

JTA *Daily News Bulletin*

PUBLISHED BY THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY
106 EAST 41ST STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

VOL. XV No. 262 (30th year)

Monday, November 15, 1948

NEGEV WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE SET FOR FRIDAY; WOULD PLACE MOST OF DESERT UNDER U.N. CONTROL

PARIS, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The withdrawal of Israeli troops to their positions of October 14 and the establishment of new Egyptian lines in the desert must be completed by next Friday, November 19, under the terms of an order communicated last night to both governments by acting mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche. The order establishes a "neutral" U.N. zone consisting of most of the Negev.

Meanwhile, the Security Council will meet tomorrow to discuss a British draft resolution extending the threat of sanctions to Galilee and other fronts unless the Israelis withdraw to the earlier truce lines. The Council will also consider a proposal by Dr. Bunche to replace the present truce with an armistice.

Dr. Bunche's communication to the two governments last night also offered his good offices and that of the entire U.N. staff in Palestine to assist the belligerents in undertaking the negotiations envisaged in the Security Council resolution of November 4. He also requested that the governments supply his chief of staff, Brig. Gen. William Riley, with the names of the officers on both sides who will be responsible for the withdrawals, as well as the schedules and the routes to be followed by the troops.

Israel to Hold Settlements; Egyptians to Administer Beersheba

The position assigned to the Israeli troops by the acting mediator follows: "Beginning at the point where the 14 October truce line crosses the Khaffa-Julis road then southeast to Julis then east to Ibdia, Juseir, Zeita to the 14 October truce lines at Huseinayi; elsewhere, following 14 October truce line. Complete withdrawal of all military forces other than those maintained in the Israeli settlements in the Negev for safety purposes prior to 14 October shall be made to points north of that line."

The Arab forces are left a narrow corridor starting about eight miles north of Gaza and extending one-and-one-half miles east of the main Gaza-Majdal road and running parallel with the road from this point south to the Egyptian frontier. That is the western demarcation line. The eastern--Jerusalem-Hebron--line runs about two-three miles west of the Bethlehem-Hebron road from northeast to southwest through a point about nine miles northeast of Beersheba and Dhahiriya. From there the line turns due east through Saru to the Dead Sea.

The remainder of the Negev between these demarcation lines comes under the control of the acting mediator and within this area no troop movements of any kind will be allowed. Patrol activities by either side is prohibited and no armed forces or military supplies will be moved except as authorized and supervised by the truce supervision organization. Non-military supplies for the normal needs of the Arab and Jewish populations of the area shall not be subject to quantitative limitation.

Beersheba shall be demilitarized, the order says. Israeli forces shall evacuate the town and an Egyptian civil administrator shall administer it as an Arab

town. South of Beersheba, the Egyptian forces which were in Beir Asluj prior to October 14 may remain there and Egyptian control of the Beir Asluj-Rafa road shall be recognized as maintained.

Jews, Arabs Oppose Plan; U.N. Sub-Committee Passes It

The first reaction of both the Jews and the Egyptians was known to be unfavorable to the plan. Jewish circles here condemned it lock, stock and barrel, while the Egyptians, contrary to what had been expected, were equally opposed to it.

Prior to issuance of the withdrawal orders, Dr. Bunche's plan was approved by the seven-member Security Council sub-committee set up by the Council's sanctions resolution. The vote at the sub-committee session yesterday was six for and one--the U.S.S.R.--abstaining.

The Soviet Union's Jacob Malik, practically the only delegate to speak at length on the proposal, charged that the entire withdrawal order was political in nature and that it was highly unrealistic to expect the U.N.'s small staff to be able to administer the vast Negev "neutral" zone. In addition, he questioned the necessity for demilitarizing virtually the whole of the Negev when the battle in the south was restricted to a small part of the desert region. He also reiterated his call for direct negotiations between Israel and Egypt.

A proposal to establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine to handle the question at this meeting of the General Assembly was made yesterday by Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian delegate, to the Assembly's steering committee, and by Alexander Cordier, executive assistant to Secretary-General Trygve Lie. At the steering committee the suggestion was opposed by the U.S.S.R. and Lebanon, and will be considered again tomorrow.

TRUMAN TELLS BRITISH U.S. WILL NOT CONTINUE JOINT ANGLO-AMERICAN PALESTINE POLICY

PARIS, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- President Truman has notified the British Government that the new United States administration can no longer accept the joint Anglo-American policy worked out between Ambassador Lewis W. Douglas and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin for a political settlement of the Palestine question, it was learned here this week-end in United Nations quarters.

A resolution had been drafted by the Foreign Office in London incorporating the political and territorial conclusions of the report of the late Count Folke Bernadotte and had been submitted to the State Department. It was intended as a formal expression of Anglo-American policy on Palestine and was to have been put before the U.N. General Assembly's Political Committee next week.

The projected resolution proposed that Israel be recognized, that the Arab refugees be entitled in principle to return to their homes and that the Negev area, previously allocated to the Jews, be divided between Egypt and Transjordan.

President Truman's views, as conveyed to Britain, make it clear that the United States will not support this proposed resolution. It will, instead, propose amendments of the substance, or submit its own resolution which has already reached the preliminary drafting stage. The United States proposal would take note of the recommendations made by the Bernadotte report which suggest recognition of Israel, international responsibility for Arab refugees and the setting up of a conciliation committee to negotiate formal peace in Palestine.

ISRAELI CABINET AND STATE COUNCIL MEET TO DISCUSS BUNCHE ORDER TO WITHDRAW FROM NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Israeli Cabinet began meeting late today to consider the order from Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting United Nations mediator for Palestine, to withdraw its forces in the Negev to the positions they occupied on October 14. A special State Council session will follow, with a government decision on the question expected. It is generally believed that a big majority of both the Cabinet and the State Council will vote against accepting the mediator's order.

An official Israeli spokesman told a press conference early today that "the whole plan is completely unrealistic and we shall not take over-kinldy to it. The suggestion of evacuating Beersheba and the introduction of an Egyptian administration for the town after the Egyptians were kicked out of Beersheba makes Dr. Bunche's and the United Nations' order most astounding," he said, adding: "Beersheba is part of Israeli territory allocated under the U.N. partition plan. The Egyptians gather thanks to aggression, and now the U.N. is being used to help the Egyptians keep the fruits of their aggression."

Meanwhile, the U.N. headquarters at Haifa announced today that acting chief-of-staff Colonel G.V. Millet had advised U.N. observers in Gaza and Tel Aviv to make arrangements for the passage of non-military supply convoys to the surrounded Faluja area. An Israeli spokesman commented that it was "highly surprising that the United Nations should try to help aggressors and invaders, who having invaded Israeli territory by violating the United Nations partition decision, now find themselves in difficulties inside Israel's territory. We see no reason to let the convoys through," he concluded.

An Israeli communique announced that all was quiet in the Faluja area of the Negev today, but reported an exchange of small arms and artillery fire yesterday. An Israeli spokesman announced that the Red Cross had asked for and received permission to send medical supplies to the Egyptians cut off in the Faluja pocket.

Haifa and Tel Aviv had air alerts this week-end with anti-aircraft batteries going into action. One Mosquito bomber flew over the Israeli capital, but dropped no bombs. The possibility of the plane having been shot down is being checked. Jerusalem had a half-hour alert yesterday when two unidentified planes flew overhead, but no bombs were dropped. Shell fire and the crackle of rifles and machineguns were heard in almost all sectors of the city last night.

800 SICK AND OTHER ARAB WAR PRISONERS TO BE REPATRIATED WITHOUT EXCHANGE OF ISRAELIS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- About 800 Arab war prisoners who are over or under military age or sick are being repatriated next week, without an exchange of Israeli prisoners, it was learned today at the Athlit camp, near Haifa.

The camp, which formerly housed Jewish "illegal immigrants" under the Mandatory regime, has become a camp for Arab prisoners of war. It has 1,900 inmates. Beside Egyptians, irregulars and Transjordan troops, the camp also houses 75 Palestinian Arabs who were captured in the recent Galilee campaign. They declared that they are Communists and members of the Arab National Liberation League and have demanded immediate release on the ground that they helped the Israelis in the underground. Israeli officials are now weighing their release.

Authorities at the camp said that frequent quarrels and even fights break out between Egyptians and Transjordanians and between Transjordanians and Syrians, over political issues. The prisoners are well treated and receive gift-parcels and copies of the Koran, from the Red Mogen David. Only two attempts have been made to escape and both were foiled. Athlit is one of five PW camps in Israel.

J.D.C.-SPONSORED INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AND REHABILITATION CONFERENCE OPENS IN PARIS

PARIS, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The necessity for laying plans to accomplish the rehabilitation of those Jews still remaining in Europe and in other lands who require assistance was stressed here today by Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, opening the International Conference for Relief and Rehabilitation, sponsored by the J.D.C. He told the 125 delegates from 31 countries that "there are no longer any DP's, but DX's - destined for Israel."

Warburg called on the delegates to concentrate on the major problems, including immigration, reconstruction, child welfare, health and education especially in new areas of need such as the Jewish communities of North Africa and the Moslem countries. Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the J.D.C., reported that the organization has spent \$250,000,000 in relief and rehabilitation activities since V-E Day, has helped 210,000 Jews leave Europe and has aided 750,000 in one way or another.

Israeli representative to the U.N. Aubrey Eban, addressing tonight's session of the parley, said Israel's answer to the latest plan by acting mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche will be "scidily and unmistakably in the negative." He insisted that because of the existence of the Jewish state, the General Assembly no longer can dispose of territory in Palestine as it chose but must take into consideration the rights of the state of Israel.

Eban also paid tribute to the support of the Jews of the world of Israel. Eliah Dobkin, Jewish Agency immigration officer, and Judge Leon Meiss, French Jewish communal leader, also spoke.

U.A.H.C. 40th CONVENTION BEARS RECOMMENDATIONS ON SOCIAL ACTION, COMMUNAL AFFAIRS

BOSTON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A recommendation that the headquarters of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations be moved from Cincinnati to New York--a proposal which is a subject of controversy within the organization--was made here today by Dr. Maurice H. Eisendrath, president of the U.A.H.C., in his presidential message to the 40th biennial council of the organization. The parley, which is also celebrating the U.A.H.C.'s 75th anniversary, heard Dr. Eisendrath suggest the organization of a successor to the American Jewish Conference.

He also proposed utilization of the motion pictures for education in religious schools and adult education programs, creation of a national radio program to speak for Liberal Judaism in America, adoption of a code of ethics and a program of pulpit placement acceptable to both the U.A.H.C. and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and ratification of a plan for a joint commission of the two rabbinical bodies in the field of social action.

An almost twenty percent increase in the number of congregations and a forty percent increase in the number of members during the past five years in the ranks of Reform Judaism was also reported by Dr. Eisendrath. A report by Dr. Samuel S. Hollander, chairman of the combined campaign of the U.A.H.C. and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, reported that the goal of the 1948-49 fund drive is \$1,829,000.

At the 75th anniversary banquet tonight the principal address was delivered by Dr. James G. Heller, rabbi of the Isaac M. Wise Temple of Cincinnati. Dr. Heller's topic was "Evaluation and Program of Liberal Judaism in America." The other principal address was delivered by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise of the Central Synagogue of New York.

\$3,000,000 IN INVESTMENTS PLEDGED TO AID UPBUILDING OF ISRAEL AT Z.O.A. ECONOMIC PARLEY

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Pledges totaling approximately \$3,000,000 in shares of the Israel Corporation of America, recently organized by Zionist leaders to foster the economic upbuilding of Israel, were subscribed at the first national ZOA Economic Conference on Israel of the Zionist Organization of America, which convened here in an all-day session today. As its first business project, the ICA has entered into a partnership agreement with the Jewish Agency for the first large-scale housing projects to be built in the Jewish state.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Z.O.A., told the conference that the Zionist movement is now witnessing the closing of its political phase. "Commissions and committees in Paris might decide this and that," he said, "but the authentic decision is being given in Israel itself." The present flow of Jewish immigration, said Dr. Neumann, was "overwhelming." He predicted that the total of immigration into Israel for the months of November and December might come to 50,000. The economic upbuilding of the country which will follow this growth will open a rich field for American investment, the Z.O.A. head said.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, Jewish Agency treasurer, told the conference that 30,000 housing units are required to provide adequately for newcomers to Israel. This, he said, would entail an expenditure of \$64,000,000. "This is more than the Jewish Agency treasury can bear," he said. "The Agency is therefore glad to enter into arrangements with corporation investment groups which are ready to provide a portion of the capital needed for this purpose."

Otto Gass, economic adviser to Israel, said that the Jewish state will require a minimum of a billion dollars in private investment in the next four years in order to integrate the immigrants in the nation's economy. He urged that American Jews, in making investments, divest themselves of a philanthropic approach. The investors, he said, must give not merely their money, but the benefit of their commercial experience and thinking.

Mortimer May, chairman of the economic affairs commission of the Z.O.A., and Albert Schiff, president of the Israeli Corporation, spoke on the general possibilities for American investment in Israel. Jacob S. Reiser, chief architect for the Israeli Government, dwelt at length on the housing shortage in Israel. The figures for 1947, he said, showed a density of three persons per room in Tel Aviv.

AMERICAN TECHNION SOCIETY DISCUSSES \$1,000,000 FUND AT SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A proposal to establish a \$1,000,000 fund at the Haifa Technical Institute was discussed this week-end at the two-day second annual conference of the American Technion Society attended by 800 delegates. The fund would be established as a memorial to 66 graduates and students of the Institute who were killed in the current war. Gifts to the Institute totaling \$75,000 were announced at the parley.

Arthur Lourie, Israeli Consul-General in New York, analyzed the strategic value of the Negev to the British, Arabs and Israelis. Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the administrative council of the Zionist Organization of America, another speaker, called on President Truman to fulfill the "three-fold mandate" of the American people to grant de jure recognition to Israel, support the original U.N. partition plan and to grant a \$100,000,000 loan to Israel.

ANTI-SEMITIC GROUPS IN ARGENTINA TRANSFER ACTIVITIES FROM BUENOS AIRES TO SANTA FE

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic inscriptions have begun to appear in the streets of Santa Fe, capital of the province of the same name, the Yiddish newspaper, "Yiddische Zeitung," reported here today. Santa Fe has a Jewish population of 4,000 among its 168,000 residents.

During the past year, headquarters of the anti-Semitic groups in Argentina have been transferred from Buenos Aires to Santa Fe. In addition to anti-Jewish slogans and cartoons scrawled on buildings in the city's main thoroughfares anti-Semitic leaflets have also been distributed throughout the city, the paper reports.

RABBI IMMANUEL JAKOBOWITS APPOINTED NEW CHIEF RABBI OF EIRE; IS ONLY 27 YEARS OLD

DUBLIN, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits, spiritual leader of the Great Synagogue of London, has been appointed Chief Rabbi of Eire, it was officially announced here by the Jewish Representative Council.

The new chief rabbi will assume his duties towards the end of January, 1949, and will be formally inducted by Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie of Great Britain. Rabbi Jakobovits, who is 27 years old, will probably be the youngest chief rabbi in the world. A native of Koenigsberg, he came to England in 1936 from Berlin. He was educated at Jews College in London and was ordained at the Yeshiva of Etz Chaim in England last year. The post of Chief Rabbi of Eire has been vacant for 10 years.

10,000 JEWISH VETERANS MARCH IN LONDON TO HONOR BRITONS WHO FELL IN TWO WORLD WARS

LONDON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Ten thousand Jewish veterans of Britain's armed forces during the two world wars today marched in a parade honoring the memory of Britain's war dead. Special memorial services were conducted by Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie.

The marchers were reviewed by Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Cunningham and Major Edmund de Rothschild. The parade, in which ten bands including a Scots unit participated, was followed by a mass meeting. Defense Minister V.A. Alexander and Col. Oliver Stanley, Conservative M.P., addressed the meeting.

15 MOROCCAN JEWISH STUDENTS ARRIVE FOR THREE-YEAR LEADERSHIP COURSE OF STUDY

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Fifteen Moroccan Jewish students arrived here this week-end from Casablanca to begin an intensive three-year education-training course designed to prepare them as teachers and religious and communal leaders in North African Jewish communities. They arrived under the auspices of the Committee for the Forgotten Million. Comptroller Lazarus Joseph, on behalf of the New York City administration, greeted the 15 students.

B. CHARNEY VLADECK HONORED AT MEMORIAL SERVICES ON TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Memorial services for B. Charney Vladeck, former minority leader of the New York City Council and Jewish leader, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of his death, was held here today at Carnegie Hall under the auspices of the Jewish Labor Committee. Addresses were delivered by Newbold Morris, former president of the New York City Council; David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union; Jacob S. Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; Adolph Held and Alexander Kahn, of the Jewish Daily Forward.