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TRUMAN CALLS FOR NEW DP LEGISLATION TO ADMIT 400,000 AND WIPE OUT DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, July 27. (JTA) -- President Truman told a joint session of Congress today that the discriminatory features of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 must be eliminated "if we are to prove to the world" that we mean what we say about freedom, humanity, and international cooperation for peace and prosperity.

"The Displaced Persons Act in its present form discriminates unfairly against some displaced persons because of their religion, land of origin or occupation," the President said. "These provisions are contrary to all American ideals. This Act should be promptly amended to wipe out these discriminations."

The President also criticized the small number of displaced persons to be admitted to this country under the present law and the provision that charges them against future quotas instead of admitting them outside the quotas. "I believe strongly," he said, "that the Act should provide for the entry of 400,000 persons over a four-year period, and they should be outside the normal immigration quotas. The Act can and should be amended promptly," he declared.

The President also urged the enactment of civil rights legislation "in order to make the guarantees of the Constitution real and vital. I believe they are necessary to carry out our American ideals of liberty and justice for all," he said.

After the President's address, Congressman Frank Fellows, chairman of the House Immigration Sub-committee, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he felt there was little or no chance that Congress would act to amend the bill during this session. Senator H. Alexander Smith, New Jersey Republican, however, said he would introduce an amendment to make Jews who fled persecution in Poland eligible for admission under the program.

SECURITY COUNCIL REJECTS MOVE TO REFER PALESTINE ISSUE TO INTERNATIONAL COURT

LAKE SUCCESS, July 27. (JTA) -- The U.N. Security Council today rejected an Arab move to refer the Palestine issue to the International Court of Justice.

With seven favorable votes needed for adoption of the resolution, the final vote was six for, one against and four abstentions. Voting for the resolution were Syria, China, Argentina, Belgium, Colombia and the United Kingdom, while voting negatively was the Ukraine. The abstaining nations were the U.S., U.S.S.R., Canada and France, all of whom expressed their opposition to the resolution.

Calling for the defeat of the proposal, Israeli representative Aubrey Eban asserted that submission of the Palestine issue to the international tribunal would cause further delay, uncertainty and bitterness. It would also encourage the resumption of hostilities, he added.

TEL AVIV, July 27. (JTA) -- Nearly 100,000 Israeli citizens today lined the main thoroughfares of Tel Aviv to extend an enthusiastic reception to the first public appearance of the Israeli Army, initiated in the underground and brought to full organization in the midst of the war. The occasion for the parade was the first official state holiday, which also marked the 44th anniversary of the death of Theodor Herzl, founder of modern Zionism.

The parade included land, air and navy units, demonstrating every branch of modern arms, including panzers and mountain military. Army planes circled above while Israeli Navy units engaged in maneuvers along the coast. Foreign military observers, gathered to view the parade, praised the smart turn-out of the Israelis. Flowers were thrown to the troops from beflagged balconies lining the route of march, and the cheering crowds presented candies to the sun-burned soldiers among whom were heroes of the recent engagements in Jerusalem, Ramleh, Lydda, Nazareth, the Negev and along the Syrian and Lebanese frontiers.

The first public demonstration of the might of Israel culminated in a review at the Tel Aviv Maccabi Stadium where the various units were received by Premier David Ben Gurion, who is also Minister of Defense, and by other Cabinet members. The entire diplomatic corps was also in attendance. Replying to the salute, the Premier warned that "unless we are prepared on land, sea and in the air to deal the final blow to the enemy if the fighting is resumed, all our victories thus far will lack any final significance. Even then, we will have to face a difficult political struggle, dealing with camouflaged political factors and men who will not fail to use every opportunity to destroy our achievements.

"Our action on May 14, when the state was proclaimed," he continued, "will not be complete until the Army insures peace and security not only within our borders as defined in the partition map, but also taking into account what has happened since then. The road ahead of us is still long and hard until we reach our historic goal, which is full liberation and the bringing in of our brethren who are still far from the homeland."

Referring to Jerusalem, which was proclaimed "Israeli-occupied territory" yesterday, Ben Gurion said that the new city of Jerusalem--where 100,000 Jews live--is more Jewish now than at any time "since the destruction of the Second Temple." He made no references to including the city into Israeli's territory.

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO CLAIM JERUSALEM-TEL AVIV ROAD AS OCCUPIED TERRITORY

TEL AVIV, July 27. (JTA) -- Informed quarters said today that the Israeli Government would follow up its proclamation of Jerusalem as Israeli-occupied territory by proclaiming the same status for the highway linking Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. It is expected that the Jews will begin shortly ferrying non-military supplies in unlimited quantities over the road to Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, which has suffered acutely from the water shortage ever since the Arabs cut off supplies last May when they captured the Ras El Ain pumping station, will soon have a regular supply and go off water rationing. Jewish engineers are now repairing the Ras El Ain pumping station which Israeli forces captured from the Arabs before the second truce came into effect, and expect to have it in operation within a few days.

The only other pumping station remaining in Arab hands was at Latrun. This was declared a no-man's-land and U.N. truce guards are in control. Jewish engineers will be permitted access to the station if repairs are needed there.

FIVE BRITONS HELD BY ISPAET. FORMALLY CHARGED WITH SPYING; TRIAL OPENS IN TWO WEEKS

TEL AVIV, July 27. (JTA) -- The five British prisoners who have been held for several weeks by the Irgun Zvai Leumi and later by the Israeli Government on suspicion of espionage this morning were brought before a magistrate in Tel Aviv and were formally charged with three counts--"espionage, spreading unlawful information and securing information of military value and conveyance thereof." The charges are based on the former Mandatory Power's Official Secrets Act and the Emergency Defense Regulations.

The charges announced against the five British subjects said that from May 15, 1948, when the Jewish state was proclaimed, until July 6, 1948, the accused "collected information of military value calculated to be of advantage to the enemy, and used this information in a manner detrimental to the security and interests of the state of Israel." Inspector Jacob Maltz, appearing on behalf of the police, declared that "there are grounds for believing that the accused are guilty of the charges" and demanded that they be held for two weeks until their trial opens.

The Britons were brought to court in an armed police car. Leach, a former Palestine police inspector, refused to rise when the magistrate entered the courtroom. Maj. Robert Lustig, chief of the Israeli Criminal Investigation Division, who at one time was Leach's subordinate, shouted at him: "This is not a restaurant. Get up!" Leach promptly complied. Another defendant, Thomas Downs, was released on \$4,000 bail on condition that he remain in Nathanya with his Jewish wife.

(At Lake Success, British delegate Sir Alexander Cadogan told the Security Council that Britain will bring charges against Israel for detaining the five Britons. He said the British statement on the whole affair is now in preparation.)

BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO PAY \$2,000,000 TO ARAB LEGION BECAUSE OF PRESENT PALESTINE TRUCE

LONDON, July 27. (JTA) -- The British Government has decided to pay a \$2,000,000 installment due on its subsidy to the Arab Legion, a Foreign Office spokesman said today. He explained that the action was taken because of the present truce in Palestine. The payment, which is used for arming and equipping the Transjordan Legion, was due two weeks ago.

U.S. NOTE TO EGYPT ON MURDER OF STEPHEN HAAS PROTESTS "DERELICTION" OF POLICE

WASHINGTON, July 27. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government has asked the Egyptian Government to investigate "the reported dereliction" of the Egyptian police force in failing to intervene promptly and effectively in the incident that cost the life of Stephen Haas, prominent Jewish leader of Philadelphia. The Egyptian Government has also been asked to explain why Mrs. Haas, his widow, was prevented from communicating immediately with the American Embassy in Cairo.

Haas was stoned to death in a riot in Cairo on July 18. The American charge d'affaires in Cairo, Jefferson Patterson, made strong representations to the Egyptian Prime Minister Nokrashy Pasha who assured Patterson that the persons guilty of Haas' death would be apprehended and punished. The U.S. Government then sent a note, the contents of which were made public today, to the Egyptian Government expressing its grave concern over "this most serious incident."

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JEWISH AGENCY EXPRESSES OPPOSITION TO FORMATION OF "AMERICANS UNITED FOR ISRAEL"

NEW YORK, July 27. (JTA) -- The American section of the Jewish Agency today expressed its opposition to the establishment of Americans United for Israel. In a letter to Abraham Feinberg, committee member of the new group and former president of the executive committee of Americans for Haganah, the Agency executive called the formation of Americans United for Israel "a flagrant defiance of the decision to discontinue Americans for Haganah," many of whose functions the new organization intends to absorb.

That decision, the statement said, which was made public on July 12, pointed out that Haganah as it existed in the past had been dissolved by the state of Israel when it established one national defense army, that the purposes of Americans for Haganah had been fully served and that it would suspend its activities.

"The reasons then stated for the dissolution of Americans for Haganah apply equally to any organization, whatever its name, which, without the approval of the recognized organs of the Zionist movement, nor with any endorsement from the Government of Israel, proposes to carry on the activities referred to in the executive's statement," today's letter stated. In the new letter, the executive also issued an appeal to persons concerned in Americans United for Israel "to desist from a step which, in the unanimous opinion of this executive, would be prejudicial to the interests of the Zionist movement in this country and to the cause of Israel."

NO CONFLICT BETWEEN PALESTINE ARABS AND JEWS, FORMER FRENCH MINISTER REPORTS

PARIS, July 27. (JTA) -- There is no basic conflict between the Jews and Arabs of Palestine, Andre Philip, former Minister of National Economy, declared yesterday on his return from Israel at a meeting of the French Zionist Organization.

The former Cabinet member praised Jewish collective settlements in Palestine as "one of the most fruitful social experiments in world history," and said that July 16, the date on which the United Nations Security Council first used the term "state of Israel," would become a historic date.

M. Philip, who visited Palestine in an unofficial capacity, explained that there was no fundamental conflict between Palestine Arabs and the Jews because the Palestine Arabs had no national consciousness but only a form of "village patriotism."

FORMER MOSLEM MEMBERS OF S.S. DIVISION RECRUITED BY EGYPT FOR FIGHTING IN PALESTINE

VIENNA, July 27. (JTA) -- Several hundred former members of the Nazi Prinz Eugen S.S. Division, recruited by Egyptian authorities in Austria as farm workers, immediately upon their arrival in Egypt joined the Arab Legion of Transjordan and departed for the Palestine front to fight against the Jews, the Socialist newspaper Welt Am Abend reported today.

The newspaper charged that Dr. Ismail Hassan, Egyptian representative in Austria, toured the U.S. zone several weeks ago and succeeded in obtaining exit visas for the several hundred, most of whom were Bosnian Moslems and held the rank of major in the Prinz Eugen Division. The disclosure of the identity of the men followed the capture of several of them by the Israeli forces, Welt Am Abend stated.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER DISCUSSED PALESTINE WITH BEVIN; MEDIATOR'S EFFORTS BEING WATCHED

MELBOURNE, July 27. (JTA) -- Australian Prime Minister Joseph Chifley, who returned here today from England, told a press conference that he discussed the question of Palestine thoroughly with British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, but declined to answer any other questions on Palestine.

Chifley declared, however, that the government's future attitude on Palestine would depend on U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte's reports on his efforts to establish a permanent settlement. External Affairs Minister Herbert Evatt, who departed last night for London, asserted that the solution to the Palestine problem is linked with "general global problems."

Australian relief shipments for displaced Jews in Europe, which in recent months have been intercepted by Egyptian port officials, are now arriving at their destinations, it was reported here today.

FIRST COUNTRY-WIDE JEWISH CULTURE CONFERENCE HELD IN ITALY; 100 DELEGATES ATTEND

ROME, July 27. (JTA) -- The first country-wide Jewish culture conference, sponsored by the Jewish Writers Association here, opened today with 100 delegates representing Jewish communities in various Italian cities, as well as DP camps and collectives in attendance.

Thousands of cultural exhibits, submitted by many Jewish groups in the country, were on display and were viewed with great interest by the delegates. A plan for a "World Jewish Culture Congress" was outlined by Dr. Leo Bernstein, principal speaker.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE INVITES FRENCH-JEWISH YOUNGSTERS TO SPEND THEIR VACATION IN POLAND

WARSAW, July 27. (JTA) -- The Central Jewish Committee today invited a group of Jewish children in France to spend a six-week vacation in Poland. The action follows last year's invitation of the French Jewish community to a group of Jewish children here who visited France during the summer months.

The Committee has prepared an attractive rooming house for the youngsters in Lower Silesia. The guests will spend their vacation in a thoroughly Jewish atmosphere, the Committee declared.

HUNGARIAN WAR CRIMINAL GETS LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN ROMANIA FOR KILLING 3,000 JEWS

BUCHAREST, July 27. (JTA) -- Balasz Patocs, a Hungarian war criminal, was sentenced today to life imprisonment by a court in the Transylvanian town of Cluj, on charges of killing 3,000 Jews.

Although Patocs pleaded not guilty to the charges, he admitted in court that he was one of the top leaders of the notorious Hungarian anti-Semitic organization, the Arrow Cross. Several witnesses testified, however, that after his appointment as commander of the ghetto in Salonta, the defendant embarked on a program of executing large numbers of Jews.

CAMPAIGN TO EXPOSE MOSLEY'S ACTIVITIES OVERSEAS TO BE LAUNCHED BY LONDON COMMITTEE

LONDON, July 27. (JTA) -- A campaign to throw light on the activities of Sir Oswald Mosley's fascist Union Movement abroad will be launched this week by a committee established by 43 Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, including many veterans groups, it was announced here.

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Jews in Quebec Liberal Party Protest Removal of Jewish Representation from Legislature

MONTREAL, July 27. (JTA) -- Jewish members of the Liberal Party in Quebec have accused officials of the organization of depriving the local Jewish community of any possibility of representation in the Provincial Legislature. The Jews announced today that they will cast their votes in tomorrow's elections for the Jewish candidate who is running on a Socialist ticket.

The issue grew out of the fact that the Liberal-controlled Legislature recently enlarged the St. Louis division of Montreal--traditionally represented by a Jewish deputy--so that Jews are now electorally in the minority in this area. The Jewish members of the Liberal Party are also aroused over the party's failure to nominate a Jew in the election.

Many of the incumbents who are running for re-election have been campaigning on anti-immigration platforms and have sharply criticized Parliament for admitting to Canada 48,000 immigrants, including many DP's, during the past year.

J.D.C. Officials Meet with Paraguayan Officials on Immigration of Displaced Jews

BUENOS AIRES, July 27. (JTA) -- Jacob B. Lightman, Joint Distribution Committee director for Latin America, and Emanuel Rosen, J.D.C. migration official from Paris, visited Paraguay last week and met with government officials in an attempt to induce them to continue to admit Jewish displaced persons from Europe, it was reported here today.

Messrs. Lightman and Rosen expressed satisfaction at the results of their mission and said that they had also met with representatives of the Jewish community in Paraguay in an effort to obtain their support for aiding refugee immigrants to adjust themselves to their new surroundings. There are about 3,000 Jews living in Paraguay.

First South African Jewish Daily Newspaper Begins Publication in Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, July 27. (JTA) -- "The Jewish Daily News," the first South African Jewish daily newspaper, began publication here today.

The first issue carried messages of good-will from Dr. Albert J. Stals, Minister of Health and Education, J.J. Piennar, Administrator for the Transvaal, and prominent members of the South African Parliament. The paper will feature articles and the complete news file of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Solomon Wertheim, Veteran Australian Zionist Leader Dies: Was 74 Years Old

MELBOURNE, July 27. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here yesterday for Solomon Wertheim, Australian Zionist leader, who died Friday at the age of 74.

He was affiliated with the Zionist movement in this country since 1915, and was a founder of the Australian Zionist Federation. He was also active in founding the Women's International Zionist Organization, and was a key figure in the Jewish National Fund of Australia.

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