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CANADA CALLS FOR DIRECT ARAB-JEWISH NEGOTIATIONS; WARNS ISRAEL CANNOT BE DESTROYED

PARIS, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Lester B. Pearson, newly-appointed Canadian Minister for External Affairs and head of the Canadian delegation at the United Nations, today told the Political Committee that a peace settlement in Palestine must be worked out by the Jews and Arabs through negotiations. He also called on the Arabs to admit the futility of trying to destroy Israel by force and urged them to recognize Israel's existence by negotiating with the Jews.

Making its first declaration on Palestine in the Committee, the Soviet Union today proclaimed its firm opposition to any solution in Palestine other than one based on last November's partition decision providing for the establishment of independent Jewish and Arab states. At the same time, it was learned that Australia will tomorrow introduce a resolution proposing that all outstanding questions between Israel and the Arab states be negotiated on the basis of the partition decision.

In line with his point that the final Palestine settlement must be worked out by the people who live in the country, Pearson suggested that the "United Nations can and should" make available its good offices to bring the parties together. He appealed to Israel to limit its demands, declaring that "the Jewish community cannot have it both ways. It cannot have all the territory given it by the November 29 resolution together with all the additional territory which it has been able to take by force of arms."

If the Jewish state moderated its demands, he continued, it would have the right to demand peace and recognition in return. Israel, the Canadian Minister declared, cannot be asked to "enter into negotiations for a settlement unless it is given some right to expect that such a settlement will mean peace for itself in Palestine." He suggested that the General Assembly act at this session on the following three principles:

1. Recognition of the Jewish state. Perhaps it is unnecessary, he said, to defer recognition until the boundaries are finally established. He made it clear that Canada will judge Israel's fitness for U.N. membership on the basis of its compliance with the Security Council's truce and armistice resolutions.

2. The establishment of a small body of officers to assist the Arabs and the Jews in working out a final settlement based on the partition decision and the Bernadotte plan, while taking into account the de facto situation in Palestine. He opposed forcing the proposed Bernadotte territorial solution on the Jews and Arabs as presently embodied in the British resolution.

3. Endorsement of last November's resolution for international control of Jerusalem.

In a veiled reference to Britain's obstruction of the partition decision, Pearson said that the U.N. decision of last year has not been implemented, "encouraged or indeed permitted." He warned the Arabs that Israel was a powerful reality,

asserting that the U.N. would be doing the Arabs a disservice "if it encouraged them or permitted them to continue efforts to destroy by arms the Jewish state."

Russia's Semyon Tsarapkin took the Security Council to task for failing to do its duty in the Palestine case; instead of implementing the partition resolution, it moved under British and American leadership toward a revision of that decision, he said. He charged that the late Count Folke Bernadotte had exceeded his authority in preparing a final solution and asserted that in doing so the mediator had obeyed the wishes of the U.S. and Britain.

Soviet Delegate Assails Proposal to Exchange Negev for Galilee

Tsarapkin warned that if the General Assembly adopted Bernadotte's recommendations the very life of the Jewish state would be imperilled. He assailed the proposal to exchange a tiny area in Galilee for two-thirds of the territory of the Jewish state. The Soviet delegate also charged that the Bernadotte proposal was aimed at planting the seeds of discord between the Jews and Arabs.

He denounced the Security Council's reference to Chapter VII of the U.N. Charter (which deals with threats to or breaches of the peace or acts of aggression) after the Jews had gained a military advantage, and blamed the policies of the Anglo-American bloc for causing the partition decision to remain a paper decision and for making a fiasco of the mediator's work. The Soviet Union, Tsarapkin said, demanded the withdrawal of all foreign troops from the territory of Israel and the Arab part of Palestine. He also said the Security Council should seek measures to prevent the resumption of hostilities.

Oscar Lange of Poland, too, called on the Assembly to return to the partition decision. The details of territorial arrangements, economic union and cooperation between Israel and the Arab part of Palestine should be settled by direct negotiations without outside interference, Lange said. He charged Britain and the United States with complicity in the Arab attack on the Jews which, he said, weakened the Arab armies.

Since the war started, he pointed out, nothing has been heard in the U.N. concerning Egypt's demand for the evacuation of Suez by the British, and Iraq's opposition to its present treaty with Britain. These demands have been forfeited as the price for British support, the Pole declared.

Henry Cattani, representing the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, again assailed the partition decision and called for the creation of a unitary Arab state in all of Palestine. He charged the Jews with throwing Palestine into chaos, causing bloodshed, forcing 250,000 Arabs to become refugees, looting Arab property and not sparing the Holy Places.

Australia Aims to Remove Palestine Issue from Present Assembly Session

A member of the Australian Delegation tonight expressed confidence that when the Australian resolution is introduced tomorrow it would obtain the support of a majority of the Political Committee. He said he was convinced that the bulk of the Latin American bloc, at least three British dominions and probably the Slavic bloc would vote for it. Such an array of voting strength behind the Australian resolution would doom the British resolution.

It is reported that Australian Minister for External Affairs Herbert V. Evatt has agreed to go along with the other proposals on the internationalization of the whole of Jerusalem rather than leave that an open question to be settled by the Social and Economic Council. It is said that the Australian resolution would take the entire Palestine issue out of the hands of this session of the Assembly by providing for a conciliation commission to report back to the next session in the event direct negotiations fail.

EGYPTIAN ATTACKS ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS CONTINUE; ISRAELI FORCES REPORT CASUALTIES

TEL AVIV, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Shelling of a police station at the settlement of Inara and various sectors of the Mivtahim settlement, both in the Negev and east of Be'eri, continued through last night and this morning, an official Israeli communique stated. A number of Israeli casualties have been inflicted, and the Egyptians still hold the positions they seized in this week-end's truce violations.

A "food" parcel dropped by an Egyptian plane for Arab troops surrounded in the Falaja area was today picked up by Israeli troops when it fell wide of its mark. The Jews found that the parcel contained not food for the Egyptian troops, but various military supplies including ammunition.

Meanwhile, it was announced that Arab tribal chieftains and sheikhs in the southern desert area and in the eastern portion of the Negev last week contacted Israeli authorities in Beersheba to ask that their tribes be placed under Israeli protection. Negotiations continue.

Leonard Bernstein of New York conducted the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra in a concert at Beersheba yesterday. Hundreds of Israeli soldiers were in the audience. The United Nations truce observers, who yesterday asked for several tickets to the concert, did not attend.

Contacts with Arab States Could Not Be Considered Peace Talks, Israel Says

Commenting on reports of peace negotiations between Israel and various Arab states, a Foreign Office spokesman today said: "Whatever contacts with the Arab states have been reported could not be described as peace talks or negotiations. The Israeli authorities are as anxious as always to begin peace talks with the Arab states and would do all in their power to help all the Arab states wishing to begin such negotiations to do so."

The Foreign Office last night announced that Israel will open legations in various European capitals including Budapest, Bucharest and Belgrade. An official of the Foreign Office told the press that negotiations are now in progress for the establishment of civilian air traffic between France and Israel. He revealed that Israeli representatives have participated in 20 international conferences thus far and that the Israeli representative in Britain enjoys the same status as the British representative in Israel.

It was announced today that the huge Lydda airport will be opened to civilian traffic Wednesday. The field was closed by the British in May and subsequently damaged badly in July when the Israelis captured it, driving out an Arab Legion garrison.

British Ex-Mayor of Jerusalem Demands Israeli Rights to Negev

LONDON, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Robert Graves, former British mayor of Jerusalem, today defended the Israeli right to the Negev on the grounds that "they already dominate it," and that "they will make something of it." Writing in the Daily Mail, Graves adds that "in the hands of the Arabs its possibilities will never be exploited."

The former Jerusalem administrator also sees the value in trading the Negev for Jerusalem, suggesting that if the Jews get the Negev "it will perhaps be easier to insist on an international Jerusalem big enough to include Bethlehem." He proposes that such a Jerusalem-Bethlehem area could be administered jointly by the Arabs and Jews, under international supervision. Graves insists that "there is no doubt that it will be done if there is a will to do it."

Meanwhile, he suggests that Britain would "lose nothing by granting official recognition to Israel, which as the mediator realized has come to stay."

EPSTEIN THANKS AMERICANS FOR THEIR AID TO ISRAEL; HITS BRITISH POLICY ON NEGEV

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Gratitude to the Jewish and non-Jewish communities of the United States for their moral and material assistance to Israel was expressed here tonight on behalf of the Israeli Government by Eliahu Epstein, special representative of Israel to the United States, at a Red Mogen David dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria, at which Herbert Bayard Swope acted as toastmaster.

More than 1,500 guests attended the gathering at which messages were read from President Truman, President Chaim Weizmann, and Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. The event highlighted the current drive of the Red Mogen David to enroll 250,000 members as a means of providing a fleet of ambulances, medical and first aid supplies for Israel.

Emphasizing that the people of Israel "have great trust in the American people and their devotion to the principles of justice and democracy," Epstein said: "We in Israel are grateful beyond words for the support given to our state by Americans generally and by the Jewish community in particular. Your efforts in the Red Mogen David are an integral part of the kind of constructive assistance which we cherish so dearly."

The Israeli envoy bitterly attacked the British Government for its present efforts to deprive Israel of the Negev. "The Labor Government," he said, "which under the banner of a socialist program, is nationalizing the production of steel in their country, has, during the war in Palestine, continuously supplied this steel in the forms of rifles, tanks, and planes to their feudal Arab allies to fight and destroy the only democracy in the Middle East. This same Labor Government is now desperately trying to deprive Israel of its legitimate territory in the Negev, where pioneer spirit and enterprise may create a flourishing garden of social and economic progress."

Other speakers at the dinner included Mayor O'Dwyer, Joseph M. Proskauer, Louis Lipsky, former Secretary of War Robert Patterson, Ted O. Thackrey, editor of the New York Post, Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York, Mrs. Wendell Willkie, and Brig. Gen. Julius Klein.

U.S. PROTESTING EGYPT'S SEIZURE OF AMERICAN CARGO ON PRETEXT IT WAS BOUND FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The United States is making a formal protest against the action of the Egyptian Government last week in seizing the cargo of the U.S. merchant ship, the Flying Trader, on the pretext that it was bound for Israel, a State Department official said today.

The protest is "presumably" based on the grounds that the United States has never recognized the existence of a state of war between Egypt and Israel. The Egyptians, who seized the cargo over the "energetic" protests of the American Consul in Port Said maintained that the cargo was destined for Israel.

The U.S. Government also considered the action of the Egyptian Government to be contrary to international practice and the Suez Canal Convention of 1888 which provides that all vessels shall be permitted free transit at all times through the canal.

A State Department spokesman said last week that the 38 tractors seized by the Egyptians were part of an original shipment of 51 tractors that had been shipped from New York bound for Tel Aviv and Haifa. Because of "undue delay in discharge" at Haifa, the spokesman said, only 12 tractors were taken off the ship and the rest were shipped to Bombay where they remained in storage until their New York owner requested their return to New York. The rest of the cargo, 4,000 bags of rice loaded in Siam, was bound for Genoa for trans-shipment to "various firms in Switzerland," the spokesman said. The rice was also seized by the Egyptian Government.

U.S. JEWS EXPECTED TO RAISE MAJOR PORTION OF \$236,496,000 REQUIRED BY U.P.A. AGENCIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A total of \$236,496,000, the major portion of it to be raised by Jews in this country, is required by United Palestine Appeal agencies in Israel for a comprehensive program of repatriating and rehabilitating the great number of immigrants entering the Jewish state during the current fiscal year ending October, 1949, Herman L. Weisman, acting national chairman of the U.P.A., announced last night.

Declaring that Israel, in effect, "is confronting American Jewry with its greatest challenge" because of the unprecedented influx of immigrants, Weisman disclosed that the greatest single item on the budget is the sum of \$99,150,000 covering the total cost of immigration, initial care and housing of refugees. He said the budgetary estimates were calculated on the basis of 120,000 newcomers entering Israel this fiscal year, which is considered a minimal figure.

Of the total immigration expenditures, at least \$10,500,000 is earmarked for rescue, relief and training of refugees in Europe and the Middle Eastern countries. In accordance with agreements to be worked out under the 1949 United Jewish Appeal, Weisman said the Joint Distribution Committee would probably continue to assume transportation costs as part of its program.

Initial care of newcomers, including temporary maintenance, special assistance and rehabilitation involves an expenditure of \$30,000,000. Construction of housing for immigrants called for an allocation by U.P.A. agencies in Israel of \$48,000,000 toward the total cost of upwards of \$70,000,000. Included within the over-all immigration aspect of the U.P.A.'s program is a special youth immigration project for which U.P.A. agencies are to expend \$10,200,000.

The provisional budget of the Jewish National Fund, which covers the land acquisition aspect of the U.P.A. program to make possible the repatriation of the homeless immigrants, includes for the current fiscal year the purchase of some 300,000 acres, participation in a colonization program and extensive land improvement. Cost of this program totals \$77,280,000.

War-ravaged Jerusalem, Weisman said in the budgetary report, requires extensive repair for the settlement of newcomers, as well as special housing projects and development of agriculture in the city's hinterland which necessitates an expenditure by U.P.A. agencies of \$15,000,000. At the same time, Weisman disclosed that \$33,150,000 is allocated for: promotion of trade and industry in Jerusalem; repairs of war damages throughout Israel, exclusive of Jerusalem; grants for educational and cultural purposes; previous allocations which could not be met out of last year's budget.

JEWISH AGENCY IS PREPARING TO AID IMMIGRATION OF 200,000 JEWS TO ISRAEL IN 1949

PARIS, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency is preparing to aid the immigration of 200,000 Jews to Israel next year, Eliahu Dobkin, head of the Agency's immigration department, declared here today prior to his departure for New York and South America in connection with fund drives for Israel. Dr. Dobkin emphasized that \$160,000,000 is urgently needed for immigration and colonization.

JEWS IN CYPRUS CAMP FILE HABEAS CORPUS WRIT IN SUPREME COURT; HEARING EXPECTED

KYRENIA, Cyprus, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The 5,163 Jews of military age at present held in the Xylotymbon Camp today filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus in the name of their camp leader, Mordecai Horling, in the Cyprus Supreme Court. The date of the hearing has not yet been fixed.

EIGHTY JEWISH REFUGEES LEAVE AUSTRIA FOR GERMAN PORT TO SAIL FOR UNITED STATES

SALZBURG, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Eighty Jews were among the refugees who left Salzburg today for Bremerhaven where they are scheduled to depart for America November 28. This is the second transport of refugees from Austria since implementation of the U.S. Displaced Persons Act.

The only Jewish DP camp in the British zone of Austria was dissolved today. The action was taken, it was said, to facilitate the transport of Jewish refugees from the American zone.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION ASKS FOR LIBERALIZATION OF DP IMMIGRATION LAW

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Criticizing the present law governing admission of displaced persons to the United States as "discriminatory," the convention of the National Women's League today adopted a resolution urging the revision of the law so as to permit the entry of 100,000 refugees annually for the next four years, without regard to race or nationality.

The resolution suggested that applicants for admission to the United States be carefully screened on the basis of their record during the Nazi occupation. Another resolution called upon national Jewish organizations to take steps toward the formation of "a democratic and unified body representing American Jewry." Mrs. Barnett E. Kopelman of New York was reelected president of the organization.

HIAS REPORTS AIDING 175 DISPLACED JEWS TO REACH UNITED STATES UNDER DP LAW

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A total of 175 of the 273 displaced Jews who arrived last Friday in Boston aboard the U.S. Army transport Gen. Omar Bundy from Germany were processed by the HIAS, it was announced here today by the headquarters of the organization.

ORT ESTABLISHES COMMITTEE IN ISRAEL; WILL OPEN TWENTY TRADE SCHOOLS BEFORE END OF YEAR

PARIS, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The establishment of an ORT committee in Israel was announced here today by Dr. Aaron Syngalowski, executive chairman of the World ORT Union, who is now on a mission in Israel. The committee represents all sections of the community and was assured of government support.

Dr. Syngalowski reported that 20 trade schools would be established in Israel by the end of 1948 for new immigrants and workers. The Tel Aviv municipality will provide buildings for schools for training watchmakers, dental technicians, makers of precision instruments, automobile mechanics, electrical, radio and telephone engineers, tailors, spinners and weavers. Special workshops will be set up for war invalids. A carpet industry for Jerusalem, with Iranian instructors, is planned. Dr. Syngalowski said that equipment is being transferred from ORT schools in Europe. The program was outlined at a meeting arranged by the Tel Aviv municipality, at which 300 prominent persons were present.

DELEGATION OF U.J.A. ORGANIZATIONS ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; STARTS ON COUNTRY-WIDE TOUR

HAIFA, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The thirty-four member delegation representing the Council of Organizations of the United Jewish Appeal landed at the Haifa airport and was met by a representative of the Israeli Foreign Office. The delegates sang the Hatikvah and the Star Spangled Banner upon leaving the plane. They will start on a country-wide tour today.