to register.

Also over the week-end there was a noteworthy broadcast from the Ramallah Arabic transmitter, chief political spokesman for the Arabs of Palestine. A political commentator said that there was grave dissatisfaction among the Palestine Arabs because the Arab League had appeared to ignore completely the wishes of the Palestine Arabs and had refused to allow them to participate in the present peace negotiations.

The commentator added that many Arabs in Palestine now doubted the ability of the Arab League to conduct further negotiations on their behalf as the League "had failed to solve even the simple question of Arab refugees in Arab countries." The commentator concluded by suggesting that the Arab national committee in Nablus should call a conference and elect its own political leaders to demand recognition from the Arab League.

Almost at the same time as the broadcast by the Ramallah radio, the Baghdad radio broadcast a talk by its political commentator, which was in a markedly different key but which revealed much of what is going on below the surface in Iraq. This commentator strongly criticized the Arab refugees in Arab states who have been complaining of the treatment they are receiving and "wish they had stayed in Palestine with the Jews."

ISRAELI SPOKESMAN AT U.N. DERIDES ARAB DEMANDS FOR DEMILITARIZATION OF JERUSALEM

LAKE SUCCESS, July 26. (JTA) -- The Arab conditions for the demilitarization of Jerusalem were today labelled as "absurd" by an Israeli mission spokesman. The statement, which said that the Arab League's demands do not provide even a basis for discussion, was issued here at about the same time that Tel Aviv announced the establishment of a military occupation regime for all of Jerusalem except the Old City.

Pointing out that the Israeli Government has made it clear that it will not discuss any encroachment of its sovereign jurisdiction in respect to immigration, the spokesman said that that issue and the demand that some 300,000 Arab refugees from Palestine be readmitted to Israeli-held territory lie outside of the Security Council resolution on the truce. The question of an arms embargo on Israel as a condition for a settlement in Jerusalem is also invalid, the spokesman said, because it was already covered in the terms of the overall truce.

Turning to the question of the Cyprus internees, the spokesman declared that "the Government of Israel has already made a formal statement to the Security Council about the illegal detention of some 10,000 men by the British authorities on Cyprus. It has been pointed out that the Mandate is at an end, that such detention violates the Security Council (truce) resolution, and that the mediator has disclaimed all responsibility for it."

The Israeli representative at the U.N. publicly challenged the United Kingdom representative to indicate any legal basis for this captivity, but no explanation has been offered, the spokesman stated, adding that as a result of representations made in London, the British Foreign Office is reported to be considering whether it will now defer to the authority of the mediator in this matter. If these captives are not released in the near future, further action is contemplated at the Security Council, he concluded.

EPSTEIN, ISRAELI SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO U.S., PAYS FIRST CALL ON SECRETARY MARSHALL

WASHINGTON, July 26. (JTA) -- The Israeli special representative to the United States, Eliahu Epstein, today made his first official call on Secretary of State George C. Marshall and assured him that the people and Government of Israel want only to live in peace with America and other nations of the world.

Epstein, leaving the Secretary's office with Stanley Woodward, State Department Chief of Protocol, told reporters that he assured the Secretary of Israel's desire to develop close and friendly relations with the U.S. Israel desires to contribute to the peace and security of the world and the Near East and to live in peace, Epstein said.

The American people and government have done much to help establish the state of Israel, he said, adding that he hoped that future relations between the two countries will further "contribute to the development and progress of our country." He revealed that Secretary Marshall assured him of the desire of the U.S. to see Israel progress and develop and sent his personal regards to Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok.

Asked if he had discussed with the Secretary the possible de jure recognition by the U.S. of Israel, Epstein said he had not thought it appropriate to discuss such specific questions on his first call on the Secretary. A reporter asked if Epstein would present his credentials to President Truman and if the date had been set. Woodward said that Epstein would, as special representative, present his credentials at the White House, but referred reporters to Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross for the date.

J.D.C. CONDUCTING MASS PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF JEWS IN U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY

MUNICH, July 26. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee is now in the midst of a mass health examination program for the entire Jewish population of the American zone of Germany, it was learned here today. The program, under which 6,000 DP's in the Munich area have already been examined, was undertaken in preparation for the anticipated early migration of the vast majority of the Jews.

The examinations include a complete physical check-up with fluoroscopy X-ray and other routine tests. More than 400 physicians in the J.D.C. medical department and in J.D.C.-supported institutions are cooperating in the program, which is expected to be completed within six months. Priority in examination is given to those Jews who will be leaving within the next few months.

Persons who are found to be completely healthy are given a certificate which becomes one of their immigration documents. Those who are found to have tuberculosis in an active stage or require surgery or physical rehabilitation are sent to a medical institution for treatment and rest until they are cured, after which they will be permitted to emigrate.

25 JEWS ARRESTED IN ITALY FOR NOT POSSESSING PROPER IDENTITY PAPERS RELEASED FROM CAMPS

ROME, July 26. (JTA) -- More than 25 Jews who were arrested here recently on charges of not possessing proper identification papers were released today from various detention camps following strong protests made by the Central Committee of Jewish Refugees to the Italian Government and to I.R.O. officials. Several of those released have been issued visas to Israel.

INTERNATIONAL PARLEY OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS OPENS IN SWITZERLAND; 100 DELEGATES ATTEND

FRIBOURG, Switzerland, July 26. (JTA) -- The International Conference of Christians and Jews opened here over the week-end with more than 100 delegates, representing 15 countries, in attendance.

The meeting, held under the chairmanship of Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in the United States, considered reports on various aspects of anti-Semitism, the responsibilities of churches, teachers and cultural leaders in combating the problem of race hatred and the formation of a program of enlightenment which would solve the problem of anti-Semitism. Particular stress was laid by many of the speakers on the important role which the various media of public information--the press, radio and movies--can play in bringing about a proper understanding of the problem.

HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT ATTENDS MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR 12,000 JEWS DEPORTED TO DEATH CAMPS

BUDAPEST, July 26. (JTA) -- Large crowds today attended memorial services in Uj Pest, suburb of this city, honoring the memory of 12,000 Jews who were deported to their death in Poland during the pro-Nazi regimes. The President of Hungary, Zoltan Tildy, as well as representatives of Hungary's political parties, government departments and churches, participated in the services.

The chief rabbi of the town, Dr. Miklos Muranyi, addressing the meeting, called on the Jews to "build with those who extend their hands to us. Let us break with the past in a spirit of a new world of love and of a new social order," he said. Names of streets in Uj Pest will soon be changed to honor several of the martyrs among the 12,000 Nazi victims, Mrs. S. Doebrantai, mayor of the town, announced.

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OVER 10,000 JEWS AIDED TO LEAVE EUROPE IN FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1948, HIAS REPORTS

NEW YORK, July 26. (JTA) -- A total of 10,321 displaced Jews were aided in emigrating from Europe during the first six months of this year, a survey by HIAS revealed today. Isaac L. Asofsky, executive director of the organization, noted that 3,554 Jewish DP's were helped to leave Germany and Austria by the organization as compared with 2,375 during the first half of the preceding year.

Of the total, the HIAS report said, 2,533 refugees were admitted to the United States, 3,458 went to Latin American countries, 787 to Israel, 701 to Australia, 656 to Canada and 656 were repatriated to various European countries. Although the U.S. accepted 1,485 Jewish DP's from Germany and Austria in 1947, the survey disclosed, only 950 Jews emanating from the occupied zones of Europe reached this country in 1948.

The HIAS report attributed a major share of its increased emigration activities during the past six months to its expanded program in Central and South America where a total of nearly 1,000 persons were admitted over the corresponding figure in the first half of 1947. A special HIAS mission charged with the task of bringing about the lowering, to some extent, of the immigration bars of several of the Latin American countries accounted for the larger number of DP's admitted this year, Samuel A. Telsey, HIAS president, pointed out.

The survey also disclosed that although the majority of the emigrants came from Germany--a total of 2,921--an almost equal number--2,818 left from France. Other countries from which the emigrants came included Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England, Holland, Hungary, Italy, North Africa, Palestine, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Spain.

ARGENTINE IMMIGRATION DIRECTOR PLEDGES NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWISH IMMIGRANTS

BUENOS AIRES, July 26. (JTA) -- Pablo Diana, director of the Argentine Department of Immigration, has promised representatives of the Jewish community that no discrimination will be permitted against Jews desiring to enter the country, it was announced here this week by the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry.

The matter was discussed with Diana by Dr. Ricardo Dubrovsky, president of the DAIA, and Jacobo Fenserman, president of the Society for the Protection of Jewish Immigrants, the local branch of the Hebrew Immigrant and Aid Society. Diana pledged that any complaint of discrimination brought to his attention would be dealt with quickly. He also agreed with a request by Dr. Dubrovsky to grant the Society the right to represent Jewish immigrants in their dealings with the Immigration Department.

OVER 100,000 POUNDS OF SUPPLIES SHIPPED TO ISRAEL BY CANADIAN AID-TO-ISRAEL CAMPAIGN

MONTREAL, July 26. (JTA) -- More than 100,000 pounds of foodstuffs, clothing and medical supplies have been sent to Israel by the Canadian Aid-to-Israel campaign, it was announced here today by Harry Batschaw, chairman of the drive.

Batschaw also disclosed that more than \$175,000 has already been pledged by various affiliated groups for the conversion of the former Canadian wing of the Tol Mitwinsky Medical Center into a general hospital which will be equipped to receive new immigrants to the Jewish state and will serve as a rehabilitation center. The center, which was built by the U.S. Army during the war, served as a rest camp for American troops in the Middle East.

TWO NEW COURSES FOR LAY STUDENTS ADDED TO HEBREW UNION COLLEGE CURRICULUM

CINCINNATI, July 26. (JTA) -- Two new courses will be offered in the Fall term for lay students of the Hebrew Union College, it was announced here this week-end by Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the college. The new courses are "Introduction to Judaism" and "Great Literary Sources of Judaism." In addition, the curriculum will include "World Jewish History."

"The program of lay student education is a specific recognition by the College, of Liberal Judaism's responsibility in the task of preserving and encouraging Jewish scholarship," Dr. Glueck stressed. Students participating in the program will attend both the Hebrew Union College and the University of Cincinnati. Only 25 students will be accepted for the new courses during the coming academic year.

ISRAEL WILL NEED INVESTMENT CAPITAL OF \$1,000,000,000 IN NEXT FEW YEARS, OFFICIAL SAYS

CHICAGO, July 26. (JTA) -- Israel will need an investment capital totalling at least one billion dollars during the next few years, Oscar Gass, economic adviser to the Provisional Government of Israel, told a meeting arranged by the Keren Hayesod here. He also emphasized that the Jewish state is a potentially excellent assembly, distribution and maintenance center for American countries interested in selling their products to the Middle East.

Israel, in addition to its effective service as a "springboard to the vast and practically untapped Middle East market," Gass declared, is also a potentially large consumer of U.S. machinery, equipment and industrial products. He revealed that the Keren Hayesod transmitted approximately \$25,000,000 to the Jewish state during the past six months.

AMERICAN RED MOGEN DAVID SENDS 100 TONS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AMBULANCES TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 26. (JTA) -- One hundred tons of first-aid and medical supplies for the Army and people of Israel contributed by the American Red Mogen David, sailed over the week-end for Palestine, it was announced here.

The vessel also carried 21 field ambulances, 20 auxiliary blood-banks, 500,-000 field and shell dressings and various other medical and surgical items. An additional 14 ambulances will be shipped in August.

S.O.S. APPEALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF SCROLLS, PHYLACTERIES FOR JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, July 26. (JTA) -- An appeal for contributions of 250 Scrolls and 10,000 sets of phylacteries for use in Europe for the High Holy Days, has been issued to the American Jewish Community by the S.O.S. Collection of the Joint Distribution Committee, it was announced here today. The religious articles are needed for newly-established congregations, temples and synagogues in 14 European countries and in the DP camps of Germany, Austria and Italy.

RABBI ASSAF, ISRAEL SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, ELECTED RECTOR OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, July 26. (JTA) -- Rabbi Simha Assaf, Professor of Gaonic and Rabbinic Literature at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem was elected by the Senate of the University as Rector for the academic years 1948-50, it was announced here today by the American Friends of the Hebrew University. Last week Rabbi Assaf was elected by the Israeli State Council as one of five justices of its newly-established Supreme Court.