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BATTLE FOR NEGEV ENDS AS ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS ACCEPT SECURITY COUNCIL CEASE-FIRE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Quiet reigned in the Negev today following Israeli acceptance of the U.N. mediator's 1 P.M. Israel time deadline for a cease-fire. (In Paris the U.N. announced that Egypt had also put into force the cease-fire). Reports from the front said that fighting halted somewhat prior to the deadline.

In their last drive before the battle ended, Israeli troops drove forward to the very gates of Gaza, by now deserted of all its inhabitants except the military garrison. Before the truce went into effect the Jews also overran Bet Hanun, between Majdal and Gaza on a rail line, disrupting another Egyptian communications line. Other towns were reportedly on the verge of surrender when the Jews observed the U.N. order to halt their advance. A number of major Arab bases and concentrations of vehicles were bombed by the Israeli air force last night.

Tel Aviv had two air alerts within seven hours last night and today. Nothing happened the first time, but during the second alert several bombs were dropped with no serious damage. Six teams of two U.S. observers each left here about 30 minutes after the cease-fire deadline passed. They proceeded to the Negev to enforce the terms of the truce.

Premier David Ben Gurion and Army Chief of Staff Jacob Dori sent congratulations to the troops in the Negev on their accomplishments. Dori told his subordinate commanders that "those who conceived and carried out 'Operation Negev' are worthy of eternal glory in the history of our liberation." An Israeli spokesman, commenting today on a report that Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary-general of the Arab League, had threatened that all the Arab armies will attack the Jews if they do not withdraw from their present positions, said: "If they try it, they will get their answer in the field."

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, today visited the settlement of Negba in the Negev, which was badly damaged in the fighting. He said that nothing he has seen in Israel impressed him more forcibly than the stand of the people of the country against the invaders. He pledged American Jewry's help in the rebuilding of Negba, suggesting that some American city might adopt it and raise \$450,000 for its rebuilding.

Mt. Scopus Situation Worsening, Israeli Governor Reports

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The situation on the demilitarized Mt. Scopus area is worsening daily owing to the U.N.'s inability to bring up water and food to the region and to relieve the Jewish personnel stationed at the Hadassah Hospital and the Hebrew University in accordance with a written agreement, Jerusalem Military Governor Dr. Bernard Joseph disclosed today. He said that a letter he sent to U.N. authorities five days ago regarding the Mt. Scopus situation has gone unanswered.

Dr. Joseph also revealed that an attempt to install telephone service in the Mt. Scopus area--at the behest of the U.N. truce officials--was foiled this week when Arabs opened up with machinegun fire against a party of Jews and American telephone workers despite their promise to withhold fire from the area for a two-hour period.

LEADERS OF MAJOR U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITIES MEET TODAY IN PITTSBURGH; FORMULATE 1949 PLANS

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Major issues concerning the responsibilities of American Jewry towards the Jews in Europe and Israel in 1949 will be considered at a two-day conference of leaders of the 30 largest Jewish communities in the United States and Canada, which opens here tomorrow night. The combined 1948 welfare fund goals for operating purposes of the 30 communities exceed \$152,000,000.

Participating in the conference are presidents and executives of Jewish Federations, Welfare Funds or Community Councils, as well as representatives of the United Jewish Appeal, of major overseas agencies and of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Experts on Jewish affairs will address the gathering on problems concerning the needs in Israel and in Europe as well as on local welfare problems in American Jewish communities.

The question of representation of the Jewish communities in the setting of goals and in the administration of national agencies financed by Jewish federations and welfare funds is one of the major issues at the conference. The session will formulate the role of the communities in the reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal for 1949 and the year-round participation of cities in the policies and administration of the U.J.A.

The opening session of the conference will seek answers to the question of "What is Ahead on the Home Front." Community representatives will analyze and exchange experiences in meeting local operating and capital funds requirements. Prospects for implementing local plans in 1949 will be discussed. "Assets and liabilities" of alternative methods of raising capital funds will also be reviewed.

An all-day session on Sunday will be devoted to consideration of the problems and needs of the Jews in Europe and Israel. Among European questions to be considered at this session are needs and costs of European aid in 1949, responsibilities of governmental bodies, prospects of rehabilitation, effects of mass emigration on European aid programs, and coordination of Jewish agencies.

Regarding Israel, discussion will focus upon the role of private philanthropy, the possibilities of loans, investments, taxation and other financing measures, and the relationship of various appeals for Palestine, as well as changes resulting from the establishment of the Jewish state.

U.P.A. EXECUTIVE DECIDES TO GIVE REPRESENTATION TO FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A resolution favoring representation of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on the governing bodies of the United Palestine Appeal was adopted yesterday at a meeting of the U.P.A. executive committee. The resolution, adopted unanimously, reads:

"The executive committee, having heard the progress report rendered by the representatives of the Keron Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund on the subject of widening the basis of representation on the governing bodies of the United Palestine Appeal, resolves that the executive committee views with favor the inclusion on the governing bodies of the U.P.A. of representatives of Jewish communities, welfare funds and federations up to one-third of the membership of such governing bodies by a procedure to be determined in consultation with recognized leaders of communities and welfare funds over the nation. The executive committee recommends this plan to the Keron Hayesod and the J.N.F. for approval and early action by their governing bodies."

GESTAPO OFFICIAL GUILTY OF MURDERING 1,500 DACHAU VICTIMS GETS DEATH SENTENCE IN PRAGUE

PRAGUE, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Franz Auer Sommerhofer, a former Gestapo official charged with participating in the murder of 1,427 prisoners in the Oranienburg and Sachsenhausen concentration camps, has been sentenced to hang, Reuters reported today.

(Wladislaus Dopierla, who led a three-day orgy in the Dachau death camp in which 440 victims were whipped to death, was hanged in Landsberg, Bavaria, today. Executed with Dopierla for their role in the concentration camp killings were Bernhard Piorowsky and Wenzel Wodak, who were convicted of atrocities in the Dachau and Flossenburg death camps.)

RECALL OF U.S. CONSUL IN JERUSALEM DEMANDED BY REP. CELLER ON RETURN FROM ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The recall of U.S. consul-general in Jerusalem John J. McDonald was urged today by Rep. Emanuel Celler, who returned here last night from Paris after a visit to Israel. Celler said McDonald is an "unkind, incautious man in utter disrepute, who treats Jews like dirt under his feet."

Celler said that McDonald, in his capacity as chairman of the consular truce commission, was cutting Jewish food rations in Jerusalem to "a DP level" during the first truce and left a fatally wounded Israeli liaison officer in a roadway controlled by Arab snipers. "He is an arrogant snob who wants Jews to crawl before him," Celler charged.

ISRAELI PLANS TO BROADCAST PROGRAMS TO JEWS THROUGHOUT WORLD REVEALED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Plans to set up a powerful transmitter in Israel which will broadcast short-wave programs to Jewish communities throughout the world were made public at a press conference here today by Zvi Prihar, Director-General of Posts, Telegraph, Telephone and Radio of the Israeli Government. Mr. Prihar is en route to Mexico City to attend the International High Frequency Radio Conference.

The Israeli official disclosed that negotiations are now under way between Israel and the United States for the inauguration of parcel post service between the countries. The postal system in Israel employs some 1,750 persons, he reported, and plans are now under study for the inception of several new postal services in the Jewish state, including the use of postal money orders and periodical distribution.

All settlements in the Jewish state will soon be joined by a system of radio-telephony, Mr. Prihar revealed. The Israeli Government has set up post offices in Nazareth and has appointed an Arab postal official to serve that community, he said. A similar set-up is planned for Acre and other areas with large Arab populations.

HADASSAH TREATED MORE THAN 4,500 CASUALTIES IN JERUSALEM, DEPUTY MEDICAL CHIEF REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- More than 4,500 military and civilian war casualties were treated by the Hadassah organization in Jerusalem during the current budgetary year without any cost to the patients, Dr. Eli Davis, Hadassah medical deputy director, told a press conference here today prior to his departure for the U.S.

"From a medical viewpoint," Dr. Davis reported, "the outstanding feature of Hadassah's service has been its aid to war casualties. During the first few months of the fighting, Hadassah treated nearly 90 percent of all military and civilian casualties."

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JEWISH GROUPS IN SO. AFRICA REACH AGREEMENT ON JOINT DRIVE FOR ISRAEL AND EUROPE

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- An agreement between the South African Jewish Appeal and the South African Zionist Federation for a joint campaign to raise funds for Jews in Europe and for Israel was ratified here at a special conference of the National Council of the S.A. Jewish Appeal. The agreement provides that funds raised be distributed on a basis of 70 percent for Israel and 30 percent for relief work in Europe.

M.J. Spitz, national president of the S.A. Jewish Appeal, addressing the conference, emphasized that he would like to see a continuation and intensification of the joint campaign effort. He felt that the time has come when the community will no longer tolerate separate appeals. He urged the creation of a permanent central machinery for fund-raising which would meet not only the needs of Israel and Europe, but also local needs. "The country is beginning to demand such a centralized system to replace the separate campaigns of the past," he said.

The conference decided to send a large delegation to a parley of Jewish relief groups which will be held in Paris next month, under the auspices of the Joint Distribution Committee. The decision was taken following a report by Spitz on his negotiations with J.D.C. leaders in New York during his recent visit to the United States, as well as his impression of Jewish needs in Europe and Israel. He emphasized that the collaboration of the S.A.J.A. and the J.D.C. had resulted in "a good job of work having been done under very difficult circumstances in Europe." He also lauded the work of the ORT and the GSE in Europe.

ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ORDERS REGISTRATION OF ALL NON-CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- All non-Catholic religious communities in Argentina were ordered today to submit to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cults, within four months, data concerning the date of their establishment, personal information regarding their religious and lay officials and the location of their places of worship. An announcement released by the government said that the purpose of the registration is for "administrative and statistic aims."

The Peronist newspaper, "Tribuna Popular," in a front-page editorial, today urged the Argentine Government to extend recognition to the state of Israel. The Palestine policies of Great Britain were criticized by the paper.

NEW YORK RESCINDS BAN ON CIRCULATION OF "GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT" IN SCHOOL LIBRARIES

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The ban on the circulation of "Gentleman's Agreement," - best-selling novel dealing with social anti-Semitism in the U.S., - from New York City's public school libraries has been rescinded, it was announced here today by the Board of Superintendents. The book was originally barred ostensibly on the ground that it contains passages concerning extramarital relations.

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT PAYS VISIT TO ORT TRAINING CENTER NEAR PARIS

PARIS, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt today visited an ORT training center in Montreuil, near here, and told the students that she was deeply impressed with the ORT program. Dr. David Lvovitch, chairman of the ORT World Executive, accompanied Mrs. Roosevelt to the center.