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ISRAEL WORRIED OVER TENSION BETWEEN RUSSIA AND WESTERN BLOC AT THE UNITED NATIONS

PARIS, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Members of the Israeli delegation at the United Nations today made no secret of the fact that they are greatly concerned over the growing tension between the eastern and western blocs in connection with the impending fight over Berlin in the Security Council. They pointed out that Israel's cause was advanced previously at the United Nations only when the American and Soviet positions coincided.

Under mounting pressure from both blocs at the U.N., the Israeli delegation is eagerly awaiting the arrival from Tel Aviv of Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok who is expected here either Wednesday or Thursday. Meanwhile, the delegation is holding informal discussions with envoys of the major western powers.

The United States and Britain are continuing to press for the speediest possible implementation of Bernadotte's recommendations. Representatives of the two countries are making it plain to Israel that the extension of full recognition and favorable action on the application of the Jewish state for membership in the United Nations, as well as the granting of financial assistance, depend on Israel's surrender of the Negev.

It was learned today that Faris el Khoury, Syrian delegate to the U.N., has approached the Russians to feel out what chances exist for a rapprochement between the Arabs and the Soviets. Although the Russians are reported to welcome the Arabs' opposition to Bernadotte's report, Yaacov Malik, Russian envoy to the U.N., told the Syrian delegate that Soviet policy on Palestine is still based on the premise that the Nov. 29 General Assembly Palestine partition resolution must be implemented.

Bevin Urges Speedy U.N. Action on Bernadotte Recommendations

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin this morning called on the U.N. General Assembly to give urgent attention to the recommendations on settling the Palestine problem offered by the late mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte. In an address at the Assembly session he also reiterated his government's support of the plan in its entirety, and referred to U.S. and French backing for the scheme.

"If we fail to make a decision in the next few weeks, hostilities might break out again with incalculable consequences," Bevin declared. "We believe that the plan is one in which the two parties should be able to acquiesce without sacrificing any of their vital interests," he stated, adding that "we believe that it offers the best hope of healing the breach between these two Semitic peoples."

The successful establishment of the truce was due in large part to the wisdom and courage of the late Count Bernadotte, the British Foreign Secretary said. He also stated that "nobody was in a better position" than Bernadotte to negotiate the kind of settlement which would give the "best prospects of stable and

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peaceful conditions in Palestine." He said that it was fortunate that Bernadotte completed his report before he was assassinated.

Mohammad Zafrullah Khan, Pakistani delegate to the United Nations, served notice in the General Assembly today that Pakistan is opposed to the late U.N. mediator's recommendations for resolving the Palestine dispute on the grounds that it would stamp with official U.N. approval "the most heinous aggression carried on for a third of a century which is contrary to all principles of the U.N. Charter."

Reiterating his now familiar arguments that Zionism is the spearhead of eastern aggression in the east, Khan told the Assembly that "at no time and under no circumstances will the east ever assimilate or reconcile itself to a sovereign state of Israel."

Arab Delegations Announce Opposition to Bernadotte's Plan

Sayid Nadjib Alrawi, of Iraq, asserted that the Arab delegates to the U.N.--acting on instructions from their respective governments and on advice from the Arab League--have agreed to oppose Count Bernadotte's proposals. "The instruction to the Arab delegations is to oppose the plan and to decline any counterproposals which do not provide for an independent Arab state in Palestine," he said.

"We fought and shall always fight for the establishment of a free Palestinian state where the Arabs represent the majority and the Jews the minority," he declared. "The future Arab state of Palestine welcomes the Jews as a respected minority with the same rights as the majority," he added.

Hector David Castro, of El Salvador, announced that his country--"always a supporter of Arab-Jewish conciliation"--favored the creation of a Jewish-Arab conciliation committee. Calling for an early settlement of the Palestine dispute, Castro stated that El Salvador will vote for the admission "of all peace-loving states."

U.N. OBSERVER IN PALESTINE CHARGES ARAB LEGION RESPONSIBLE FOR AMBUSH OF JEWISH CONVOY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Gen. William Riley, American U.N. truce observer, today charged Transjordan Arab Legionnaires with responsibility for the ambushing of an unarmed Jewish convoy escorted by a U.N. observer in a clearly marked jeep and the killing of the convoy commander and three passengers. Riley labelled the killing last Wednesday a "massacre" and stated that it was an "unwarranted attack" and a "most serious breach of the peace."

The Israeli Government officially announced today that a number of complaints of Arab violations of the truce have been brought to the attention of the U.N. truce observation staff as well as information concerning the mutilation of the bodies of Jews killed during an Arab Legion offensive in the Latrun area last week. An official explanation of the shooting down of an Arab plane last week was also released.

The truce violations about which the Israelis complained occurred on two extremes of the Palestine front. One was the shelling of the settlement of Bethel Eshel, near Beersheba, while the second was the daily shelling by the Arabs of Jewish traffic to and from Geshar, below Lake Tiberias. The Israeli Government statement declared that the U.N. has done nothing as yet about the attack on Beth Eshel.

Pointing out that the Israeli forces which found the mutilated bodies at Bethel, a height in the Latrun area, had pressed on to punish the Arabs and caused some casualties among the latter, an Israeli communique reported today that the U.N. truce observation board complained of the Jewish "violation" in the Latrun area. The Israeli communique pointed out that the U.N. note made no mention of the mutilations, although a report on that matter was filed by the Jews with the U.N. staff.

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SHERTOK OUTLINES ISRAELI OBJECTIVES AT U.N. ASSEMBLY TO CLOSED SESSION OF STATE COUNCIL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok today presented a two-hour report of the political situation at a closed session of the 37-member State Council. The Foreign Minister, who is expected to leave immediately for the U.N. General Assembly in Paris, outlined Israel's objectives there.

Zorah Wahrhaftig, chairman of the Constitution Committee of the State Council, revealed today that his committee favors the establishment of a parliamentary body which will consist of one chamber with 101 representatives. The Council's election committee, on the other hand, is known to support a 171-member legislative body. The State Council will have to decide between the two plans.

Although there are at present four different drafts of the proposed Israel Constitution before the Council, the draft submitted by Dr. Leo Kohn, of the Foreign Office, is considered most likely to be approved.

The Agudas Israel today urged the Israeli Government to grant the right of immigration to every Jew residing in the Diaspora. At a meeting with Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok, an Agudah delegation pointed out that between 15 to 20 percent of all Jews living in European DP camps are members of the Agudah.

The deputation told the Foreign Minister that during the past 20 years, members of the Agudah wishing to enter Palestine have been subjected to a virtually restrictive quota. The delegation also urged Shertok to appoint minority party members to overseas posts. Shertok promised the delegation that the government will extend equal rights to all and will place equal obligations upon all citizens of the state.

DR. WEIZMANN TO GET HIS ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP PAPERS IN GENEVA; WILL FLY TO ISRAEL

PARIS, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of Israel, will receive Israeli citizenship papers in Geneva this week. They will be brought to him by Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok, who will land in Geneva on his way to the United Nations session in Paris.

Dr. Weizmann is expected to fly back to Israel in the same plane which will bring Shertok to Geneva. He will take up his official duties in Israel immediately upon his arrival there.

ISRAELI AUTHORITIES DENY REPORT THAT ATTEMPT WAS MADE ON PREMIER BEN GURION'S LIFE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Reports circulating abroad that an attempt had been made on the life of Premier David Ben Gurion were officially denied here today.

An official communique issued here today explained that an Arab plane was shot down by a Jewish fighter over Israeli territory when the Arab pilot refused to obey an international signal and a separate hand signal motioning him to land. The Arab, although over Jewish territory, in the area between Kineret and Safad, did not comply but attempted to flee. One burst of machinegun fire was aimed at the Arab craft and it caught fire. It later crossed the Transjordan border and crashed in flames.

Herman Hollaender, director of trade in the Ministry of Trade and Industry, is leaving tomorrow for the United States on an important purchasing mission. Hollaender today told a press conference that the government has organized the Israeli Commercial Corporation for the allotment of imports to Israel during the period of the present emergency. The Corporation has been divided into two companies--one with a capital of \$2,000,000 for private capital, and the other with \$1,200,000 for cooperatives.

DR. BUNCHE ENDORSES BERNADOTTE'S PROPOSALS FOR PALESTINE; URGES U.N. ASSEMBLY TO ACT

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Acting mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche today gave full support to the recommendations of the late mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, for settling the Palestine problem by exchanging the Negev for Western Galilee, establishing Haifa and Lydda as free sea and air ports, respectively, and internationalizing Jerusalem.

In a broadcast from Rhodes, relayed by the U.N. headquarters here, Dr. Bunche said: "I endorse those conclusions in their entirety and without qualification. I earnestly hope that the General Assembly will at an early stage in its deliberations take that decisive action which alone can assume that Count Bernadotte's life and the lives of the five other gallant men who have fallen in Palestine in the service of the United Nations will not have been wasted."

BRITISH RADIO IN CYPRUS ADVISES ARABS TO START DIRECT PEACE TALKS WITH ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- For the first time since Palestine hostilities broke out, the British have publicly advised the Arabs to meet with the Jews at a round-table conference to make peace, suggesting that Count Folke Bernadotte's plan be used as a basis. The Israeli Government has long sought direct negotiations with the Arabs for a peace settlement.

The British advice was broadcast today from the so-called Near East Arabic radio which is operated in Cyprus by representatives of the British Foreign Office, although it purports to be an Arab mouthpiece. The broadcast defended Britain against charges of betraying the Arabs by backing the Bernadotte proposals, asserting that they would give the Arabs "more of Palestine than they will ever get by war" and "would put a stop once and for all to Jewish expansionism."

REGULAR PASSENGER FLIGHTS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND GERMANY SET UP; 20 PLANES TO BE USED

MUNICH, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Regular passenger air service between Munich and Lydda, Palestine, entailing about 20 flights a month, has been established here by Israeli Government representative Dr. Chaim Hoffman. The first two air transports left Munich this week, each carrying 45 passengers.

The second flight left the Munich-Riem airport yesterday and word of its arrival at Lydda airport today has been received. The planes are scheduled to stop at Geneva and Athens. The American Great Circle Company will put 20 planes at the disposal of the Israeli mission in the U.S. zone of Germany. Each passenger is allowed to take 60 pounds of baggage with him, while 200 pounds may be sent by sea.

N.Y. FEDERATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES SEEKS \$16,500,000; EISENHOWER TO OPEN DRIVE

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York will seek to raise \$16,500,000 in its 1948 appeal, the largest maintenance sum in its history, to support its network of 116 affiliated hospitals, health and social welfare institutions, Benjamin Lazrus, chairman of the campaign, announced today.

The record campaign goal, \$3,250,000 more than was raised in the 1947 campaign, is made necessary by rising prices which resulted in institutional deficits that totalled \$2,100,000 for the yearly period ending June 30, 1948, and an increase in the number of people served by the institutions as a result of new affiliations to the Federation network.

Under the slogan, "Not Less Service for Those Who Need Help--But Greater Generosity from Those Who Can Help," the Federation's 31st annual appeal will get under way Thursday, October 7, at a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, where General Dwight D. Eisenhower will deliver the principal address.

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JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AWARDS HONORARY DEGREE TO GENERAL EISENHOWER

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- General Dwight D. Eisenhower was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters today by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, at a special convocation which marked the opening of the Seminary's 62nd academic year.

Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, chairman of the Seminary's Board of Overseers, read the citation on behalf of "an institution representing in this latter day the ancient tradition of Israel, her prophets and her sages," and characterized General Eisenhower as "the personification of many of the virtues which they taught and inculcated."

The principal address at the convocation was delivered by General David Sarnoff, who declared: "No man could have entered the educational world with a greater knowledge of so many minds, so many peoples, so many arts as has General Eisenhower. To obtain effective cooperation in war, among millions of men and women of diverse training and background, was an achievement unparalleled in history. General Eisenhower's deeds emphasize what this Seminary teaches, the virtues which are common to all good men. Let us, therefore, join with him in unifying these social forces, rather than to dwell upon the minor differences which cause misunderstandings and divide people."

J.D.C. PLANS TO MOVE 10,000 DISPLACED JEWS MONTHLY TO ISRAEL, WARBURG ANNOUNCES

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Reconstruction for Jews remaining in Europe and accelerated immigration for those who must leave were the twin programs outlined for the Joint Distribution Committee in the next year by Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman, and Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman, speaking at the agency's Western States Regional Conference held here last night.

Warburg announced to the delegates representing communities in California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Utah and Idaho that the J.D.C. plans to move 10,000 displaced Jews a month to Israel. "We hope that by the end of the year the bulk of displaced persons in Italy and Austria will be evacuated, and that by the end of 1949, the numbers still remaining in the American zone of Germany will be considerably reduced," he stated. Leavitt discussed the reconstruction program already carried out in Europe and called for additional support "to finish the job."

Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel, prominent San Francisco attorney, was elected chairman of the region. Max H. Block, of Seattle, was named secretary, and M.F. Berg, of Los Angeles, chairman of the executive committee.

INDEPENDENT ORDER BRITH ABRAHAM URGES SECRETARY FORRESTAL TO INVESTIGATE KOCH CASE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The Independent Order Brith Abraham today urged Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal to investigate the commutation of Ilse Koch's life sentence to four years and "to take all necessary steps to see that the Nazi war criminals are properly punished." The message was signed by Joseph R. Apfel, grand master of the order, on behalf of 400 lodges.

Rep. Arthur G. Klein called on Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall either to overrule Gen. Lucius D. Clay's order commuting Frau Koch's sentence or to bring another capital offense for which she might be re-indicted and sentenced.

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PERON PRAISES JEWISH POLICEMAN FOR CONTRIBUTING TO DISCOVERY OF PLOT AGAINST GOVT.

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Solomon Wasserman, a Jewish police officer of this city, was singled out for praise today by President Juan Peron for his contribution to the discovery of a plot against him.

The DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, today condemned the attempted plot and celebrated its frustration by sending flowers to Senora Peron. It has been established that anti-Jewish and anti-government leaflets are being printed and distributed by a splinter group of the right-wing Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista which does not support the policies of the Peron government.

JUDGE IN CHAMPAIGN ISSUES WRIT BANNING RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN ALL MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Sept. 27. (JTA) -- All religious education in the municipal schools here was banned today by an order of Circuit Judge Grover Watson. This marked the final victory for Mrs. Vashti McCollum, of this community, who carried the fight against religious instruction in public schools to the Supreme Court, which ruled that such education was unconstitutional. The writ also prohibits the "use of the State's public school machinery to enroll pupils in religious classes."

ALL DP'S LIVING IN N.Y. URGED BY HIAS TO REGISTER FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- All displaced persons in New York City who cannot return to their native countries were urged today by Hugo Rogers, vice-president of the HIAS, to register for permanent residence in this country under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948.

Mr. Rogers noted that under the terms of the DP legislation, 15,000 DP's now living in the United States on a temporary basis may obtain permanent status. He stressed the importance of prompt registration. The HIAS offices will aid in registering all eligible DP's regardless of race or creed.

ART EXHIBITION DEPICTING SUFFERINGS OF JEWS IN THERESIENSTADT OPENS IN LONDON

LONDON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- An exhibition of drawings by Bedrich Fritta depicting the suffering of the Jews interned in the Theresienstadt concentration camp opened here today at the Jewish "Ben Uri" art gallery.

Although Fritta perished in the camp, his drawings were saved by fellow inmates who buried them until the liberation. Czech Ambassador Dr. Frantisek Kratochvil, who opened the exhibition today, paid tribute to the memory of the 150,000 Jews who were murdered in Theresienstadt.

HILLEL FOUNDATIONS GRANT ELEVEN INTERFAITH SCHOLARSHIPS DURING 1948

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Eleven interfaith scholarships were awarded this year by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, it was announced today by Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, national director.

Amounting to \$300 each, the awards were granted to students who have done most to promote positive interfaith and intergroup relationships on their respective campuses.

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