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U.N. ASSEMBLY OPENS IN PARIS; BROAD BACKING FOR BERNADOTTE'S RECOMMENDATIONS PREDICTED

PARIS, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The United Nations General Assembly opened here today on a note indicating that the recommendations on Palestine made by the late U.N. mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, are certain to win broad backing. Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, Australian Minister for External Affairs, was elected president of the Assembly.

Secretary-General Trygve Lie, addressing the session, said that the gathering opens "under the shadow of a tragedy which, only four days ago, befell us all through the brutal assassination of two servants of the United Nations in Palestine--Count Bernadotte and Col. Andre Serot."

Emphasizing that the two "were killed in cold blood, by deliberate assassination," the U.N. Secretary-General said: "The death of these two brave and honorable men must demand full satisfaction from those who were responsible. It raises again, and more urgently than ever before, the question of what the United Nations shall do to make certain, as far as is humanly possible, that its representatives will enjoy a maximum amount of protection in the future while performing their duties in areas of physical danger."

"This grave incident," Mr. Lie continued, "would seem to make it evident to everybody that the United Nations in certain circumstances cannot depend on local authorities for the safety of its representatives and, consequently, must be prepared to ensure their safety by instruments of its own. I am sure that the General Assembly will wish to consider the measure which might be adopted in this direction and I shall be prepared, when the time comes, to present my views on the matter."

Canada Will Support U.S. Attitude on Palestine

A spokesman for the Canadian delegation said that Canada would support the attitude on Palestine taken by the United States as outlined in a statement made here this morning to representatives of the press by U.S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall. The statement said that the U.S. Government will back the recommendations of the late U.N. mediator which were made public yesterday. (See text of statement on page 2.)

The attitude of the French Government was indicated by Alexandre Parodi, head of the French delegation to the U.N., in a radio talk which he delivered last night following publication of Bernadotte's recommendations. He commented favorably on Bernadotte's suggestion that the Israeli frontiers be made continuous by acquisition of all the Galilee and surrender to the Arabs of the Negev. He also supported Bernadotte's proposal for the internationalization of Jerusalem.

High tribute was paid to the late mediator when the Red Cross plane carrying the bodies of Bernadotte and Col. Serot arrived at Orly airport here. Among those attending the ceremonies were U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie, Secretary of State George C. Marshall, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, Foreign Minister Robert Schuman, Paul Henri Spaak of Belgium and other leading figures. Bernadotte's coffin was transferred to a Sweden-bound plane.

U.S. BACKS BERNADOTTE'S PROPOSALS; MARSHALL URGES ACCEPTANCE "IN THEIR ENTIRETY"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government went on record today as fully backing the recommendations on Palestine made by the late Count Folke Bernadotte in his report to the U.N. Security Council, the text of which was made public yesterday. The State Department today released the text of a statement issued by Secretary of State George C. Marshall in Paris which emphasizes that the U.S. Government will urge the U.N. General Assembly, as well as the Jews and the Arabs, to accept these recommendations "in their entirety."

The text of Secretary Marshall's statement reads:

"The United States considers that the conclusions contained in the final report of Count Bernadotte offer a generally fair basis for settlement of the Palestine question. My government is of the opinion that the conclusions are sound and strongly urges the parties and the General Assembly to accept them in their entirety as the best possible basis for bringing peace to a distracted land.

"No plan could be proposed which would be entirely satisfactory in all respects to every interested party. The United Nations had endeavored to achieve a solution by peaceful adjustment and entrusted the task to its mediator, Count Bernadotte. He energetically, courageously and with a spirit of complete fairness, we feel, canvassed all the possibilities and proposed as his last contribution towards a world of peace a sound basis for settlement. He gave his life to this effort.

"The complexities of the problem and the violent emotions which have been engendered are such that the details of any plan could be debated endlessly. As a matter of fact, the debate on this question has been carried on for years in almost every kind of public forum. It is our sincere hope that the parties concerned will realize that their best interests and the interests of the world-community will be served by accepting in a spirit of fair compromise the judgment of Count Bernadotte."

State Dept. Is Advised by Israel on Measures Taken to Protect U.S. Envoy

The State Department today revealed that it has been advised by the Israeli Government of measures taken to protect James G. MacDonald, American special representative to Israel, against possible terrorist action.

A special police guard was placed around MacDonald's residence in Tel Aviv following the assassination of Bernadotte, the American mission to Israel reported.

A State Department spokesman said both James G. MacDonald and John Joseph MacDonald, U.S. Consul-General at Jerusalem, had been advised to take precautions to protect themselves. The Department had no indication that they feel themselves to be in special danger, however, he said.

BRITAIN WILL GIVE "SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION" TO BERNADOTTE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

LONDON, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The hope that Count Bernadotte's final report to the United Nations regarding the future of Palestine will be "studied by all governments and authorities concerned" was expressed here today by a Foreign Office spokesman. The official said that the late mediator's proposals for settling the Arab-Israeli dispute would "be taken into close and sympathetic consideration" by the British Government.

ISRAELI GOVT. DELAYS COMMENT ON BERNADOTTE'S REPORT; AWAITES FULL TEXT OF DOCUMENT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Official reaction of the Israeli Government to Count Bernadotte's recommendations on Palestine is not expected here until members of the Government have had time to consider the full report which has not yet been received here.

IRGUNISTS IN JERUSALEM SURRENDER THEIR ARMS TO GOVT; DISSIDENTS TO JOIN ARMY TODAY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Israeli troops this morning surrounded an Irgun military camp in the Katamon quarter of Jerusalem at the expiration of a 24-hour ultimatum to the Irgun Zvai Leumi to disband as an organization and order its members to join the army, without attaching conditions to their service. In line with the Irgun's announced policy of acceding to the ultimatum, there was no resistance from the Irgunists who handed over their arms to the government troops.

An official announcement revealed that under the terms of the Irgun's acceptance of the ultimatum, all former Irgunists will present themselves at Israeli Army recruiting stations as of 9 A.M. tomorrow morning. The announcement revealed that Irgun arms stores and weapons in the hands of individual members would be surrendered from noon today. The disbandment was signed by the Irgun leadership in Jerusalem this morning.

The seven-point ultimatum stated: 1. All Irgunists must observe the laws of Israel in regard to army recruitment and possession of arms; 2. They must join the Israeli Army; 3. They must surrender their arms immediately; 4. They must take an oath of allegiance to the government; 5. Irgunists will be treated like all other Jews; 6. No Irgunists will suffer for breaches of the law or military code committed previous to the disbandment order, if the order is complied with; 7. If in the stated period the ultimatum is not accepted, the Israeli Army will act with all the means at its disposal.

A government spokesman, asked by newsmen what the government would do in the event that Irgunists abroad continued their activities, replied that if such Irgunists are Israeli citizens the government will punish them in accordance with the law.

Following on the heels of yesterday's public announcement by the government that the Stern Group has been outlawed as a terrorist organization, the Sternist newspaper Mivrah was today raided and closed down. All personnel at the newspaper's plant were arrested and the property is liable to confiscation under the emergency regulations.

Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok has received a copy of a message addressed to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie by 11,000 Cyprus detainees. The Jews expressed their condemnation of the Bernadette assassination and protested the latest Cyprus law which recently legalized their continued imprisonment on the island. The message pointed out that the law was in opposition to the entire legal history of Britain.

Iraqi artillery today opened fire again against Jewish positions at Ein Shomar, a village lying inland about halfway between Tel Aviv and Haifa. At the very time the Arabs opened fire a U.N. observation team was in the area checking Jewish complaints of earlier Arab violations.

SHERTOK TO HEAD ISRAELI MISSION AT U.N.; EBAN TO REPRESENT ISRAEL AT SECURITY COUNCIL

PARIS, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- An official announcement released here today stated that Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok will head the Israeli mission to the United Nations. Aubrey S. Eban, head of the Israeli mission to the U.N. Security Council, will continue to represent Israel during Shertok's absence.

(The New York Times today reported from Paris that Britain is prepared to veto an Israeli application for membership in the United Nations. It credited this report to "responsible sources" and said that this would be the first British veto at the U.N.)

FIRST GROUP OF IMMIGRANTS FLOWN DIRECTLY FROM GERMANY TO ISRAEL; STOPOVER IN ATHENS

- MUNICH, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Forty-five Jewish DP's consisting of family groups today left here on a chartered plane on the first direct flight of immigrants from Germany to Israel. An additional 550 displaced Jews left by train for Marseilles where they will embark for the sea voyage to Haifa.

The plane will make a stopover at Athens and will reach Haifa tomorrow. The flight is financed by the Joint Distribution Committee. Plans are being discussed to institute a regular semi-weekly Munich-Haifa flight schedule for immigrants.

Four thousand DP's are expected to leave Germany for the Jewish state before the month of September ends. An estimated one-fourth of the Jewish DP population of Germany will have left by the end of the year. A tremendous pressure is being exerted by DP's on the Israeli consulates, with large numbers of persons clamoring for visas.

The J.D.C. is providing transportation and food until the immigrants reach Israel and is supplying them with sufficient clothing. A total of 48,000 DP's has already been checked by J.D.C. medical teams in preparation for emigration.

The Jewish Central Committee and the Munich office of the Jewish Agency have issued statements condemning the assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte and his aide, Col. Andre Serot. When the news of the murders was received here the DP's displayed deep indignation. Several memorial services for the U.N. officials have been planned.

PROTESTS AGAINST REDUCTION OF ILSE KOCH'S SENTENCE CONTINUE TO REACH ARMY OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Army officials today admitted that protests are continuing to be received by them from members of the U.S. Congress against the reduction of the life imprisonment sentence of Ilse Koch, wife of the former Nazi commandant of the Buchenwald concentration camp who selected prisoners to go to their death in order to make lamp shades of their skins.

The Army officials pointed out that there is no further action legally possible since the recommendation of the War Crimes Board of Review to reduce the sentence from life imprisonment to four years was approved by Gen. Lucius D. Clay. However, a detailed report is expected in Washington in a few days, they revealed. The reduction of the Koch sentence--which provides for her release in 1949--is severely criticized in an editorial today in the Washington Post.

(The New York Times, in an editorial today, demands that Gen. Clay explain why the sentence was reduced. "One thing the United States cannot afford to do in Germany is to coddle those who were guilty of crimes against mankind under the Nazi regime," the editorial says.)

Dr. Wise Asks for Investigation of Commutation of Koch's Sentence

NEW YORK, Sept 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the World Jewish Congress, today appealed to Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal to investigate the commutation of the life sentence imposed by an American military court against Ilse Koch to four years imprisonment.

At the same time, Dr. Wise expressed the alarm of the World Jewish Congress that the Ilse Koch case further confirms the trend in the U.S. zone of Germany toward discontinuing any vigorous campaign against Nazi war criminals. "Such trends," said Dr. Wise, "favor those who murdered and exterminated millions of Jews and other peoples and lend the greatest encouragement to the recrudescence and revival of the forces of darkness in Germany and render virtually impossible the imperative tasks of democratization and denazification."

COMMISSION OF COUNCIL OF SOUTH GERMAN STATES ACCEPTS DRAFT OF RESTITUTION LAW

MUNICH, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- A restitution commission of the Council of South German States--including Bavaria, Hesse and Wuertemberg-Baden, all in the U.S. zone--has accepted a draft of a restitution law to go into effect in all the states upon its passage by their parliaments, it was learned here today. Thus far, the Hesse Cabinet has accepted the law and the Bavarian Council of Ministers is scheduled to discuss it in the near future.

The measure, as it now stands, declares eligible for restitution all persons who suffered a loss of health, personal freedom, property or other economic or financial damages as a result of political, religious or racial persecution between January 30, 1933, and May 8, 1945.

The law names as responsible for payment of damages to claimants persons who caused their persecution by a deliberate act, such as informers. Also liable to payment of damages are persons who caused injury by their attitude toward them and public officials who profited personally from persecutions. Specifically exempted from this provision are persons who were forced to persecute others or who did so as part of their "professional" duties.

In addition to this personal liability, the law provides that the German state in which the persecutee was living on January 1, 1947 is also liable for payment of restitution claims. DP's who registered and resided in a DP camp in the American zone on that date are also eligible for restitution.

Jewish Restitution Organization May Submit Claims

The law permits filing by the persecutee himself or, if he died before January 1, 1947, by his direct descendants and legal heirs up to the third degree. In all other cases claims may be submitted by the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization which will use the funds for the rehabilitation of surviving Jews. The Successor Organization is entitled to apply for property of communal organizations which were destroyed, for property where no legal heir of a deceased persecutee is traceable and in instances where the legal owners or descendants do not choose to ask restitution.

Funds will be made available to the German states for payment of such restitution claims from fines levied by denazification courts and from valuables and other property found in concentration camps by the Allied forces. Since the German states assert that they cannot pay all claims at once, a priority of payment has been established in the legislation. It provides for immediate payment in the following cases:

1. Expenses required for restoring the health of an individual persecutee;
2. Funds required to pay rent by survivors, relatives of survivors and invalid persecutees.
3. Funds paid as compensation for arrest and internment;
4. Pensions for officials who lost them as a result of persecution and payment to surviving relatives of such deceased officials;
5. Financial help to persecutees who are working at present.

After these claims have been satisfied, payment of financial claims up to 10,000 marks (\$1,000 under the new currency) will be made. All other claims will follow these and regulations governing them will be decided upon by the governments of the individual states.

CONFERENCE OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS' LEADERS HEARS REPORTS ON NEEDS FOR COMING YEAR

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- American Jewry will have to meet the needs of Jews in Europe and Israel to no less an extent in 1949 than this year, delegates to the 14th annual conference of the West Central Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds were told here. Two hundred and fifty representatives from eight states participated in the conference, which concluded yesterday.

Harold J. Goldenberg, national vice-president of the C.J.F.W.F., read a report by Harold Glasser, director of the Council's Institute on Overseas Studies who is now in Israel, emphasizing that with Israel fighting a war while it continues to build a nation and absorb great numbers of immigrants, financial needs there will continue to be very great in the coming year.

"Everybody in Israel wants large immigration of Jews as quickly as possible," the report said. "The survival of Israel depends upon the rapidity with which immigrants can be brought into the country. In three and one-half months 35,000 immigrants entered. During September the rate will be higher. The labor shortage enables able-bodied immigrants to find jobs within a matter of days after disembarking. Present immigration, however, does contain a number of welfare cases: unaccompanied children, aged, sick and invalids."

Predicting large-scale industrial development in Israel, Glasser stressed, in his report, that "the vocational training of immigrants remains an important aspect of the work to be done by American philanthropy." He added that industrial development of Israel will be dependent upon the investment of capital, skill, and experience by American industrialists. "The people of Israel," he said, "look forward to investment, not to philanthropy, as the source of the needed capital. The industrialization of Israel will be a great boon to the neighboring countries."

DP Camps Will Be Substantially Emptied During Next Year

Philip Bernstein, associate director of the C.J.F.W.F., presented the Overseas Institute report on the European phase of American Jewish philanthropy. The peak of European expenditures has been reached, he asserted, and should decline in 1949. He added that there had been a decline of 100,000 DP's from the number reported in Europe a year ago, and that the camps should be substantially emptied during the next year.

He called attention to the inadequacies of the International Refugee Organization in failing to provide the food, transportation, and vocational training for which it is responsible, which has resulted in large supplementation by Jewish agencies which should not be necessary.

Irving G. Rhodes of Milwaukee was unanimously elected regional president, succeeding I.S. Joseph of Minneapolis. Other regional officers elected were: Albert H. Heller, Jr. of St. Paul, first vice-president; Harry L. Jacobs, Kansas City, second vice-president; Harold Goldman, Des Moines, third vice-president. Elected to represent the region in national United Jewish Appeal deliberations were I.E. Goldstein of St. Louis, A.B. Polinsky of Duluth, and Jene Glass of the Southern Illinois Federation.

The delegates passed resolutions affecting the major phases of American Jewish community activity. Declaring that the I.R.O. carried the primary responsibility of solving the DP and emigration problem, the region called upon the C.J.F.W.F. to formulate plans in cooperation with appropriate national and local agencies to bring about the fulfillment of this task. Another resolution reaffirmed the executive committee action calling for "speedy implementation of the J.D.C.-W.I.A.S. overseas merger." A third endorsed the work of the Council's Institute on Overseas Studies.

REP. KLEIN ASKS EARLY END TO INQUIRY INTO CHARGES OF RELIGIOUS BIAS BY RADIO STATION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Rep. Arthur D. Klein of New York has asked the Federal Communications Commission for information concerning the status of an investigation of charges of religious bias in the news policies of Station KABC of Los Angeles, he revealed here today.

In March, 1948, a formal complaint was lodged with the F.C.C. against the station and its president, G.A. Richards, who also controls WJR, in Detroit, and WCAR, in Cleveland. The Commission ordered an investigation on March 10. Rep. Klein's letter to the F.C.C. asserts that "rudimentary justice would suggest the desirability of an early public determination of the truth of the grave charges exchanged."

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH LEADERS CONDEMN BERNADOTTE'S MURDER AT ISRAELI CAMPAIGN MEETING

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- A mammoth campaign meeting in behalf of Israel held here today heard B.A. Ettlinger, president of the South African Board of Jewish Deputies, and B. Göring, chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, voice condemnation of Count Bernadotte's murder last week.

Both speakers emphasized that the perpetrators of the crime greatly harmed the cause of Zionism and of world Jewry. All sections of South Africa's press pointed out that unless the Israeli Government succeeds in stamping out terrorism, the future existence of the state of Israel is endangered.

Premier Daniel Malan sent a message of condolence to the Swedish Government over the death of Count Bernadotte. In an earlier statement, former Premier Jan Smuts warned that the assassination may have the most serious consequences and may lead to renewed bloodshed in Palestine.

NATHANIEL ROTHENBERG ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF AVIATION IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Nathaniel S. Rothenberg, former chief of the wartime Air Transport Command Intelligence in China, was elected today president and chairman of the National Committee of the American Friends of Aviation in Israel.

"As a former air force officer, I am clearly aware that a modern state needs an efficient airways communication system," Rothenberg said. "Israel is becoming air-minded and it is incumbent on all Americans to support and sponsor the objectives of the American Friends of Aviation in Israel, the establishment of aeronautic schools and the training of ground crews and mechanics, as well as stimulating air-mindedness among the youth of Israel."

BRAZILIAN POSTAL AUTHORITIES HALT AIR MAIL TO ISRAEL; GIVE NO REASON FOR ACTION

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The Brazilian postal system has stopped sending air mail letters to Israel for the past two weeks, it was learned here today. No reasons for the action have been announced.