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106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.ISRAELI ENVOY TO U.S. PAYS FIRST CALL ON TRUMAN; PRESIDENT LAUDS JEWISH STATE

WASHINGTON, July 30. (JTA) -- Israeli special representative to the United States Elishu Epstein today paid his first official call on President Truman at the White House. Afterwards, Epstein reported that the President told him he is confident that the state of Israel will continue to contribute to the progress of the Middle East.

The Israeli envoy told correspondents that he thanked the President on behalf of Israel for all that he had personally contributed "to the success of our cause, in the efforts to establish the state of Israel and its progress since then."

He said he told the President that the "turning point" had come the day when Mr. Truman called for the admission of 100,000 displaced persons into Palestine. "It was the moment when the refugees saw the first bright light after the misery of Hitler's persecution," Epstein said. "For us it was a challenge to be ready to absorb them and many more as useful and constructive citizens into our country."

He said he also told the President that Israel looks forward to the "closest and most friendly" relations with the U.S. and hopes that the friendship between the two countries would contribute to the peace and progress of the world and the Middle East in particular. He assured the President that Israel will become a "peace-loving, progressive and democratic member of the community of nations" and that it was Israel's hope that U.S. assistance to the new state would continue. The President expressed the hope that progress, prosperity and success would come to Israel.

Truman Says He Always Wished to Solve DP Problem

The President stated that it had always been his desire to assist in every possible way to solve the displaced persons problem, Epstein asserted. Mr. Truman expressed the desire to see peace in the Middle East and he voiced the belief that it is important not only for the people of that area but for the world in general, he continued. The President, he added, said he knew how much good work the people of Israel had already done in the social and economic fields in the Middle East and that he knew Israel would continue to contribute to the progress of that area.

When a correspondent asked if he had discussed with the President the possibility of a Middle East recovery program, Epstein said Mr. Truman expressed considerable interest in the development of construction programs, especially water irrigation projects and added that he thought the people of the Middle East would greatly benefit from such projects.

Mr. Epstein said he did not discuss any political questions. The discussion was limited, he said, to the question of the peaceful development of his country. He was accompanied by Stanley Woodward, State Department chief of protocol.

PALESTINE TRUCE VIOLATIONS IN NEGEV DEVELOP INTO ALL-OUT ATTACKS ON ISRAELI POSITIONS

TEL AVIV, July 29. (JTA) -- The Arab truce violations in the Negev are developing into an all-out attack by the Egyptians against Israeli positions, it was reported here today. The Jews are said to be preparing to take strong action against the Egyptians. One report said that several Jews have already been killed.

Meanwhile, an attempt by the Israelis to get the first supply convoy through to Jerusalem from here via the main highway failed today when the Jewish trucks, accompanied by U.N. truce observers, were stopped at Latrun by Arab Legion armored cars. The U.N. observers said they could not take any responsibility for the safe passage of the vehicles and the Jews turned back and used the "Burma Road" which they built during the fighting.

In Jerusalem the Jewish population was promised today a "fairly normal water supply within seven or ten days." Experimental pumpings are now proceeding along the water pipeline from the coastal areas in the north. At present the daily allotment for the city's 100,000 Jewish inhabitants is one gallon per person. No piped water has been available in Jerusalem since the week before the British withdrew from the city last May.

Ahmed Abuleben, Jaffa town councillor who signed the Arab surrender of that city to the Israelis, was arrested today, together with two other members of the Jaffa Arab Emergency Committee, after a quantity of arms were found by police in the committee offices. The trio are under house arrest.

The confiscated arms include 1,000 pounds of British rifle ammunition, several hand grenades, Molotov cocktails, road mines and a quantity of revolver ammunition. Several similar arms caches have been found by Israeli authorities since the Jaffa capitulation.

A total of 25,000 Jewish immigrants were admitted to Israel during the nine weeks since the Jewish state was proclaimed, an Immigration Ministry announcement revealed today. A dispatch from Cyprus said that 11 U.S. planes which have been standing by in Nicosia for the past month to evacuate American citizens from Palestine have returned to their bases in Germany.

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL SHELVES CONSIDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL REGIME FOR JERUSALEM

LAKE SUCCESS, July 29. (JTA) -- The U.N. Trusteeship Council today shelved consideration of an international statute for the city of Jerusalem for an indefinite time. The motion to postpone the problem was carried eight to one, with three abstentions.

The lone objector, Semyon Tsarapkin of the Soviet Union, pressed for Trusteeship Council action as ordered in the General Assembly partition resolution of last November. Continuously demanding by what legal right the Council could adjourn consideration of the problem, Tsarapkin flatly accused the members of the trusteeship body of evading their legal duties under the Assembly resolution and the U.N. Charter.

The Soviet delegation insisted that the failure to establish the international regime was responsible for the confusion and violence in Jerusalem. He also charged the United States with attempting to reverse partition. The U.S. and British representatives, who voted with the majority for postponement, did not participate in the debate.

In a note to the president of the Security Council, the Israeli Government today denied British allegations before the Council that the arrest of the five British engineers in Jerusalem on charges of espionage constituted a violation of the Truce Commission or the U.N. flag. Israeli representative Aubrey Eban said the men were arrested in their homes and not on truce premises as alleged by the British.

STATE DEPT. INVESTIGATING CHARGES U.S. CONSUL IN BEIRUT MADE ANTI-JEWISH REMARKS

WASHINGTON, July 29. (JTA) -- Secretary of State George C. Marshall has ordered an investigation into charges made by American citizens interned last month by Lebanese authorities in Beirut that U.S. consular officials made anti-Semitic remarks and were dilatory in seeking their release, it was revealed here today.

In a letter to Rep. Arthur G. Klein, Marshall said the reported actions and statements attributed to the American consul in Beirut, John B. Faust, were "definitely not in accord with Department policy. Officers of the foreign service and of the Department are expected to exercise the highest degree of respect and tolerance for the rights and dignity of mankind and are constantly on the alert to avoid incidents of this kind. I have ordered an investigation and as soon as a report is submitted to the Department I will write to you again," the letter said.

DR. NEUMANN JUSTIFIES ISRAEL'S TAKING ALL PALESTINE IF MEDIATOR ABANDONS PARTITION

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- "Count Bernadotte does not seem to understand that the November 29 resolution of the United Nations is law in the question of the partition of Palestine," Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization and member of the Jewish Agency executive, said at a press conference here today prior to sailing for Israel to attend a meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee which will convene in Tel Aviv on Aug. 22. "If he does not stick to the original resolution, there is no reason, then, why Israel need stick to it. Israel will be entirely justified in reverting to its original claim, entitling the Jewish state to take over the whole of Palestine, save for minor areas," Dr. Neumann stressed.

"I am happy that the government of Israel has taken the city of Jerusalem under its protection," he said. "Since the recommendation of the U.N. to place Jerusalem under an international regime has not been implemented, it would be proper to incorporate the major part of Jerusalem, which is Jewish in character and under military occupation by Israel, within the Jewish state."

Commenting on the present attitude of the U.S. Government, Dr. Neumann said: "We have been expecting our government to give de jure recognition to Israel and to extend economic assistance in the near future as both major political parties have approved such action in their platforms." Israel's admission to the U.N. could readily be accomplished if the U.S. took the initiative, he said. There is no reason for U.S. delay in granting de jure recognition, he added.

The Actions Committee's meeting will confine itself to problems of reorganization of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency arising out of the establishment of the state of Israel, Dr. Neumann revealed. The Committee will determine what functions are to be exercised by the Zionist executive and which will come within the province of the government of Israel. In the contemplated reorganization we intend to be guided by several basic principles, one of which is the principle of completing separation in the political sphere between the state of Israel and the world Zionist movement, he stated.

Accompanying Dr. Neumann to the Tel Aviv convention are: Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the United Palestine Appeal; Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund; Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Administrative Council of the Z.O.A.; Daniel Frisch, of New York, and Elihu Stone, of Boston, vice presidents of the Z.O.A.; Charles Röss, president of the Palestine Foundation Fund; Dr. S. Margoshes and Abraham Redelheim.

While in Israel, Judge Rothenberg will also participate in a series of J.N.F. conferences with Dr. Abraham Granovsky, head of the world J.N.F., concerning the future of the land purchasing organization. Mendel N. Fisher, J.N.F. executive director, will accompany Judge Rothenberg and will also take part in the parleys with Granovsky.

### SOVIET DELEGATE TO U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS BODY TO RECEIVE DELEGATION FROM JEWISH GROUPS

GENEVA, July 29. (JTA) -- Prof. M. Pavlov, Soviet delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, which is meeting here, today discussed the problems of an international convention dealing with persons who disappeared as a result of the war and are presumed dead, with H.L. Goodman, political secretary of the Agudas Israel. He told Goodman he would be pleased to receive a delegation from four Jewish consultant organizations to further discuss the question.

Meanwhile, International Refugee Organization executive secretary William H. Tuck revealed today that of the nearly \$5,000,000 made available to the I.R.O. by the Swiss Government, 90 percent would be set aside for Jewish persecutees. The Joint Distribution Committee will receive about \$1,600,000, while \$100,000 will go to the International Committee for Intellectual Refugees and the International Rescue and Relief Committee for non-Jewish persecutees. Additional allocations will be announced later.

### INTERNATIONAL PARLEY OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS ENDS; SWISS JEWISH BIRTH RATE UP

FRIBOURG, Switzerland, July 29. (JTA) -- The International Conference of Christians and Jews concluded its parley here today after adopting a series of resolutions urging religious tolerance throughout the world.

Meanwhile, it was reported in Zurich today that the Jewish birth rate in Switzerland, which since 1939 was on a continued decline, has shifted and is now on the increase. Jewish births in 1946 and 1947 showed an increase of 2.8 and 1.9, respectively.

### DAVID DUBINSKY VISITS ORT INSTALLATIONS IN ITALY; CALLS FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT

ROME, July 29. (JTA) -- David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, today visited several ORT schools in this city. He was accompanied by Capt. A. Blass, chief of the ORT program in Italy, and Mrs. Fannie B. Shluger, ORT student supervisor.

Dubinsky inspected classrooms where masonry, dressmaking, leather work, dental mechanics, watchmaking and other industrial courses were being taught. He said afterwards that "the ORT program in Italy has fully confirmed my belief in the very useful work that the organization carries on. I am convinced, more than ever before, that the ORT must be supported by all of us."

### CZECHOSLOVAK GOVT. REVOKES ACCREDITATION OF JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY CORRESPONDENT

PRAGUE, July 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Theodor Horovic, Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Prague, has been discredited as a foreign correspondent by the Czechoslovak Ministry of Information. Horovic has left the country for Budapest.

The government action followed an investigation by the Ministry of Information of the news items which Horovic filed from Prague. Horovic was notified of the Ministry's decision in a letter which pointed out that after an investigation of material submitted by Horovic to the press section, it was decided that continuation of his activities as a foreign newspaperman was "not desirable." The letter also asked for the return of his credentials.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS LAUDS PRESIDENT TRUMAN FOR URGING REVISION OF DP ACT

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today commended President Truman for asking Congress, in his message to the Special Session earlier this week, to eliminate "the gross injustices of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948." At the same time, however, the A.J.C. urged that the present legislation be amended to include as eligible immigrants the 5,000 Jewish refugees living in Shanghai since the late 1930's.

In a letter signed by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, A.J.C. president, the organization said that "because of the small and oversubscribed quotas of their countries of origin," the Jewish refugees in Shanghai cannot under existing legislation enter the U.S. easily.

The President was also lauded today by the Jewish Labor Committee for urging in his message to the Special Session the adoption of legislation which will end discrimination in employment in government and private industry.

EMPLOYMENT OFFERS FOR DPs POURING IN, NEW YORK STATE DP COMMISSIONER REPORTS

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- State Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi, chairman of the State Committee on Displaced Persons, revealed yesterday that offers of employment for DP immigrants in New York State have been pouring in since the passage of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948.

Estimating that approximately 50,000 displaced persons could be absorbed into the economic life of New York State, Corsi pointed out that needle trades employers alone could take 10,000 skilled workers. It was also estimated that of the 50,000 who might settle in this state, at least 30 percent could find employment on farms.

BRITISH DECISION TO PAY TRANSJORDAN \$2,000,000 HIT BY JEWISH WAR VETERANS OFFICIAL

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- Great Britain's decision to pay the Transjordan Arab Legion an installment of \$2,000,000 was described as "despicable" today by Sidney Stein, commander of the Jewish War Veterans' N.Y. State department.

Calling on President Truman to withhold E.R.P. funds from the British Government, Stein said that the British decision "to give financial aid to the Arab war machine highlights all the more the vital necessity for lifting the Palestine arms embargo and granting a \$100,000,000 loan to Israel."

STUDY OF HEBREW IN NEW YORK CITY'S SCHOOLS GAINING FASTER THAN OTHER LANGUAGES

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- The New York City Board of Education reported today that the study of Hebrew in the city's school system has gained more rapidly than any other foreign language. During the last three years, Hebrew gained more than 17.5 percent in enrollment, an annual survey disclosed.

ABRAHAM ULITZUR, LEADING JEWISH AGENCY FINANCE OFFICIAL, DIES IN JERUSALEM AT 57

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- Abraham Ulitzur, one of the Jewish Agency's leading financial experts for the past three decades, died in Jerusalem at the age of 57, it was announced here today by the Palestine Foundation Fund. A native of Russia, Ulitzur settled in Palestine in 1909 and in 1921 was named financial secretary of the Keren Hayesod.