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U.N. MEDIATOR WANTS UNITED NATIONS TO IMPOSE PEACE CONDITIONS ON JEWS AND ARABS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The surest way to secure peace in Palestine is through a United Nations decision which the Jews and Arabs should be called upon to accept, U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte today declared. Speaking to a press conference here after a two-hour meeting with Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok, the mediator revealed that his report to the forthcoming meeting of the U.N. General Assembly in Paris would contain his "conclusions" on a workable basis for peace in Palestine.

During the meeting Shertok voiced strong opposition to continuance of an indefinite truce, insisting that a definite term be set to the cease-fire. The Foreign Minister, expressing complete confidence in the country's staying power, told Bernadotte that a protracted truce could not force Israel to abandon its principles.

Bernadotte told newsmen that peace was nearer today than at any time since the truce began, but refused to give reasons for his belief. He said he came to Tel Aviv to seek Israeli agreement to his plan to demilitarize Jerusalem and specifically the Mt. Zion area. The Israeli Minister expressed strong reservations on the demilitarization of Jerusalem, pointing out that since the city was virtually "ringed by" Arab forces the Jews could not agree to withdraw their armed forces unless and until they were assured of an adequate U.N. force to prevent the Arabs from seizing the demilitarized city at will.

Even if the U.N. had the will to protect Jerusalem, Shertok declared, there was still a serious doubt of its ability to provide the necessary force. The Israeli Minister pointedly reminded Bernadotte of his earlier proposal that the city be turned over to the Arabs. Discussing this issue with the press later, Bernadotte complained that the Jews were approaching the problem from the wrong end, since the question of a U.N. force to defend Jerusalem could not be considered until there was agreement on demilitarization.

Shertok Argues with U.N. Mediator on Withdrawal from Mt. Zion

On the Mt. Zion problem, the mediator told Shertok that the Arabs were prepared to withdraw from the eastern slopes of the height if the Jews evacuated their positions on the other side. Shertok pointed out bluntly that the Jews had occupied their positions before the truce, while the Arabs had seized theirs by violating the cease-fire and that it was the U.N.'s duty to force the Arabs to withdraw. To make the Arab withdrawal conditional on a Jewish evacuation would be to reward the Arabs for a truce violation and thus make future enforcement impossible, he emphasized.

Reporting on the talks to the Israeli State Council, later this afternoon, Shertok said that when Bernadotte asked him what solution there was for the Jerusalem problem, he replied: "It depends on a general Palestine solution." Shertok said he

understood that Bernadotte, himself, believes that if the U.N. Assembly makes no decision on the truce, the mediator will not remain in his post after the close of Assembly session.

Shertok also delivered an attack on the central truce supervisory board, during his talk with Bernadotte, for the recent decisions they announced on the strength of Arab statements and without giving the Jews a hearing. He reportedly enumerated many cases wherein Israel challenged the truce board's decisions.

It is understood that the immigration question was not discussed, but Bernadotte told the press conference that his views on the Cyprus refugees remain unchanged--that they be treated like all other Jews seeking to enter Palestine. He also told the newsmen that he did not consider that his duties ended with the presentation of his report to Secretary-General Trygve Lie, but that he did not know what his position would be if the Assembly did not accept his recommendations.

Bernadotte declared that he had not raised the question of the position of Jews in Arab countries during his talks with Arab leaders. He discussed lengthily the Arab refugee question at the press conference, asserting that this problem must be settled simultaneously with the peace negotiations. He also insisted that these refugees be allowed to return to their former homes. In a further comment in Danish to a Scandinavian newsmen, the mediator indicated that he meant only women and children refugees. However, he did not convey this impression to the other correspondents.

U.N. MEDIATOR HAS NO FINAL DECISION ON ADMISSION OF MILITARY AGE IMMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte has not made any final rules concerning the admission of men of military age as immigrants to Israel, a cable from his headquarters in Haifa to the U.N. headquarters here reported today.

The cable said that the mediator told this to a press conference in Haifa last night. It added that he may take up the question with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok prior to his leaving this week-end for Rhodes, where he will prepare his report for the U.N. General Assembly which opens in Paris on September 21.

The cable also states that Bernadotte told the press conference that he had "speedily transmitted messages to the Arab Governments on the Jewish offer of direct peace talks."

REVISIONIST WORLD EXECUTIVE PERMITS ISRAELI REVISIONISTS TO MERGE WITH IRGUN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Following the policy of the World Zionist Organization of separating the world Zionist movement from the internal political affairs of Israel, the world executive of the Revisionist Party today adopted a decision which makes it possible for Revisionists in Israel to amalgamate with the Irgun-sponsored Freedom Movement in the formation of a joint parliamentary group in the forthcoming Israeli parliamentary elections.

The decision emphasizes that the vote taken this week by a majority of delegates at the conference of Israeli Revisionists to merge with the Freedom Movement cannot be approved by the world executive inasmuch as the local party has no authority to decide on major policy matters. Nevertheless the executive is of the opinion that such a merger is possible provided that a separate parliamentary party is formed in which both Revisionists and Irgunists participate. The World Revisionist Movement remains separated from the Israeli branch, the decision said.

TRUMAN SAYS HE IS CONSIDERING QUESTION OF DE JURE RECOGNITION FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- President Truman told his news conference today that he has the matter of de jure recognition for Israel under consideration now. This was the only comment the President would make on the question of whether the recognition would be delayed until after the Israeli elections in November.

The President was later quoted by a post-conference visitor as saying he "hoped" the Export-Import Bank would be able to grant Israel a \$100,000,000 loan. The caller was David Dubinsky, leader of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

TRUMAN ROLE IN ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL LAUDED BY ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE TO WASHINGTON

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The role of President Truman in helping the establishment of Israel and its achieving international recognition was lauded here last night by Eliahu Epstein, Israeli special representative to Washington, who is now here engaging in high level policy conferences with Foreign Office officials.

Speaking at a press conference, Epstein said that Israel is going to the forthcoming U.N. General Assembly session in Paris with "something tangible," and that "due to its stand" it is also "more sovereign and firmly established." He praised the role of American Jewry, which together with the exploits of the Israeli army, he said, brought about U.S. de facto recognition. The United States, he declared, is interested in peace in the Middle East and therefore in the continuance of the truce, but it knows that peace rather than a truce is the lasting solution.

ISRAELI CABINET OVERRULES ARMY COURT; FREES SOLDIERS WHO REFUSED TO COOK ON SABBATH

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Israeli Cabinet today overruled an Army court-martial and ordered the release of two Orthodox soldiers sentenced to one week's imprisonment for refusal to cook a meal on the Sabbath.

The case raised a storm of protest both in the Cabinet and among the people; the Mizrahi Labor Party held a public protest rally. In the Cabinet, Minister for Religion Judah L. Fishman protested against the court-martial sentence, asserting that religious Jewry was shocked by it. He was supported by Minister for the Interior Itzhak Gruenbaum who said that although he personally was not religious he supported Fishman's position as a matter of guaranteeing freedom of conscience.

ISRAELI JUSTICE MINISTRY NAMES FIRST ARAB MAGISTRATE; HELD SAME POSITION UNDER MANDATE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Israeli Ministry of Justice today announced the appointment of the first Arab to an official position within the Israeli court system. He is Aliz Jarjura, who served as a magistrate under the Palestine Mandate Government, and who has been named to the same position in Nazareth.

Aubrey Eben, Israeli representative to the United Nations, today changed his name to Abba Eben in line with the general policy toward Hebraization of names. In Hebrew Eben means "stone."

The appointment of Azriel Schwartz as counsellor of the Israeli legation in Warsaw was announced today. Schwartz is a member of the United Workers Party and was formerly editorial secretary of the party organ Hamishmar.

DISPLACED JEWS LEAVE CAMP IN BRITISH ZONE OF AUSTRIA FOR RESETTLEMENT IN CANADA

VIENNA, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Five hundred and thirty-five displaced Jewish garment and fur workers left Salzburg today en route to Canada where they will be admitted as immigrants.

The DP's, who will travel via Germany, are all from Admont, the only Jewish camp in the British zone of Austria. About 500 Jews remain at Admont. Responsible quarters here believe that Admont will be closed as soon as more room becomes available in camps in the U.S. zone which are expected to be emptied by immigration to Israel.

I.R.O. PROPOSES 6,000 DISPLACED JEWS BE BROUGHT TO ITALY FROM GERMAN, AUSTRIAN CAMPS

ROME, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- With the DP camps in Italy emptying at a rate that is expected to clear all displaced Jews out of the country within a short time, the International Refugee Organization staff has proposed to Jewish institutions that they bring to Italy some 6,000 to 8,000 DP's from either Germany or Austria, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

The JTA also learned that the Italian Foreign Ministry is prepared to approve such a plan, providing that it receives guarantees that the refugees will not remain in the country, but will leave for Israel after remaining a short time.

In view of the growing anti-Semitism in Germany and Austria, the Jewish institutions here view the I.R.O. proposal favorably. However, the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Refugee Organization here are planning to reduce their administrative staffs by 50 percent.

GOVERNOR OF SURINAM SUSPENDS NEGOTIATIONS ON ADMISSION OF JEWS INTO HIS TERRITORY

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Governor Huender of Surinam, Dutch Guiana, notified the Freeland League for Jewish Territorial Colonization and the Legislative Council of Surinam that he is suspending the discussions on immigration of Jews into his territory, it was learned here today.

Mrs. Ida M. Silverman of Providence, Rhode Island, a long-time opponent of the Freeland League, made public the text of a letter addressed by Governor Huender to the Freeland League on August 14. It reads:

"Referring to my predecessors' letter of December 4, 1947, No. 5008, I have the honor to communicate that the legislative body of Surinam (Staten) now have thought fit to reconsider the matter of colonization of Jews into Surinam in the light of the present international situation.

"After due and profound consideration the Staten--pending the total clarification of the general international situation--prefer to suspend the discussions with your organization on immigration of Jews into Surinam."

At the New York headquarters of the Freeland League it was confirmed that such a communication had been received. Dr. I.N. Steinberg, the head of the League, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he will issue a statement concerning Governor Huender's letter.

RUMANIAN JEWISH IMMIGRANTS LEAVE FOR FRANCE TO EMBARK FOR TRIP TO ISRAEL

BUCHAREST, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A group of Jewish immigrants bound for Israel today left for Marseilles where they will board a vessel to complete their journey. The French Government gave them special permission to use Marseilles as a port of embarkation.

Today's immigrants were part of a group of 156 Rumanian Jews who received Palestine immigration certificates from the British Mandate Government before May 15 and have been awaiting transportation to Israel. Permission for 50 more to embark at a French port has been requested, but the French Government has not yet acted on it. The Joint Distribution Committee is paying the rail fares of the immigrants.

BRITAIN CLAIMS TO FAVOR ARAB-JEWISH NEGOTIATIONS; WILL PRACTICE NON-INTERFERENCE

LONDON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Britain is still pursuing a policy of "not holding any strong view" on the Palestine problem, but is leaving it to the parties concerned to agree on a settlement, it was stated here today in authoritative circles. If such an agreement includes the existence of an independent Jewish state Britain will not oppose it, the statement added.

A plea for Britain to postpone recognition of Israel was made today in a letter to the London Times by Chapman Walker, Conservative M.P., who recently returned from a tour of Israel and Transjordan. Walker argued that recognition prior to the arrangement of a settlement by U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte would be "construed by 209,000,000 Muslims as a conciliatory gesture by Britain towards the side with the present military advantage."

The Times today editorially warns the Israeli Government "not to strike too hard a bargain" in negotiating with the Arab states because of the likelihood of destroying chances for peaceful relations. The newspaper adds that the task of the Arab leaders is to persuade their followers that Israel is born and cannot be crushed by force and that a friendly understanding with her is indispensable to the interests of the Arabs. It also said that the Jews too must make sacrifices in order not to drive the Arabs back into war as a despairing last resort.

SCOTLAND YARD HUNTING FOUR MISSING FIGHTER PLANES; BELIEVED BOUND FOR PALESTINE

LONDON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Four fighter planes of a type used by the Royal Air Force have disappeared and are believed on their way to Palestine, it was reported here today.

The planes were recently purchased by a Terry Farnfield for \$60,000. Farnfield arrived here with references from South African businessmen and said that the planes were needed for a film company, which he formed with the aid of British businessmen. Farnfield and the pilots of the planes are officially reported to be missing.

Scotland Yard has asked the International Police Commission headquarters in Paris to assist in the search for the planes and men. An official at the Civil Aviation Ministry admitted that it had been "fairly bamboozled."

CELLER URGES GEN. CLAY TO DISREGARD STATE DEPT. BAN ON EXIT VISAS TO JEWISH DP'S

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York today cabled General Lucius D. Clay in Berlin urging him to "disobey the order of Assistant Secretary of State Charles E. Seltzman that seeks to interfere with your authority to grant exit visas to Jewish DP's of military age en route to Palestine.

"You need not associate yourself with any order illegally proposed," Celler cabled, adding that the order contravenes Congressional and Presidential resolutions calling for unlimited Jewish immigration into Palestine. "Only your superiors, Chief of Staff Omar Bradley or President Truman can force you to disregard that declared policy of the United States, and President Truman would not do so," Celler declared.

He informed Clay that the General has "widespread support back home for continuing your humanitarian policy of freely granting exit visas to all Jews seeking to make Israel their home." The Congressional intention, Celler asserted, is to close DP camps in Germany as soon as possible.

ISRAEL DAY TO BE CELEBRATED IN NEW YORK SEPT. 15; ISRAELI YOUTH MISSION TO PARTICIPATE

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- September 15 has been set aside as Israel Day in New York, it was announced here yesterday by Grover A. Whalen, chairman of the Mayor's Committee for the Commemoration of the Golden Anniversary of the city. Whalen added that members of the Israeli youth mission who are now in the U.S. on a good will tour, will participate in special ceremonies to commemorate the day.

NATIONAL JEWISH YOUTH CONFERENCE DISCUSSES PLANS FOR PERMANENT YOUTH BODY IN U.S.

NARROWSBURG, N.Y., Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Plans for the establishment of a permanent body of Jewish youth and young adult councils were discussed here today at the first National Jewish Youth Conference.

Following presentation of a report by the parley's committee on organization recommending formation of such a body the delegates began discussing the specific purposes, program and structure of the permanent organization. The committee on organization recommended that the permanent body elect an executive committee to draft a constitution to present to the next annual convention after consideration by local communities. The executive committee would also carry out the purposes of the permanent body between conventions.

DR. MOSHE CROSS-ZIMMERMAN, JEWISH WRITER, ARRIVES ON KEREN HAYESOD MISSION

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Moshe Cross-Zimmerman, Jewish writer and member of the Keren Hayesod headquarters staff, arrived here today from Israel en route to Latin America where he will work in behalf of the Keren Hayesod.