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REJECT JERUSALEM CEASE-FIRE ORDER; U.N. MEDIATOR WARNS OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

ROME, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- U.N. Palestine mediator Count Folke Bernadotte today stated here that Israel has turned down his latest cease-fire proposal for Jerusalem in which he directed the Jews and the Arabs not to return any fire directed at them after 2 A.M., New York time, today.

By rejecting his order, the Jews, he said, are taking a great responsibility. He added that the Arabs informed him of their decision to comply with his order. He expressed the hope that they would maintain this decision. At the same time, he voiced disappointment over the destruction by Arabs of the Latrun water pumping station.

The U.N. mediator left Rome today for Geneva by special plane en route to Stockholm to participate in the International Red Cross Conference which opens there on August 20. The state of Israel has formally accepted the invitation to attend this conference and its delegation is now preparing to leave for Sweden, it was learned here today.

ISRAEL ASKS FOR FIXED TIME LIMIT ON PALESTINE TRUCE; WANTS PEACE TALKS STARTED

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The necessity for "replacing the truce in Palestine by a peace settlement between Israel and the belligerent Arab states" was emphasized here today by a spokesman for the Israeli mission as the U.N. Security Council was considering the Arab wrecking of the Latrun water pumping station.

"The Provisional Government of Israel cannot contemplate the indefinite duration of a truce in the absence of any peace negotiations," the Israeli spokesman said. The Provisional Government of Israel, therefore, urges as an incentive to early peace, a fixing of an early time limit for the present truce by which either peace must be concluded, or invading armies leave on the understanding that the Provisional Government of Israel would thereafter be free to seek a way out of the impasse by its own action."

The responsibility for the wrecking of the Latrun station was placed on U.N. Palestine mediator Count Folke Bernadotte at the Security Council in a statement made by Israeli representative Aubrey S. Eban. He said that Arab denial of water for Jerusalem was a breach of the truce with which the mediator was apparently unable to cope. He warned that, under the circumstances, Israel would be entitled to take its own action to safeguard the water supply for Jerusalem.

Speaking for the Arabs, Faris El Khouri confessed that the Arabs were holding the water supply as hostage for Jewish acceptance of the demilitarization of Jerusalem. Eban countered with the assertion that demilitarization was not mandatory but only an objective to be negotiated by the mediator with both parties.

The Security Council voted eight to one for a Soviet resolution urging the U.N. mediator to exert his efforts for resumption of the water supply to inhabitants of Jerusalem.

ARAB LEGION RESPONSIBLE FOR LATRUN BLAST, U.N. OFFICIAL INDICATES; REVENGE WANTED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- A U.N. spokesman indicated here today that the demolition yesterday of the Latrun water pumping station--which controls the water main from the coastal plain to Jerusalem--was probably the work of the Arab Legion.

Addressing a press conference, the U.N. truce official reported that an initial investigation of the blast showed that the truck in which the dynamiters were said to have made off after setting the explosives was driven by a member of the Arab Legion. U.N. authorities who arrived at the scene of the explosion several minutes after it occurred said they found three Arab civilians in the vehicle who admitted that they helped unload heavy equipment near the pumping station.

(At Lake Success, Israeli representative Aubrey S. Eban requested of the U. N. Security Council to authorize Israel to assume control of the demolished Latrun water pumping station for repair purposes. Eban said that unless Israel were authorized to take over the pumping station, the Israeli Government would feel free to take any action it deemed necessary to restore Jerusalem's water.)

Israeli Army leaders were reported today to be urging direct military action in retaliation for the wrecking of the pumping station. These leaders feel that the sabotage demonstrates that the Palestine mediator is powerless and, subsequently, the present truce is senseless, provoking a state of semi-war which will never lead to a permanent peace.

In a message to Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok in which he expressed his "profound shock" at the blowing up of the Latrun station, U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte said he had ordered repair work on the installations to begin at once. He also said "in view of what has happened," he could not "blame the Israeli Government" for deciding to revoke its earlier orders to evacuate two Arab villages overlooking the Latrun-Ramallah road.

U.N. officials who returned today from the Latrun area reported that all three pumps in the station have been completely destroyed and "are beyond repair."

LATRUN PUMP BLAST, INACCESSIBILITY OF WALLING WALL ON TISH' B'AV DEPRIVES JERUSALEMITES

JERUSALEM, AUG. 13. (JTA) -- Deep disappointment and bitter resentment marked the atmosphere in the Jewish sector of this city today following the news of the Latrun water pumping station blast which will aggravate to an even greater extent the already serious water situation.

The shock of the Latrun explosion had hardly worn off when it became known that no arrangements have been made by U.N. officials here to permit Jews to visit the Walling Wall in the Arab-held Old City to commemorate the Ninth of Ab, which falls tomorrow but will be observed on Sunday, since fasts are not permitted on the Sabbath. The Arabs had stipulated certain conditions which the Jews had to meet in order to be allowed to pray at the Walling Wall, but these conditions were never officially transmitted to the Jewish community by the U.N., it was learned today.

One Jewish soldier was killed, two were seriously and several others slightly injured last night when Arab Legionnaires were repulsed after attempting to break through Israeli defenses in the Mt. Zion area. An unknown number of casualties were inflicted on the Arabs, who used six and 25-pound shells in their assault.

ARE CONSTRUCTING NEW TEL AVIV-JERUSALEM ROAD FOR WINTER TRANSPORTATION

TEL AVIV, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Israeli engineers are now constructing a new road from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem which will run parallel to the so-called "Burna Road" constructed secretly prior to the first truce. The road will link Tel Aviv and Jerusalem through Jewish territory, it was announced today by the Israeli Government.

The "Burna Road" is not fit for winter use, while the new highway, which is expected to be ready for the rainy season beginning in October, will be paved and will solve the problems of Jerusalem-bound Jewish transport during the winter. Both will relieve the Jews from having to depend on the main Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway, which is in Arab-held territory, and which made it practically impossible for Jewish convoys to reach Jerusalem for weeks at a time during the Arab-Jewish fighting.

Leaders of the Israeli Army are now reported to be asking for the closing of the Latrun-Tarlich road -- which the government threatened to do recently unless demands opened the main Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway and permitted the flow of water to Jerusalem through the Latrun pumping station.

CHIEF OF RESIGNATION OF ISRAELI MILITARY LEADER OVER RIFT WITH BEN GURION IS DENIED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- A report in the American press that Israel Galili, Deputy Defense Minister and one of the founders of Palmach, the striking force of the Israeli Army, has resigned from his post in the Israeli Government in protest against Premier David Ben Gurion's efforts to liquidate Palmach's separate organizational status within the Defense Army of Israel, was denied here today.

However, it was admitted that Galili is now "on leave." It was also admitted that there are conflicting opinions between him and Ben Gurion regarding the status of the Palmach units. The Israeli premier, it was stated, is inclined to have the Palmach liquidated by incorporating it into the Israeli Army, but the General Staff, as well as leaders of the Mapai, the opposition group within Palestine's organized labor movement, are definitely opposed to any such move. In view of this strong opposition, no action has been taken as yet with regard to Palmach.

It was also revealed today that while Premier Ben Gurion insists on the establishment of a regular Israeli Army, the Mapai leaders prefer the existence of a "regular army." They also demand a joint military panel instead of one-man military leadership.

(George Fielding Eliot, military expert of the New York Post, wrote today: "The reported determination of Ben Gurion to do away with the separate status of the Palmach within the Israeli Army is supported by all military experience with democratic units.")

The Israeli State Council today appointed a 13-member security committee made up of three representatives of Mapai, two from Mapai and one each from the Revisionists, Mithqal Hadashah, Mizrahi, Agudah Labor, General Zionists and Sephardic community. Five non-Council members, -- Eli Elinshar, Sephardic leader, and Mayor L. Saphir of Petach Tikvah -- were also named to the body.

Premier Ben Gurion and the Israeli Army's chief of staff today paid a visit to air force installations in the Tel Aviv sector which were recently reorganized and expanded. Both expressed satisfaction at the results of the reorganization.

CHIEF DECISION ON BERGSON CASE DUE TUESDAY; ARRESTED IRGUNISTS POSTPONE HUNGER STRIKE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The decision in the habeas corpus proceedings brought by Peter Bergson, chairman of the American Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, and four other detained Irgunists, will be announced next Tuesday, it was reported today by the court. The four postponed until then a protest hunger strike scheduled for today.

\$100,000,000 LOAN TO ISRAEL IS VIRTUAL CERTAINTY, HIGH WASHINGTON OFFICIAL SAYS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- A highly-placed Administration official today confirmed that President Truman is working on a three-point program for Israel including a \$100,000,000 Export-Import Bank loan, de jure recognition, and U.S. support for Israel's U.N. membership application.

This official expressed the belief that securing the \$100,000,000 loan was a virtual certainty. Although he warned that "anything could happen" which might prevent the realization of such economic assistance for the new state, he indicated that President Truman is definitely committed to the idea of securing the loan.

STATE DEPARTMENT PLANS NO ACTION AGAINST LINES CARRYING PASSENGERS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The State Department today denied that it had ever threatened to revoke the license of a shipping company or airline for carrying men of military age as passengers to the Middle East.

A report in the New York Star today asserted that the Department had informed shipping and airlines that the U.N. truce bans the immigration of men of military age to the Middle East and that at least one U.S. airline operating between Rome and Haifa had been "politely warned" by the Department that its permit would be lifted if it accepted as passengers U.S. citizens of military age.

State Department press officer Michael J. McDermott said today that the facts in the case were as follows: "We have not instructed shipping and airlines not to carry any men of military age to the Middle East. We have, however, suggested to them that non-American applicants for passage at stops outside the United States should be cleared with the government of the country concerned (the country which they are in when they apply for passage) and with the U.N. mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, who is responsible under the Security Council truce resolutions.

"With respect to alleged threats by the Department to have the permit of a U.S. carrier revoked if it carried men of military age to Israel, the facts are that no U.S. carrier has been certificated by the U.S. Government to fly between Rome and Haifa. Only one U.S. carrier, T.W.A., has been certificated to fly into Palestine. The T.W.A. route was between Cairo to Lydda and T.W.A. has suspended its services to Palestine.

"There are, however, certain U.S. air carriers which operate non-schedule, irregular flights between points outside the United States to or through the troubled areas such as from Rome to Haifa. Such flights are not controlled by U.S. permits. They are operated by clearance from those foreign governments whose territory is involved. The Department, on the request of such carriers, transmits their request for clearance to the foreign government concerned. Obviously, therefore, no question of revocation of a license could come up," McDermott stated flatly.

Questioned why carriers had been requested to seek clearance only for non-American passengers, McDermott said that all Americans leaving the U.S. must state their reason for going to a certain country before their passport can be validated. If the reason given by an applicant seeking to travel to the Middle East "is contrary to the terms of the U.N. truce," he said, "passports are not issued."

NEW ROMANIAN DECREE PUTS RELIEF SHIPMENTS FROM ABROAD UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL

BUCHAREST, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Foreign relief shipments reaching this country for Jewish and other communities here have been placed under government control by a new decree issued today.

The decree, which guarantees freedom of religion and makes religious hatred a punishable offense, also stipulates that communities which are concerned purely with religious affairs are henceforth to be deprived of the right to maintain welfare institutions, hospitals, old-age and childrens' homes.

I.R.O. ALLOCATED \$4,000,000 TO TRANSPORT JEWISH DP'S FROM EUROPE TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The International Refugee Organization has appropriated a sum of \$4,000,000 to aid in the transportation of Jewish displaced persons from Europe to Israel, Eliahu Dobkin, head of the Jewish Agency immigration department, reported here today.

Dobkin said he hoped that the I.R.O. allocation would be doubled in the near future. At the same time he revealed that emergency fund-raising campaigns in central and western Europe, as well as in South America, had "reached unexpected proportions." The campaigns, he said, had already raised \$30,000,000, as compared with \$4,000,000 raised during the same period last year.

The Histadruth council conference, which ended its three-day session today, demanded that efforts "be concentrated towards bringing 100,000 Jews to Israel by the end of this year." A resolution was adopted asking Jews throughout the world to raise funds to provide transportation for these future immigrants. Another resolution called for aid to Jews living in Arab countries.

NEXT CONGRESS WILL CONSIDER REVISION OF ACT TO ADMIT DISPLACED PERSONS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The assurance that the next session of Congress will consider revising the present Displaced Persons Act--which was denounced by President Truman as anti-Semitic--was given by Senator Alexander Wiley, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, in a communication to Ugo Carusi, head of the Displaced Persons Commission which will administer the program calling for the admission of 205,000 displaced persons to this country within the next two years.

Meanwhile, President Truman today gave recess appointments to the three members of the DP commission--Ugo Carusi, Edward M. O'Connor and Harry Rosenfield. The President sent regular appointments for the three to the now recessed Special Session but the Republican leadership had banned consideration of any appointments during the session. The recess appointments will enable the commission to operate until January when they will become subject to approval by the regular session of the Senate.

In his letter to Carusi, Sen. Wiley wrote: "Beyond the shadow of a doubt this displaced persons question will be coming up in the Eighty-first Congress. By that time we will have had the experience of around one-half year of the operation of the law; whatever flaws may exist in it may have shown up. Whatever groups, if any, are treated unfairly purely unintentionally under the law will become evident. I personally will support all changes which appear justified in the law on the basis of objective facts."

FIRST JEWISH CREDIT COOPERATIVE FORMED IN ITALY; GETS \$50,000 FROM J.D.C.

ROME, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- With the help of the Joint Distribution Committee, a Jewish credit cooperative, the first of its kind in Italy, has been formed to lend funds to Jewish refugees as well as to needy Italian Jews.

The first credits have already been extended--to two physicians, two tailors, one watchmaker and two small tradesmen. The maximum amount for loans has been fixed at \$5,000. The J.D.C. provided a capital of \$50,000 and local sources supplied \$6,500 in stock purchases.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S F.E.P.C. ORDER PUT INTO EFFECT IN LABOR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Acting Secretary of Labor John W. Gibson today signed an order putting into effect the Fair Employment Practices policy for Federal agencies ordered by President Truman in his directive of July 16. The Labor Department thus becomes the first department in the government to institute the policy.

Gibson told a press conference that he had appointed Thacher Winslow, personal representative and assistant to the Under-Secretary of Labor, to be the Fair Employment Practices officer within the Department of Labor. Winslow will have full responsibility to act in cases involving charges of discrimination because of race, color, religion or national origin within the Department.

ISRAELI SOCCER TEAM WILL PLAY AGAINST U.S. OLYMPICS TEAM; LEADER ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Israeli National Soccer team, all of whose members are enlisted in the Defense Army of Israel, will play a series of games against the U.S. Olympic Soccer Team, Chaim Glovinsky, president of the Israel Soccer Football Association, revealed here today on his arrival from London. The first game will be played here on Sept. 26 at the Polo Grounds, with the proceeds going to the United Jewish Appeal.

The Israeli high command, Glovinsky said, has approved special furloughs for the players for their visit to America. The Israeli team is composed of the Jewish state's champion soccer player and represents the three major athletic associations in Israel--Hapoel (Labor Zionists), Maccabi (General Zionists) and Betar (Revisionists).

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL IN NEW YORK ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR ERECTION OF ITS OWN BUILDING

NEW YORK, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Plans for the erection of a six-story building to house the offices of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York at an annual saving in rental costs which will make the entire project self-liquidating within a short period of time were announced today by Samuel D. Leidesdorf, treasurer of the New York U.J.A. Purchase of a plot of land has already been consummated, he revealed.

SM. SALOMON, NOTED JEWISH ART COLLECTOR AND PUBLISHER, DIES; WAS 61 YEARS OLD

NEW YORK, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Schachna Maurice Salomon, well-known Jewish art collector in London, died here last night. He was 61 years old.

Salomon arrived here from England in 1937. He was the publisher of the Jewish Post, the only Jewish daily newspaper to be printed in English in the British capital, which continued publication for about a year. His museum and galleries in London served as the British Empire headquarters of the World Alliance to Combat Anti-Semitism. He was reported to own at least 50 noted paintings, including the works of Rembrandt and Van Gogh, besides considerable Hebrew art.