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ISRAEL ASKS FOR "EARLIEST POSSIBLE" ANSWER FROM ARAB STATES ON ITS PEACE PROPOSAL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Following up his oral request yesterday to U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte to transmit an Israeli invitation to the Arab governments for a peace conference, Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok today confirmed this request in a letter to the mediator. Shertok asked in the letter for the earliest possible reply from the Arab states, to be sent through Bernadotte.

There was great surprise today among the Jewish population at Shertok's sudden peace proposal to the Arabs, especially since Israeli military leaders are inclined to the view that a third round of warfare might prove to be decisively in favor of Israel. In addition the belief had grown here that war was again becoming inevitable.

It is understood that King Abdullah of Transjordan is ready to act on Shertok's peace move by calling a special conference to consider Israel's invitation. It is also learned from U.N. circles here that the King will propose that plenipotentiaries from all the belligerent parties meet to discuss armistice terms.

U.N. Circles Optimistic on Outcome of Direct Arab-Jewish Talks

Abdullah's strong card today is the plight of some 250,000 Arab war refugees and the adamant stand taken by the Israeli authorities that they are not prepared even to consider the return of the Palestine Arabs prior to a general peace settlement. It is understood that, for his part, Abdullah will take the position that a settlement of the refugee problem is essential if the Arab states are to be spared a catastrophe this winter.

Because of this situation, United Nations circles here are more optimistic about a constructive outcome to the negotiations between the Arab states and Israel than consideration of the surface facts might otherwise warrant.

(Israel's invitation to the belligerent Arab states for peace talks was praised highly today in the New York press. The New York Times, in a leading editorial, welcomed the invitation, declaring that the move for direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab governments "is in line with the statesmanlike policy pursued by the Israeli Government since its formation." The World-Telegram commented that "all friends of peace and international order will be encouraged by the statesmanship of Foreign Minister Shertok of Israel in taking the initiative.")

It was learned here today that the annual meeting of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, which was scheduled to take place this year in Beirut in October, has been postponed because of the Palestine situation.

ARABS CONTINUE TO VIOLATE TRUCE; ISRAEL THREATENS SEVERE RETALIATION; INFORMS U.N.

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government will feel free to retaliate against Arab truce violations not only at the point where they occur but anywhere along the same front, an Israeli Foreign Office spokesman warned today. He revealed that this clarification of the Israeli point of view had been sent to its mission at Lake Success for communication to the Security Council.

A full-scale battle developed in Jerusalem this afternoon on the heels of a fresh Arab Legion breach of the cease-fire. The fight which opened with small arms fire in Shcikh Jarrach and a nearby area soon developed into an exchange of heavier weapons with the Arabs using artillery before they were repulsed in both attempts. For a few hours Jerusalem residents were again plunged into their not-yet-forgotten war experiences.

Col. F. Begley, senior U.N. observer here, is scheduled to fly to Amman today to check the reaction of the Transjordan Government to a plan under which the U.N. would take over complete control of the Latrun water pumping station, using either Jewish or Arab personnel, as the U.N. staff sees fit. His trip follows instructions last night from U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte that he do something quickly to break the impasse over the Jerusalem water supply.

Egyptian troops in the south opened up with artillery on Jewish positions last night. Eight shells flew over Jewish settlements and numerous flares were sent up by the Egyptians over Isdud before the firing began. Sniping continued long after the artillery ceased firing. Jewish scouts have witnessed Egyptian troops digging trenches in some sectors, while Egyptian officers with swinging sticks have over-awed local Arab peasants impressed into digging fortifications in other areas.

Information was received here that Egyptian authorities seized some cargo consigned to the United States from Haifa when the American vessel Marine Carp stopped at Alexandria. Among the seized items were pottery, books and citrons for use during the Succoth holidays.

Israel Pact With Irgun in Jerusalem Will Be Negotiated By Military

Minister of Interior Itzhak Gruenbaum, who returned here today from Jerusalem where he met with Irgun commander-in-chief Menachem Beigin to discuss relations between the Israeli Army and the Irgun forces, declared that any final agreement that may be reached with the Irgun will have to be negotiated by the Israeli military high command.

In a broadcast from Jerusalem last night, Beigin paid tribute to the late Revisionist leader Vladimir Jabotinsky on the occasion of the eighth anniversary of his death. A torchlight parade of Irgunists and a mass meeting in the headquarters of the Revisionist Party followed the broadcast. Meir Grossman, chairman of the Revisionist world executive, addressed the meeting.

Meanwhile, M. Beniamini, an attorney, has asked and received permission to visit Peter Bergson, head of the American Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, and several other prisoners being held by the government since the battle between government troops and the Irgun in and near Tel Aviv over the attempted landing of a shipload of arms from the vessel Altalena.

The Hebrew newspaper Haboker reported that Bergson was released from prison yesterday, five days before habeas corpus proceedings were scheduled to open. No official confirmation could be obtained of this report, however.

U.N. MEDIATOR DROPS ALL PLANS FOR FUTURE OF JERUSALEM; "TENSE SITUATION" REPORTED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- All proposals for the future of Jerusalem have been dropped, a U.N. spokesman said here today. He added that U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte "never made a proposal for an Arab Jerusalem."

Additional U.N. observers have been speeded to Jerusalem because of the "tense situation" there, the spokesman declared. They will try to establish a no-man's land in the city due to the constant and increasing sniping.

Meanwhile, a complete deadlock seems to have developed over the question of piping water to Jewish Jerusalem from an Arab-controlled station. However, water previously stored in cisterns is still being distributed by tank trucks in the Jewish areas of the city.

Jean Nieuwenhuys, Belgian consul and chairman of the U.N. Truce Commission, left for Amman today in a last attempt to straighten out the problem. When U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte was here Tuesday he expressed the hope that the Arab Legion would consent to permit the flow of water from the coastal plain via the Arab-controlled Latrun stretch "if not, further steps would have to be considered," Bernadotte emphasized.

Soviet and American diplomatic and consular missions are at present on the high seas en route to Israel and are expected to arrive here shortly, a government spokesman announced today. He revealed that the Soviet mission, headed by Minister L. Yeshov, is made up of 17 persons who sailed from Odessa last week.

PALESTINE TOPS LIST OF ISSUES IN U.N. SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The subject of Palestine tops the list of major political issues covered in the annual report of U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie to the forthcoming session of the General Assembly, it was learned here today.

The Palestine issue also heads the list of major disputes which have come before the international body during the past year. In an introduction to the report, Lie points out that the United Nations took the position of opposing any compulsory enforcement of the partition resolution of last November.

Twenty-five thousand immigrants entered Israel in the first nine weeks after the establishment of the state, and between 100,000 and 120,000 Jewish immigrants will be brought to Israel annually, it was revealed here in a report by Immigration Minister Moshe Shapiro transmitted to the U.N. Another report by Agriculture Minister Aaron Zisling described the labor shortage as a major difficulty facing the country's agriculture.

Frontier control is now maintained at the ports of Haifa and Tel Aviv and the airports of Haifa and Ein Shemer, and it is hoped that Lydda airport will soon be in use again, the report said. Since the end of May, Israeli passport officers in many countries have been issuing visas which have been recognized in practice by the governments of the countries of transit. Visas are granted on arrival to persons from countries where there is as yet no Israeli passport officer.

SENATE HEARS APPEAL FOR U.S. BACKING OF \$100,000,000 LOAN TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Two Senate leaders today appealed to the U.S. Government to grant de jure recognition to Israel, back the \$100,000,000 loan application for Israel now with the Export-Import Bank and sponsor membership in the U.N. for the new Jewish state. Senators Claude Pepper, a Democrat, and Owen Brewster, a Republican, made the pleas on the Senate floor.

SENATE BODY VOTES AGAINST AMENDING DP ACT; CHANCES FOR LIBERALIZATION VIRTUALLY NIL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Senate sub-committee on displaced persons today voted, 2-2 against amending the Displaced Persons Act which provides for the admission of 205,000 refugees to the United States within two years. The sub-committee thus killed all hopes that the bill can be changed at the special session of Congress to eliminate the many discriminatory features which have been criticized by President Truman and many civic, religious and political organizations.

Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry of Nebraska, Republican Party whip, has announced on the floor of the Senate that the Upper House will consider no legislation at this session which is not backed by favorable committee action. The House committee on DP's has revealed that it will take no action on the DP's unless the move is initiated in the Senate.

It appeared virtually certain today that Congress will not pass a supplemental appropriation of \$2,000,000 for administration of the Displaced Persons Act. In a statement concerning the various supplementary appropriations which President Truman asked the special session to pass, the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Sen. Styles Bridges, said the committee would only consider the fund requests after the House had acted upon them. A House Appropriations Committee aide said no action had been taken in that committee on the displaced persons appropriation and there were no plans at present to do so.

(A report from Frankfort, quoting the U.S. Council of Voluntary Agencies, today stated that the emigration of DP's to the U.S. has halted completely. Council representatives told a press conference that the halt came after the passage of the DP Act providing for the admission of 205,000 DP's to the U.S. The bill suspended the Presidential directive under which emigration has proceeded since Dec. 22, 1945, but since the new legislation has not yet been implemented no emigrants have left Europe.)

BRITISH TURNED DOWN U.S. SUGGESTION TO RESCUE EUROPEAN JEWS DURING WAR, ARTICLE REVEALS

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A suggestion to save 60,000 or 70,000 Bulgarian Jews during the war from Nazi hands made at a joint meeting of British and American government leaders, at which President Roosevelt was present, was rejected by the then British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden; it is revealed in the current issue of Collier's magazine.

The suggestion, made by Secretary of State Cordell Hull, is disclosed in the twelfth installment of Robert E. Sherwood's series, "The Secret Papers of Harry L. Hopkins." Also present at the conference were Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles, British Ambassador Lord Halifax, and William Strang, Under Secretary for State in the Foreign Office. Hopkins' description of the parley follows:

"Hull raised the question of the sixty or seventy thousand Jews ... in Bulgaria ... threatened with extermination unless we could get them out and ... pressed Eden for an answer to the problem. Eden replied that the whole problem of the Jews in Europe is very difficult and that we should move very cautiously about offering to take all Jews out of a country like Bulgaria. If we do that, then the Jews of the world will be wanting us to make similar offers in Poland and Germany. Hitler might well take us up on any such offer and there simply are not enough ships and means of transportation in the world to handle them.

"Eden said that the British were ready to take about 60,000 more Jews to Palestine but the problem of transportation ... is extremely difficult. Furthermore ... the Germans would be sure to attempt to put a number of their agents in the group. They have been pretty successful with this technique in getting their agents into North and South America..."

GERMAN EMPLOYEES DISCHARGED AT DP CAMPS FOLLOWING REFUSAL OF GERMAN FIRMS TO HIRE DP'S

BAD KISSINGEN, Germany, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- All German employees at International Refugee Organization installations in the United States zone of Germany have received notice of termination of employment, Sutherland Denlinger, chief of the I.R.O. information office here, announced at a press conference. All Germans will be replaced by displaced persons.

The new personnel policy follows the refusal of the local German governments and business houses to employ DP's after the recent currency reforms. Denlinger also announced that all refugees and DP's now residing outside I.R.O. camps who cannot meet their living costs as a result of the new currency situation and the attitude of the Germans will be admitted to DP camps free of charge if they registered as displaced persons before April 21, 1947, the date on which American military authorities officially ended the acceptance of refugees into DP camps.

A.M.G. IN GERMANY EXTRADITES TEN WAR CRIMINALS TO POLAND; TWO OTHERS GET DEATH SENTENCE

WARSAW, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- American Military Government authorities in Germany have extradited ten Nazi war criminals to Poland, it was reported here today. All of them will stand trial shortly for various war crimes committed in Poland against Jews in Radom, Lublin and other cities.

Meanwhile, the Cracow district court today sentenced two German war criminals to death for actively participating in the mass murder program of Jews in the town of Krushin. They are Ludwig Hessler and Horst Gunther Winkler.

MOSLEY'S GERMAN-LANGUAGE PROPAGANDA SHEET DID NOT REACH GERMANY BEFORE BAN IMPOSED

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- No copies of Sir Oswald Mosley's German-language propaganda sheet "Deutsches Flugblatt" reached the British zone of Germany before the government's ban on it went into effect, the Foreign Office today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

A spokesman added that a "token censorship" still exists in Germany and that any copies which arrive there will be liable to confiscation. He could not say whether the censorship is rigorous enough to prevent copies of the fascist sheet from being slipped into Germany, nor was he able to say whether any steps were being taken in England to prevent their being sent out. It is understood that copies of the Flugblatt were to be sent to members of Mosley's Union Movement who recently enlisted in the occupation forces.

500 UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT WORLD INVITED TO ATTEND BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY INAUGURAL

WALTHEAM, Mass., Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Five hundred universities, colleges and societies throughout the world have been invited to attend the inauguration ceremonies of Brandeis University and the installation of its president, Dr. Abram L. Sachar, on Oct. 7 and 8, it was announced today by George Alport, president of the Board of Trustees.

In addition, representatives of the federal government, the New England states, the U.S. Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, and the mayors of several Massachusetts cities, were invited to attend. Brandeis University, the first Jewish-sponsored nonsectarian university in the world, will open for its first term on October 11, with a freshman pilot class of approximately 135 students.

J.D.C. APPROPRIATED OVER \$1,500,000 TO AID JEWS IN CYPRUS; 50,000 BENEFITED

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- More than \$1,555,000 has been appropriated by the Joint Distribution Committee to aid the more than 50,000 Israel-bound Jewish displaced persons who have passed through or are at present living on Cyprus island, it was announced here today by Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman.

Although there are now a total of 11,000 Jews still detained on the island, "every Cyprus refugee has been assisted in one form or another through J.D.C. relief and rehabilitation aid in the camps," Mr. Leavitt pointed out. More than one and a half million pounds of foodstuffs, 83,600 pounds of clothing and 66,000 pounds of other supplies have been sent to Cyprus by the agency, it was reported.

DIAMONDS WEIGHING MORE THAN 6,000 CARATS TO GO ON SALE NEXT MONTH FOR BENEFIT OF DR'S

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Diamonds totalling more than 6,000 carats in weight will go on sale next month at the offices of the merchandising advisory committee of the International Refugee Organization, it was reported here today. Proceeds of the sale will go towards the rehabilitation of displaced persons.

Previous auction sales of other merchandise--representing loot seized by the Nazis from persons who could not be identified and which was recaptured by Allied armies--has resulted in \$300,000 being turned over to the I.R.O. The merchandise includes silverware, china, jewelry and glass.

JEWS GROUP IN LONDON LAUNCHES DRIVE FOR SOCIAL SERVICE MISSION TO PALESTINE

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A Jewish group formed to sponsor a social service mission to Palestine "to relieve the suffering of Jews and Arabs alike" today launched a fund-raising drive here.

Leaders in the new group, motivated by the desire to "give expression to the universalistic ethics of Judaism," include Dr. Leo Baeck, former Chief Rabbi of Germany; Prof. Norman Bentwich, former Attorney-General of Palestine, and Victor Gollancz, prominent London publisher.

DELEGATIONS OF TWO AMERICAN ZIONIST GROUPS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A Hadassah delegation comprising Mrs. Rose Halprin, president, Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, chairman of the board, and Mrs. Ann Tulin, treasurer, left here today for Israel to coordinate the Israeli Government's public health plans with the Hadassah organization's programs, particularly the mother-child care stations, recreation centers and playgrounds.

At the same time a Labor Zionist delegation left here to attend the forthcoming sessions of the Zionist Actions Committee which will open in Tel Aviv on Aug. 22. The deputation consists of Baruch Zuckerman, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America; Prof. Hayim Fineman; Louis Segal, president of the Jewish National Workers Alliance; Mrs. Israel Goldstein, president of the Pioneer Women, and David Wertheim, co-chairman of the National Committee for Labor Palestine.