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ISRAEL APPLIES FOR U.N. MEMBERSHIP; U.S. WILL SUPPORT IT; BRITAIN WILL NOT USE VETO

PARIS, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- On the first anniversary of the United Nations decision to partition Palestine into an independent Jewish and an independent Arab state, the Israeli Government today submitted its formal application for membership in the world body. The document was submitted by Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie. The text of the application, signed by Shertok, follows:

"On May 14, 1948 the independence of the state of Israel was proclaimed by the National Council of the Jewish people of Palestine by virtue of the natural and historic right of the Jewish people to independence in their own sovereign state and in pursuance of the General Assembly resolution of November 29. Since that date Israel has been consolidated administratively and has defended itself successfully against aggression by neighboring states. It so far has achieved recognition from 19 powers.

"In behalf of the Government of Israel I now have the honor to request the admission of Israel as a member of the United Nations according to Article IV of the Charter.

"In view of the special nature of this application I will request that its consideration proceed without regard for the deadline fixed by Rule 60, Paragraphs 1-4, but in conformity with Paragraph 5 of the same Rule 60 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Security Council. A formal declaration that the Government of Israel accepts all the obligations stipulated in the United Nations Charter is enclosed.

"My Government submits that Israel's admission to the United Nations will constitute an act of international justice for the Jewish people fully consistent with United Nations policy on Palestine and will contribute to the stabilization of the Middle East and the cause of international peace."

Israel Unreservedly Accepts Obligations of U.N. Charter

The enclosure filed with the application states: "In behalf of the state of Israel I, Moshe Shertok, Minister for Foreign Affairs, declare that the state of Israel hereby unreservedly accepts the obligations of the United Nations Charter and undertakes to honor them from the day when it becomes a member of the United Nations."

A British spokesman today announced that his delegation will not use the veto to block the Israeli application to the Security Council. An American spokesman said the United States will definitely support the application when it comes before the Council. The decision to submit the document today was made at a meeting this morning of the entire Israeli delegation, including Minister to the U.S.S.R. Golda Meirson, who arrived here last week.

U.N. POLITICAL COMMITTEE DEBATES SOVIET PROPOSAL TO REMOVE FOREIGN TROOPS FROM PALESTINE

PARIS, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The U.N. Political Committee today resumed debate on Palestine as its 56 members discussed a Soviet resolution calling for withdrawal of all foreign troops from both the territory of Israel and that area of the country set aside by the U.N. partition decision for an independent Arab state. The Committee also spent some time on a Polish resolution calling for a settlement of the Palestine situation on the basis of the partition decision alone.

Dean Rusk, of the United States, opposed the Soviet and Polish proposals. Rusk expressed the view that the Security Council had already taken action for a Palestine armistice, and under its resolution of Nov. 16 a withdrawal of armed forces was contemplated in keeping with the armistice proposal. Rusk said the General Assembly should concentrate on broader questions of political settlement and leave to the Security Council the question of strict withdrawal.

The discussion was opened by Russia with a demand that all foreign troops be withdrawn from Palestine soil for the sake of establishing security and stability. Egypt protested against Russia's reference to the armies of the Arab states as "foreign" troops. The Egyptian representative asserted that no case of unwarranted intervention had been established by the Security Council against the Arab states. "We want to Palestine as welcome guests," the Egyptian added.

Israeli Representative Supports Soviet, Polish Resolutions

Aubrey S. Eban, Israeli representative, declared that the presence of foreign troops in Palestine constituted a threat to world peace. He added that Israel supports the Polish and Russian resolutions.

Herold Beeley, Middle East expert of the British Foreign Office, said, on behalf of Britain, that it was impossible to determine who was the foreigner in Palestine. He asserted that there were no Arab troops on the territory proposed for the Jews in the report of the late Count Folke Bernadotte.

Byelorussia's delegate said that he had not seen documents inviting the Arab armies to Palestine. Each Arab state, he said, was grabbing a piece of the country, and under such circumstances there would never be peace. Transjordan, he added, was encouraged to invade Palestine and its army was led by a British commander with British officers serving under him.

One of the highlights of the debate was afforded by New Zealand's Prime Minister Peter Fraser, who, although opposing the Polish proposal as "hopeless," declared that agreement could be reached only if the U.N. provided the conflicting parties with the needed lead and guidance. The partition resolution of last Nov. 29 should be the basis of everything to be decided from now on, and the Bernadotte plan, as well as other resolutions seeking to modify the original territorial settlement, should be regarded only as auxiliary factors, he asserted.

Eban followed by asserting that "my delegation believes the Nov. 29 resolution is still a valid instrument of international law." He also pointed out that neither the late mediator nor acting mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche considered the Bernadotte recommendations a final solution of the Palestine problem. A vote on the Soviet and Polish proposals was postponed until a later date. The debate will be resumed again tomorrow.

ISRAELI AND ARAB COMMANDERS REACH AGREEMENT IN JERUSALEM; CEASE-FIRE ORDER ISSUED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- An official communique announced today that as a result of meetings which took place yesterday between Lt. Col. Moshe Dayan, Israeli commander in the Jerusalem area, and Lt. Col. Abdallah Bey el Tel, commander of the Arab Legion in Jerusalem, orders have been issued to both the Israeli Army and the Arab Legion, as well as to the irregular units attached to the Legion in the Jerusalem region, to cease sniping. The actual cease-fire went into effect at 8:00 A.M., Jerusalem time.

Prior to the hour when the cease-fire order went into effect, after both commanders had ended their talks, the Arabs started shelling the southern outskirts of Jerusalem. At the same time Arab snipers wounded two Jewish soldiers. Heavy fire was also opened up yesterday by the Arabs in the Old City against Jewish positions near the Jaffa Gate. Last evening, the Arabs shelled the city again.

CHIEF U.N. OBSERVER HOLDS ALL-DAY MEETING WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS ON TRUCE PROBLEMS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Chief U.N. observer in Palestine Brig. Gen. William Riley conferred all day today on problems concerning the Palestine truce with Israeli Army Chief of Staff Yigal Yadin and Reuven Shiloah, official of the Israeli Foreign Ministry. The meeting took place in the Foreign Ministry offices. No details of the conference were revealed.

Meanwhile, the Israeli Government has notified Gen. Riley that it will permit one supply convoy with a non-military cargo to cross its lines into the encircled Faluja pocket in the Negev.

The government made it clear to Gen. Riley that the passage of this convoy will not serve as a precedent and that consent to let the supplies through at this time is based on the hope that armistice negotiations with the Egyptians will thus be speeded up. Otherwise, it was emphasized, the Israeli attitude toward the Egyptian brigade trapped at Faluja will be shaped by the Egyptians' attitude toward the negotiations.

U.N. Partition Decision Enforced Solely by Jewish Army, Ben Gurion Says

Israel's forces alone are responsible for the enforcement of the United Nations partition decision of last year, Premier David Ben Gurion stressed in an address here last night at an affair arranged by members of the Hebrew press to mark the first anniversary of the U.N. decision.

Ben Gurion pointed out that although it might have been expected that the United Nations itself would enforce its decision, this did not happen. "Neither American, Russian nor other soldiers enforced partition, but our own Jewish army," he added.

Tomorrow may bring peace, he stated, but the danger will remain for years to come. "Not always will 700,000 be able to withstand 30,000,000," he warned, "therefore large immigration is needed" in order to "populate Galilee and the Negev." Pointing out that the Jews established 300 settlements in the last 70 years, he insisted that "we shall not wait another 70 years for another 300 settlements."

An official spokesman today declared that "the version published abroad of the State Council's secret session (on the Negev withdrawal and armistice negotiations) was completely unauthorized."

U.N. headquarters here, in a decision just published of the arrest of two U.N. observers by Israeli military police near Iraq Suweidan, in the Negev, November 9, calls the Israeli action a "flagrant truce violation."

STERNISTS MUTINY, SET PRISON AFIRE; ALL ARE TRANSFERRED TO ACRE JAIL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Israeli military police, under strong armed escort, tonight transferred a group of detained Sternists from a nearby detention camp to Acre after the Sternists had first staged a mutiny and set the building in which they were held afire. The Sternists surrendered to the Israeli M.P.'s only after it became too dangerous for them to remain in the blazing building.

Meanwhile, members of the underground Stern Group today sent letters to several Hebrew newspapers warning that unless the Israeli Government releases detained members of the Stern Group, or makes formal charges against them and fixes a trial date within five days, they will launch a civil disobedience campaign and a hunger strike in all detention camps where Sternists are now held.

A group of Sternists last night raided the studios of the "Voice of Israel" radio station here in an attempt to seize the facilities and broadcast a political message. However, their efforts were defeated by members of the security forces assigned to guard the station premises.

POLAND AND RUMANIA CEASE ISSUING EXIT PERMITS TO JEWS WISHING TO IMMIGRATE TO ISRAEL

PARIS, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Poland and Rumania have ceased issuing exit visas for Jews desiring to immigrate to Israel, it was reported here today, while Yugoslavia indicated that the authorities there insist on a revision of the Yugoslav-Israeli trade agreement before granting some 5,000 Jewish applicants their pending exit visas.

The Polish authorities closed down the Palestine Office and informed the Zionist Organization that it will no longer be allowed to freely organize Jewish immigration to Israel. Local Zionist leaders were told that the Polish Government would negotiate directly with Israel on all matters dealing with the transfer of Jewish goods while the present practice of the Zionist Organization of handling immigration at its own discretion would have to stop.

In Rumania, the discontinuing of issuing exit visas for Jews came after the Jewish Communist Party there renewed its demand to have the sole right to pick the Jews to be allowed to immigrate to Israel. The same request was made three months ago and rejected by the Israeli authorities who deal with migration.

BEIGIN HONORED AT DINNER IN NEW YORK; THREE CLERGYMEN URGE WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORT

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Menahem Beigin, former commander of the Irgun Zvai Leumi who is now on a visit to the United States, was honored here tonight at a \$50-a-plate dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. (At the time the Bulletin went to press, neither Beigin nor any of the other scheduled speakers had delivered their addresses.)

On the eve of the dinner, three prominent clergymen of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths addressed a letter to the nearly 100 Senators and Congressmen and several hundred other prominent persons on a Beigin reception committee, asking them to reconsider their membership on the reception group.

The clergymen--Rev. Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin, former president of Union Theological Seminary and one-time moderator of the Presbyterian Church of the United States; Father John La Farge, Catholic editor; and Rabbi Morris Lazaron of Baltimore--asked the Congressmen and Senators whether they knew that the Irgun program runs "counter to United States policy, and to the positions taken by the Republican and Democratic Party conventions" on Palestine and the United Nations. Their letter also charged that the Irgun was responsible for "terroristic" acts in Palestine.

ISRAELI ENVOY TO U.S. URGES MASADA CONVENTION DELEGATES TO GIVE SKILLS TO ISRAEL

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- American Jewish youth remain "almost the only ones who can bring to Israel the benefits of a rich education and an intensive modern training," Eliahu Epstein, Israeli representative to the United States, said yesterday in urging American youth to contribute their "skill, know-how, and training to the new state."

Speaking to delegates to the 14th annual convention of Masada here, Mr. Epstein lauded the role of youth in successfully accomplishing the creation of Israel. He called upon Masada to take the lead in preparing those who decide to be associated with private industrial undertakings, communal agricultural development and regional reclamation projects in Israel.

Addressing himself to American youth, Mr. Epstein asserted that "no one is as qualified as you are to bring these valuable resources to Israel by coming to us and filling the urgent need for more pioneers in agriculture, for experts in technical, administrative and professional fields. You will therefore loyally fulfill your duties both as Americans and Jews. It was not the United Nations that presented the state to us on a platter, but it was the work of your youth which created Israel," he said.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF BRITAIN PLANS TO ACQUIRE 1,000,000 DUNAMS IN ISRAEL THIS YEAR

LONDON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund of Great Britain, at its 24th annual conference here yesterday, endorsed a proposal to acquire 1,000,000 dunams of land in Israel during the course of the coming year.

Fledging unprecedented efforts to Israel, Aaron Wright, president of the J.N.F. of Britain, revealed that the organization had received a total of \$2,876,000 during the current year, as compared with \$1,100,000 in the previous 12-month period. Wright estimated that a minimum of \$4,800,000 would be needed by the Israeli Government to repair property damaged in the recent fighting. Half of this sum, he said, will be turned over to Israel by the J.N.F., which has also undertaken to contribute half of the \$6,000,000 which will be needed for immediate development of the Negev.

Touching on the question of compensating Arabs who fled the country and left their property behind them, Wright stated that compensation could be arranged either by the Keren Hagemoth, dealing directly with the Arabs, or by the Israeli Government, on a governmental level.

OVER \$1,000,000 RECEIVED. \$5,000,000 PLEDGED FOR HISTADRUTH \$10,000,000 CAMPAIGN IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The receipt of more than \$1,000,000 in cash and \$5,000,000 in pledges toward the National Committee for Labor Palestine's current \$10,000,000 drive for Histadruth in Israel was announced at the closing session of the group's 25th annual convention here.

A decision to change the name of the committee to "National Committee for Labor Israel" was unanimously approved by the 3,000 delegates attending the parley. Joseph Schlossberg was reelected chairman of the group, as were Max Zaritsky, treasurer, Abraham Miller, chairman of the board, and Isaac Hamlin, secretary.

SWOPE DISPELS MISCONCEPTION ISRAEL IS CAUSE OF ARAB REFUGEES' PLIGHT; BLAMES ARAB LEADERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Herbert Bayard Swope, in a letter published in the New York Herald Tribune today, draws attention to the fact that on the question of the Arab refugees from Palestine there has been much confusion of thought and a general tendency to blame the Israelis for the plight of the refugees while "the opposite is nearer the truth." To dispel the misconception that the Israelis are the cause of the Arab refugees' plight, Swope quotes reports that either have not been given much emphasis or else have not been published in this country.

One such report which appeared in the London Economist pointed out that there is little doubt that the most potent factor which influenced the decision of the Arabs to flee from a city like Haifa was "the announcements made over the air by the Arab Higher Executive, urging all Arabs in Haifa to quit." The Economist's article emphasized that "the reason given was that upon the final withdrawal of the British the combined armies of the Arab states would invade Palestine and drive the Jews into the sea, and it was clearly intimated that those Arabs who remained in Haifa and accepted Israeli protection would be regarded as renegades."

Another report quoted by Swope appeared on Sept. 6, 1948 in the Arabic newspaper "Telegraph" published in Beirut. It carried a statement made at a press conference by Emil el Ghory, representative of the Arab Higher Committee at the U.N. General Assembly, in which the Arab leader declared: "The problem of these refugees is the direct result of the policy of resistance to partition and to the establishment of the Israeli state. This policy was unanimously adopted by the Arab governments, and it is they who have to bear responsibility for the solution of the refugees' problem!"

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT URGED TO VOTE FOR ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION IN UNITED NATIONS

OTTAWA, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government was urged today by the United Zionist Council of Canada to "make a constructive contribution towards bringing peace to the Middle East" by voting in favor of Israel's application for membership in the United Nations.

In a wire to Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, Samuel J. Zacks, president of the Council, asserted that Canada should no longer delay extension of recognition to Israel, especially in view of the Canadian U.N. delegation's recommendations asking international recognition for the Jewish state.

JUNIOR MIZRACHI WOMEN'S CONVENTION LAUDS TRUMAN FOR HIS STAND ON ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- President Truman was lauded for his position on Israel at the closing session of the ninth annual convention of the Junior Mizrahi Women's Organization of America here last night.

The convention resolved to double its membership, bringing it to a total of 20,000 during the coming year. A record budget of \$95,000 for 1949 was also voted. Miss Gwendolyn Goldstein was elected president of the organization, succeeding Miss Frieda Chesir.

GOV. LEHMAN DEDICATES BUILDING IN MEMORY OF SON KILLED IN WAR; WILL AID SOCIAL WORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman and his wife yesterday dedicated a four-story structure as "Pete's House," in memory of their son, Peter, who was killed in England during the war. The building will be used by the Henry St. Settlement for social work purposes. Before entering the armed services, the former Governor's son was engaged in social work at the settlement.