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ISRAELI LEADERS WARN OF POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF WAR; CRITICIZE U.S. TRUCE MACHINERY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok and Yigal Yadin, Chief of Operations of the Israeli Army, today blasted the United Nations truce supervision machinery as one-sided and biased.

The Israeli leaders, who addressed a joint press conference here, also warned of the possibility of an early resumption of hostilities. They cited evidence of Arab troop concentrations in different areas of Palestine and Shertok warned that "if the Arabs launch an attack on one front, Israel will consider itself free to counteract on other fronts as well."

Shertok charged that "considerable Arab reinforcements of men, arms and supplies are reaching the Arab fronts continuously. Egyptian trains are running frequently and bring supplies in entirely unchecked and Arab troops are crossing the Jordan five days a week, although the observers are on duty only two days each week," he said.

The Israeli minister pointed out the serious lack of observers in the Arab countries as contrasted to the number assigned to Israeli positions. There are six U.N. observers in all of "vast Iraq" and 14 in Syria, while 18 have been assigned to the city of Tel Aviv alone. Yadin emphasized that the war is being fought by invading armies, not local Arabs, therefore the supervision of the U.N. must extend back into the home countries of the invading forces. Shertok said that the 305 observers -- including 55 in Arab countries -- who are now on duty throughout Palestine and the Middle East cost the nations of the world about \$1,000,000 a month and "really effective" supervision in the Arab countries would cost even more.

U.N. Staff is Biased and Favors Arabs, Shertok Says

In a list of "flagrant truce breaches," Shertok included the Jerusalem water supply situation, where no arrangement has yet been put into effect despite a U.N. decision to permit the Jews to get their water through the Latrun pumping station which is under Arab control. He also charged that Lebanese warships are diverting vessels on the high seas to Lebanese ports where non-military cargo consigned to Israel is being seized. Another truce violation which he scored was the Arab refusal to evacuate positions captured on Jerusalem's Mt. Zion after the truce went into effect unless the Jews withdraw from positions gained before the truce.

"All these prove the futility of the entire truce observation system," Shertok declared. "Numerous proofs are available for our claiming that the United Nations staff here is biased and is favoring the Arabs. The actual method of the United Nations here is -- get tough with the Jews but use persuasion and patience with the Arabs," he continued.

Shertok concluded that there is "clear" evidence based on authentic reports that makes the Israelis believe that the Arabs are preparing an offensive. That, he asserted, is one way to end the truce, but the Jews wish to terminate the truce by a lasting peace.

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ISRAEL PROTESTS TO MEDIATOR AGAINST ARMS TRAFFIC TO AND AMONG ARAB COUNTRIES

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Israeli Foreign Office today submitted a formal protest to the U.N. central truce supervision board charging that arms and other military supplies are reaching the Arab countries and are being brought from home bases to front line positions. After listing the Arab violations, the Foreign Office asked the mediator what he intends to do about them.

Specifically, the Israelis said that large quantities of arms and ammunition were recently unloaded in the Iraq port of Basra and distributed from there throughout the Middle East. Other military shipments have been discharged at Beirut, apparently on consignment for the Arab Legion. In addition the Israeli protest declared there is a daily arms traffic between Beirut and Transjordan.

Dr. Bernard Joseph, Israeli military governor of Jerusalem, today advised the mediator against moving U.N. mediation headquarters from Rhodes to Jerusalem. He said the city was dangerous and the "war is not over yet."

The Israeli State Council tonight promulgated a manpower mobilization law which was put into practical effect by Labor Minister Mordecai Bentov last June 16. The law provides for the mobilization for labor of all men over military age, but under 55, and provides that all women up to 50 years of age may be drafted for essential labor. The Council also approved another de facto situation -- that all Israeli laws are applicable to areas under occupation by the Israeli Army.

TRIAL OF BRITONS CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE AGAINST ISRAEL ADJOURNED WHEN JUDGE DIES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The trial of two Britons charged with collecting and passing on to the Arabs information concerning Israeli troop movements in Jerusalem was today adjourned for the second time in two days when one of the judges trying the case collapsed of a heart attack and died. The judge was Dr. Gad Stultz, 45. The trial will be resumed Monday after a new court is named.

Earlier, the court granted a defense motion to try one of the defendants, Frederick Sylvester, separately on a charge of being involved in the Ben Yehuda Street explosion in Jerusalem in which more than 50 Jews died earlier this year.

EL SALVADOR RECOGNIZES ISRAEL; FIRST AMONG NATIONS WHICH ABSTAINED ON U.N. PARTITION

SAN SALVADOR, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Government of El Salvador has recognized Israel, it was announced here today. El Salvador is the first of the countries which abstained from voting at the U.N. on the partition decision to recognize the Jewish state.

(Argentine postal officials in Buenos Aires announced today that postal relations between Argentina and the Jewish state will be initiated shortly.)

WILLIAM TUCK NAMED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF I.R.O.; SERVED AS HEAD OF PREPARATORY GROUP

GENEVA, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- William H. Tuck, an American and former executive secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization, was today unanimously elected director general of the I.R.O. by its General Council, which is now meeting here. Tuck, who has served the I.R.O. since July 1, 1947, said he interpreted the Council's action as a vote of confidence in his previous administration.

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LICENSES TO IMPORT \$32,000,000 WORTH OF GOODS GRANTED BY ISRAEL IN FOUR MONTHS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government has granted import licenses for goods valued at \$32,000,000 since the state was first established May 15, it was officially announced here today. Twenty million dollars was spent for goods from countries in the sterling bloc, while \$12,000,000 was spent in the U.S. and other countries.

Israel has obtained the release of some \$9,200,000 of Palestine funds frozen by Britain. The funds will be used for purchases in Britain and elsewhere in the sterling area.

Tel Aviv Mayor Israel Rokach, however, revealed today that Britain has refused to honor one of its own government checks. The check, for \$60,000, was given the municipality of Tel Aviv in April of this year, but all attempts to cash it at Cyprus, which is under British administration, have failed.

Dr. Herbert Foerder, Israeli Food Controller, returning here from Britain where he served as head of a purchasing mission, reported that Israel has established important economic contacts abroad and has succeeded in obtaining quotas and international allocations of materials in short supply. Dr. Foerder also said that the government has opened a large dollar account in the U.S. to facilitate purchases of essential materials and has obtained substantial credit from leading world suppliers.

M. Somer, director of the Czechoslovak National Bank, is visiting Israel to negotiate a barter deal between the two nations. He is also arranging for the payment by Israel of debts due Czechoslovak firms for materials exported to Israel.

BRITAIN COOPERATING WITH OTHER NATIONS TO END PALESTINE WAR, DALTON TELLS COMMONS

LONDON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Britain, in conjunction with other nations, is doing the utmost possible to bring the bloodshed in Palestine to an end, Hugh Dalton, government spokesman, last night told Commons at the end of a foreign policy debate. He added that the present truce was established by the United Nations and that that organization is dealing with the matter.

A comprehensive review of the results of the recent Zionist Actions Committee session in Tel Aviv was given here last night at a large Zionist meeting addressed by several of the British delegates to the Actions Committee parley. Rabbi J.K. Goldbloom, former president of the Zionist Federation of Britain and Ireland, and Barnett Janner, leading Zionist and a Member of Parliament, explained the functional and personnel separation established between the Israeli Government and the World Zionist Organization.

Gershon Agronsky, editor of the Palestine Post, who is now visiting England, told the meeting that there has been a "slight change" in the political climate of England so far as the Palestine situation is concerned. He stressed that the change was not due to the efforts of U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte but to the firm stand taken by Israel. He added that the "Pax Britannica is gradually being superseded by the Pax Judaica" in Israel. Agronsky declared that it is as "unthinkable" that the "Mufti's blitz against Israel and Jerusalem" will succeed as it was that "Hitler would land in England."

Three hundred Anglo-Jewish leaders and cultural workers attended a reception last night in honor of Simon Rawidowicz, who for fifteen years has been an active leader in the movement to disseminate Hebrew culture in Britain. Rawidowicz, who has been a lecturer at Leeds University and an editor of several research volumes on Hebrew culture, is leaving to take up research work in Chicago.

SECRET SOVIET TALKS WITH ARABS RUMORED; REPORT POSSIBLE CHANGE IN MOSCOW POLICY

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The New York Times published a report from Paris today stating that Soviet Minister to Syria Daniel Solod, prior to returning to Moscow, conferred secretly with Syrian leaders. The dispatch said the clandestine meetings were reported by "British and French experts" in the Syrian capital.

Following the Russian envoy's departure, the Times cable said, Soviet agents in Damascus began to spread "coordinated rumors" saying that Moscow is contemplating a new policy regarding the Arab world and that a plan is presently under discussion in the Kremlin whereby "bases might be granted to the Soviet Union in Syria in exchange for tacit assistance against Israel."

Emphasizing that it is considered "most unlikely that these rumors are well-founded," the Times correspondent, C.L. Sulzberger, pointed out that "nevertheless they can act as a threat to the United States, forcing Washington to dilute its assistance to Israel in order to maintain what is left of its position in Arab lands thus benefitting the Soviet position at Tel Aviv."

CANADIAN PRESS CALLS ON GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL; URGES BRITAIN TO CHANGE POLICY

MONTREAL, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Canadian Press is becoming more outspoken in its demand that the Canadian Government grant immediate recognition to the new state of Israel and many Canadian newspapers are suggesting to the British Government that it change its attitude toward the Jewish state.

"Sooner or later," says the Halifax Chronicle, "it will be necessary for the British Government to recognize the state of Israel." There are good reasons why a de facto recognition should be made soon," it adds. "The strongest of these reasons is that to recognize Israel is to recognize a fact. Since May 15 a state has in fact existed and has exercised effective control over a large part of Palestine. It is delimited not by the intricate and sometimes unrealistic frontiers drawn by the United Nations Assembly but by the positions which the armed forces of Israel are holding," the Chronicle says. "While these are not yet static, they are solid enough; they would hold even if general fighting breaks out again," it emphasizes.

The Ottawa Citizen declared: "As one of the countries responsible, through its support of Palestine partition, for the establishment of the Provisional Government of Israel, Canada has proceeded with perhaps too much caution in taking the logical next step: recognition of the new state. The Canadian Government's arguments against recognition at this time may seem strong, but they are not strong enough to outweigh the fact that in the United Nations, Canada supported the decision which gave birth to a Jewish state in Palestine."

The Toronto Globe and Mail asks: "What reason has Canada, after its vote in favor of partition, for snubbing the Jewish state? Neither St. Laurent nor any other member of the Cabinet has given the answer. Mr. St. Laurent in a recent speech encouraged us to believe that Canada had at last a foreign policy of its own based on certain clear principles and aims. In the absence of an explanation of Canada's inconsistent actions on the Palestine question, that speech will have to be discounted as mere rhetoric and it will have to be assumed that the government has relapsed into do-nothing, know-nothing, evasive policy of 'no commitments.'"

FRENCH GOVT. DENIES FRANCE, BRITAIN AND BENELUX COUNTRIES HAVE COMMON ISRAEL POLICY

PARIS, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- A French Foreign Office spokesman today denied a report that France, Britain and the Benelux countries have agreed on a common policy concerning the recognition of the Israeli Government.

ABERG, NOTORIOUS SWEDISH ANTI-SEMITES, FINED; VOWS TO CONTINUE HIS ACTIVITIES

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Einar Aberg, notorious Swedish anti-Semite, was today fined 500 kroner for publishing and distributing anti-Jewish pamphlets. He still faces a trial on charges of having traveled from Sweden to France without a passport.

After he heard the sentence Aberg announced that he will continue his activities. During the court recess before he was sentenced, the anti-Semite handed out his hate propaganda in the anteroom of the court. There is considerable ill feeling toward Aberg because people believe that the material which he mails abroad reflects to the detriment of Sweden.

"OLIVER TWIST" MAY NOT BE SHOWN IN U.S. FOR LONG TIME; JEWS IN CANADA PROTEST SHOWING

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- American release of the British motion picture "Oliver Twist" will be delayed a year or longer, it is reported today from London in Variety, leading U.S. theatrical publication.

"The film will be stalled until world conditions, particularly the Palestine crisis, quiet down," the report said, revealing that the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League criticized the picture because of its portrayal of Fagin, one of the characters in the Dickens novel, as a grotesque caricature of a Jew.

Variety also carries a report from Toronto stating that the Jewish Community Council there lodged a protest against the showing of Oliver Twist in Canadian theatres. Following the premiere of the film in a local movie, the Toronto Globe and Mail criticized the picture, declaring: "While the producers point out that Fagin is not necessarily a Jew, and that the make-up is accidentally Jewish in appearance, they have not explained certain little Jewish hand mannerisms, or the use of a particular type of flat hat that Fagin uses and which is strictly a period piece of Jewish headgear."

WORLD CONGRESS FOR YIDDISH CULTURE OPENS AT CARNEGIE HALL; DISCUSSES CULTURAL TASKS

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The World Congress for Yiddish Culture opened tonight at Carnegie Hall with several thousand guests and more than 500 delegates in attendance, including more than 100 from 20 countries. Jewish cultural groups and institutions in Israel are represented by Dr. Ernst Simon, professor of education at the Hebrew University, and David Zacai, representative of the Writers and Journalists Association of Israel.

A review of Jewish cultural life today was given at the opening session by Samuel Niger, well-known literary critic. The session also heard an address on "Trends in Jewish Cultural Life" by Prof. Liebman Hersh of the University of Geneva. David Pinski, novelist and playwright, addressed the parley on "Jewish Culture and Its Tasks." Greetings for the Latin American delegates were delivered by Samuel Roszansky, president of the Argentine Jewish Culture Federation. Chaim Grade, president of the Jewish P.E.N. Club in France, greeted the Congress on behalf of the European delegations.

Special memorial services for the 6,000,000 Jews who perished in Europe during the war were also held. A eulogy was delivered by Jacob Pat, executive secretary of the Jewish Labor Committee. The Congress, which will seek to establish a permanent organization to strengthen Yiddish culture throughout the world, will meet for five days. All Yiddish newspapers in New York today published editorials welcoming the delegates and emphasizing the necessity for such a world gathering.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS BIG FOUR TO GUARD RIGHTS OF JEWS IN EX-ITALIAN COLONIES

NEW YORK, Sept. 16, (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the World Jewish Congress, revealed last night that the W.J.C. had appealed to the four-power conference in Paris considering the fate of the former Italian colonies to make certain that the rights, liberties and status of the Jewish population in Libya and other areas would be fully protected under any final settlement. Dr. Wise's announcement was made to over 1,500 members of the American Jewish Congress at a meeting which heard reports on the plenary session of the Congress held in Switzerland last summer.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the W.J.C. executive committee, declared that at its plenary session the Congress had wisely avoided involvement in any of the disputes between the Big Powers now threatening to split the world. "No people in the world," he said, "is so vitally concerned about the hope of one united world as the Jewish people who are the predestined victims of every conflict."

The dangers of rising anti-Semitism in Germany and the recrudescence of Nazi thinking were emphasized by Dr. Joachim Prinz of Newark, chairman of the administrative committee of the American Jewish Congress. He asserted that his observations in Germany had convinced him that progress toward democratization was "lamentably slow and dangerously inadequate." Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, secretary-general of the Congress, stated that the session in Switzerland, representing the Jewish communities of 65 countries, reflected the victory of the Congress idea over the philosophy of Jewish isolationism and of anonymity in dealing with specifically Jewish matters.

JEWS CHAPLAINS IN EUROPE MEETING DIFFICULTIES IN COVERING WIDE AREAS, DR. POOL SAYS

NEW YORK, Sept. 16, (JTA) -- Jewish chaplains with the U.S. forces in Europe are encountering difficulties covering the scattered areas in which they serve, Dr. David de Sola Pool, spiritual leader of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue here, stated yesterday upon his return from a four-week Army Department-sponsored tour as a representative of the Jewish Welfare Board.

In Austria, Dr. Pool disclosed, one Jewish chaplain is required to cover the entire U.S. occupation zone, including Vienna, Salzburg and Linz. He stressed the importance of the J.W.B.'s continuing stream of supplies to the Continent, including literature, religious items and food.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT DECORATES J.D.C. DIRECTOR; AWARD GIVEN FOR AGENCY'S WORK

BUDAPEST, Sept. 16, (JTA) -- Israel Jacobson, Joint Distribution Committee representative for Hungary, was decorated today with the Hungarian Order of the Commander Cross in recognition of the J.D.C.'s relief work. The decoration was presented to Jacobson by Karoly Olt, Minister of Welfare, in the name of President Arpad Szakasits.

ISRAELI GOVT. ENJOYS CONFIDENCE OF MAJORITY OF POPULATION, DR. SCHWARTZBART REPORTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 16, (JTA) -- "The Provisional Government of Israel enjoys the confidence of the overwhelming majority of the population," Dr. I. Schwartzbart, member of the Zionist Actions Committee, said here today upon his return from Israel where he attended the Committee's recent sessions. "Many of its steps are criticized, but almost everybody says: 'it is the best Government we can afford now.' It is both cautious and courageous, watchful and successful," he added.

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