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EGYPT BRINGS CHARGES IN U.N. AGAINST ISRAEL; ACTION ON ISRAELI APPLICATION IMPEDED

PARIS, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The seven-member sub-committee appointed by the United Nations Security Council to assist acting mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche in the implementation of the Council's order for a Negev withdrawal met here today at the request of Egypt, which charged that Israel was not complying with the Council order, adopted November 4. After some debate, the body adjourned until Wednesday to give Dr. Bunche sufficient time to arrive here from Israel and report on the current situation, including his negotiations with the Israelis on the Negev.

Meanwhile, an American delegation spokesman today declared that the situation in the Negev, as well as the uncertainty over the General Assembly's vote on the watered-down Anglo-American resolution setting up a three-nation conciliation commission to settle the Palestine problem was holding up speedy consideration of the Israeli application for membership to the United Nations.

The Egyptian charges which led to today's meeting stated that the Jews still occupied the town of Beersheba, although they did not enter it before October 14. The Egyptians also stated that they were unable to withdraw their troops from the encircled Faluja pocket. In response to statements by Israeli representative Aubrey Eban, the Egyptian spokesman disclaimed, on behalf of his government, any knowledge or responsibility for contraband found by the Jews December 1 in a U.N.-escorted convoy heading for Faluja. He also stated several times that in principle Egypt agrees with the Security Council resolution of November 16 calling for armistice negotiations.

Eban immediately asked the sub-committee to instruct Dr. Bunche to convey the Egyptian representative's declaration on armistice negotiations to Israel. (The Israelis have for several weeks been proclaiming their eagerness to open such negotiations and have been pressing the Egyptians to agree.) The Egyptian then stated that his remarks constituted neither a formal nor official declaration and that his government's reply would be forthcoming. In presenting his position on armistice negotiations, he said Egypt agrees to negotiations if first the Jews start by complying with the Negev withdrawal order.

Eban Outlines Israeli Position on Armistice

Eban, for his part, said that Israel desires to see a simultaneous implementation of the withdrawal and armistice orders. Pointing to the Egyptian attempts to smuggle arms into Faluja, he said this disproves Egyptian claims to peaceful intentions in the Negev and that as long as Egypt does not comply with the armistice order there are no assurances that the Faluja force, if released by the Jews, would not rejoin the main body of troops in Gaza and be used in a new attack on Israel.

The only member of the sub-committee to speak on the Egyptian position vis-a-vis Israel was the French delegate who said he would have acted as did the Israeli commander who confiscated the contraband cargo of the Faluja convoy. The Frenchman called the Egyptians "olmany" for not having at least removed the kosher label from Israel-bound meats seized by the Egyptians and included in the convoy's cargo.

BASIC PROBLEMS OF ISRAEL SETTLED, OPEN WAR UNLIKELY, ACTING MEDIATOR SAYS IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Although difficulties lie ahead, the "basic problems" of the establishment of the Jewish state and immigration to Israel have already been solved, acting mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche today told newsmen here after a visit with Premier David Ben Gurion and high officials of the Foreign Office.

The mediator, who arrived in the Israeli capital today over the land route from Jerusalem, stated that to all "practical purposes" a settlement has been reached and added that he does not expect the resumption of open warfare, although minor incidents are always possible. "If all parties try hard enough it will be possible to make the transition from truce to armistice and then to a final settlement," Dr. Bunche said.

He insisted that after meeting with Egyptian Premier Mokrasby Pasha, King Abdullah of Transjordan, Ben Gurion and President Weizmann, "the biggest hurdles have already been taken." The armistice, unlike the truce, he declared, "will mean a withdrawal and reduction of forces and the establishment of normal conditions."

He revealed that he had heard from the Israelis this morning that a solution of the Cyprus refugee problem is near and that direct British-Israeli talks have taken place. The United Nations never saw a "valid reason" for the detention of the Jews, he continued.

The mediator will make a full report of the current situation to the Security Council in Paris, he said, adding that he hoped to have more positive news by the time he reports. He asserted that the situation in the Negev was "satisfactory to the Jews and less so to the Egyptians, while the United Nations feels that the resolution has not been realized fully." In a joking aside, he said that the arrival of the armistice and the departure of the U.N. truce machinery from the Middle East would be a "welcome reward" for all concerned.

Ben Gurion and Bunche Discuss Negev Withdrawal and Armistice

During the meeting between the mediator and the Israeli officials, the discussion centered about "who will arrange outstanding matters in the Negev, the armistice prospects in the light of the Paris resolutions and the refugee problem," it was announced here.

A group of Palestine Arabs yesterday submitted a memorandum to Dr. Bunche in Amman asserting that they were representatives of the Palestine Arabs and favoring "Abdullah's rule over the Arab part of Palestine," George Barnes, the mediator's press officer, disclosed here today. The Palestine Arabs added that they felt that there was already too much outside interference in Palestine's affairs. Dr. Bunche spent three hours with Abdullah yesterday and several more hours with the Transjordan Foreign Minister, Barnes added.

The entire U.N. party left Tel Aviv for Rehovoth to pay a courtesy visit to President Weizmann, after which they were slated to fly to Haifa where they will remain overnight. The mediator will fly to Paris tomorrow and from there will leave for the United States on Dec. 12 when he "assumes that the conciliation commission will take over." Special security measures were taken during the visit here, with military police and truckloads of soldiers scattered throughout the area and military jeeps, armored and radio cars patrolling the roads in the vicinity of the government seat.

BRITAIN WILL NOT SUPPORT ISRAEL'S APPLICATION FOR U.N. MEMBERSHIP, MAYHEW SAYS

LONDON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Britain will not support Israel's application for U.N. membership, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Christopher Mayhew declared in Commons today, adding that the British Government considered the Jewish state's bid for membership in the international organization premature.

"The Government do not wish to exclude the possibility of Jewish entry into the United Nations at some later stage, but regard the present application as premature and hard to accept in view of the fact that the future of Palestine is still being discussed and no frontiers have yet been drawn up," Mayhew said. Replying to questions, he denied that the admission of Israel to the U.N. would help the Jews and Arabs reach an equitable solution in Palestine. The British official also declared that several states had much stronger claims to U.N. membership than Israel.

Several laborite M.P.'s interjected numerous questions regarding the Jews still detained on Cyprus. Mayhew claimed that the continued detention of 11,200 Jews on the island was justified by the Security Council's resolution of May 29, the terms of which were extended by the resolution of July 15. He was unable to answer a question by S. Silverman, M.P., as to what was the legal basis for the Jews' detention after the Mandatory Power's jurisdiction terminated. He stressed that there was no obstruction to detainees of non-military age and denied that the refugees were being detained unlawfully.

Mayhew later said that the government is re-examining its position on Cyprus in the light of present Palestine developments and would review its decision if more peaceful conditions are established or a new Security Council resolution is adopted.

It was learned here today that Anglo-Israel negotiations on Cyprus are not being conducted in London and that they have not reached a final stage. An agreement is expected to be arrived at shortly, not involving a reversal of British policy on the detainees but rather a reinterpretation, enabling certain categories to leave Cyprus.

TRIAL OF STERN GROUP CHIEFS CONTINUES; DEFENDANTS PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The trial of Nathan Friedman-Yellin, Sternist chief and his deputy, M. Shmulevitz, continued in the Acre military court today with the defendants pleading not guilty to charges of directing terrorist activities and membership in a terrorist organization from Sept. 29, 1948 on.

The prosecution began to outline the case, saying that the activities of the Stern Group had not ceased with the formation of Israel but it had continued its subversive activities. It had failed to disband, as proved by documents, arms and money which were found in Yellin's flat. Forged documents were also found in Yellin's flat, indicating that he and his co-defendant planned to escape abroad, the prosecution charged.

The prosecutor compared the Stern Group's activities to the Japanese just before Pearl Harbor. The Sternists, he said, were negotiating with the Israeli Government at the same time that their actions in Jerusalem amounted to a stab in the government's back. He charged the Stern Group with responsibility in the murder of Bernadotte and said that the count was in Palestine under protection of the Israeli Government.

Policemen, soldiers and the landlord of Yellin's flat testified about his arrest. The policemen and soldiers told of finding arms and other materiel in his apartment.

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ISRAELI TRADE MINISTER URGES THAT WAGES BE FROZEN TO CHECK RISING COST OF LIVING

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Minister of Trade Dr. Fritz Bernstein demanded this weekend at a meeting of the State Council that wages be frozen and industry and agriculture concentrate only on the production of necessities in order to check the rising cost of living in the Jewish state. Dr. Bernstein emphasized the need for an expanded export program to aid in the absorption of new immigrants and to pay in part for imports into Israel.

The Ministry of Welfare, which deals with war casualties and losses, has expended \$2,000,000 during the past six months in helping victims of the war, Rabbi Judah L. Fishman, Minister of Social Welfare, told a press conference today. Forty percent of the total figure was spent in Jerusalem and at present a total of 7,000 cases have been handled.

Direct damage to agriculture as a result of the fighting, Rabbi Fishman stated, amounts to \$10,000,000. The next Israeli budget will include an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for rebuilding agricultural settlements damaged during the war.

Hundreds of Orthodox Jews demonstrated outside the offices of the State Council protesting the importation of non-kosher meat into Israel. A representative of the demonstrators who was invited into the Council chambers to confer with the Orthodox members of that body demanded the immediate enactment of legislation barring the import of any non-kosher meat into Israel.

JEWISH INFANTS ON CYPRUS LIVING UNDER DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS; 600 BABIES NOW IN CAMPS

FAMAGUSTA, Cyprus, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- With the coming of the first heavy rains in Cyprus, 1,200 Jewish parents here today petitioned Rabbi A. Schreiberbaum, representative of the Jewish Agency, to bring to the immediate attention of the British authorities on the island the condition of Jewish infants in the Cypriot camps.

Six hundred babies under six months of age are presently in the Xyloymbou camp, while 400 more children are due to be born within the next two months. Rabbi Schreiberbaum said today that the discontinuation of infant quotas to Palestine--which were granted by the former Palestine High Commissioner, Sir Alan Cunningham, on humanitarian grounds--is the most serious problem encountered in administering the camps on Cyprus, where a total of 11,200 Jews are still detained.

The Jewish Agency representative asserted that 60 percent of the babies living in the Cyprus internment camps do not have cribs, while their chief source of nourishment comes from canned, dehydrated potatoes. The Nissen huts in which most of them live, Rabbi Schreiberbaum said, have no source of heat whatsoever and it is impossible to provide the infants with proper bathing facilities.

Joint Distribution Committee physicians on the island are now preparing a medical report on conditions among the detained Jews here, which will be submitted within a few days to Sir Godfrey Collins, commissioner for the DP camps.

Habeas Corpus Application of 564 Cyprus Detainees to be Heard This Week

KYRENIA, Cyprus, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Judge Griffith Williams of the Cyprus Supreme Court will hear next Saturday a habeas corpus application filed November 22 by Mordechai Horling and 563 other Jews of military age detained in the Xyloymbou camp, it was reported here over the week-end. British Colonel Weston will act as the advocate on behalf of the detainees.

NOTORIOUS FRENCH ANTI-SEMITIC, PROF. PENRI LABROUS, SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

PARIS, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Prof. Penri Labrous, who held the "chair of anti-Semitism" at the Sorbonne during the Nazi occupation of the French capital, was sentenced over the week-end to 20 years solitary confinement.

The educator stated in his defense that he had established an institute for Jewish studies in order to permit him to combat "Hitlorite anti-Judaism," but the prosecution read into the trial testimony an article by Prof. Labrous in which he attacked five Catholic priests for assisting Jews to escape the Nazis and for denouncing Nazi persecution of members of that race.

JEWISH INFORMER EXECUTED IN POLAND FOR TORTURING JEWS TO DEATH IN NAZI CAMPS

WARSAW, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Isidor Silbiger, reputedly the most feared Jewish informer in a number of Nazi concentration camps during the war, was hanged this week-end in Bytom for his war crimes, it was reported here today. The court trial established that he personally beat several Jews to death in the Boleslawiec concentration camp, most of whose inmates were Dutch Jews.

Josef Kolodziei, a member of the Ukrainian Nationalist Organization, which was notorious for its anti-Semitic atrocities during the war, was sentenced to death by the court in Nova Sel for initiating the mass murder of 2,000 Jews in the town of Jasloviec.

TRUMAN NAMES U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTIVE OF INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- President Truman today appointed George L. Warren, State Department advisor on refugees, as U.S. representative to the executive committee of the International Refugee Organization.

328 JEWISH DP'S LEAVE ITALY FOR ISRAEL IN LAST MASS MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM COUNTRY

ROME, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- With the departure for Israel today of 328 Jewish refugees from Italian displaced persons camps, officials said the last mass migration of DP's living in Italy was completed. The DP's sailed on the Italian steamship Medex.

ISRAELI ENVOY TO U.S. HOPES HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM WILL BE SPIRITUAL CENTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The hope that Jerusalem and the Hebrew University there will become the "spiritual center of our people" was voiced here last night by Israeli representative to the United States Eliahu Epstein, addressing a meeting of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

Mr. Epstein disclosed that the Hebrew University is using Talmudic literature for scientific research, preparing a new edition of the Hebrew Bible and translating into Hebrew the works of the ancient Greek philosophers. Asserting that the institution has also played an important role in guiding the "material upbuilding of Israel," the Israeli representative stated that the University's research in "chemistry, physics and geology has proved of the greatest value."

BEIGIN SAYS ISRAEL WILL ACHIEVE VICTORY AFTER ALL OF PALESTINE IS OCCUPIED BY JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Menachem Beigin, addressing a reception tendered him by the Brith Trumpeldor of America last night, declared that Israel will not have achieved victory until all of Palestine is occupied by Jews now scattered throughout the world. "The fight is not yet over," he stated. "Not yet has the aim of victory been achieved."

Jews in So. Africa Differ on Need to Establish Separate Jewish Political Organization

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- An exchange of opinions with regard to the newly-organized Jewish group to support the present Nationalist government was published this week in the Cape Times, at the invitation of the newspaper.

A.M. Melamet, secretary of the Cape branch of the South African Board of Jewish Deputies, emphasized that the attempt to organize Jewish support as such for the government would be a grave disservice to the Jewish community. Jews, he pointed out, participate in politics as citizens and not as members of a Jewish group. He said that the Board of Jewish Deputies had no connection with the Jewish group which is attempting to establish a separate political organization for Jews, and he deprecated this attempt.

J. Nossel, organizer of the new group, in his reply to Melamet, reiterated his intention to attempt to achieve "closer relations and better understanding between the Jews and Nationalists." He thought his method would bring results and charged the Board with being partisan and unrepresentative. Commenting on the controversy, the political correspondent of the Cape Nationalist organ, Die Burger, criticized the Board as being anti-Nationalist.

Reform Rabbi Opposes Plan to Make Israeli Rabbinate Supreme Religious Authority

TORONTO, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- "The state of Israel cannot become a seat of worldwide religious authority," Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg stated here at a dinner tendered him by his congregation. More than 500 members of the congregation and leading representatives of the Jewish and non-Jewish communities here attended the function at which Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of Hebrew Union College, was the principal speaker.

The statement by Rabbi Feinberg came as a reply to the Rabbinical Council of America which announced recently that it would seek recognition of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel as the supreme religious authority for all Jews. Indicating that such a move would be resisted by Liberal Judaism, Rabbi Feinberg said: "Jews in every land have the right and duty to fashion Judaism on the background of their own environment, with a maximal tie to tradition. Liberal Judaism labors with faith that the Jewish spiritual genius can function anywhere on earth, however conscious it may be of rootage in ancient Palestine, and reliance on today's Israeli republic."

Monument Honoring French Jewish Veterans Unveiled in Paris; Posthumous Awards Made

PARIS, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- A monument honoring the memory of Jews killed while fighting for France was unveiled here today by Robert Betolaud, Minister of Veterans. At the same time, Defense Minister Paul Ramadier posthumously awarded 70 French Jewish veterans with the "Medaille Militaire." Chief Rabbi I. Schwartz of France participated in the ceremonies.

United Rumanian Jews Ask Rumanian Government to Permit Jews to Emigrate to Israel

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The annual convention of the United Rumanian Jews last night adopted a resolution urging the Rumanian Government to permit Jews in Rumania to depart for Israel. Another resolution urged the admission of a larger number of displaced Jews to the United States.

AMPAL Officials Leave for Israel to Arrange Transactions Involving Over \$10,000,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Albert K. Epstein and Abraham Dickstein, officials of AMPAL (American Palestine Trading Corporation) left for Israel yesterday to arrange with the Israeli Government and with the Histadruth numerous financial transactions involving more than \$10,000,000.

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