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SEVEN-NATION GROUP DEALING WITH U.N. ORDER TO WITHDRAW FROM NEGEV ADJOURNS INDEFINITELY

PARIS, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The seven-nation Security Council sub-committee on the Negev which was scheduled to meet here today has cancelled its session and adjourned indefinitely. The group, which was appointed in connection with the Council order to withdraw from the Negev, has the power to recommend sanctions for failure to obey the order.

It was learned in highly authoritative quarters today that Canada is ready to supply the sixth affirmative vote on Israel's application for U.N. membership, while France's position remains in doubt. Meanwhile, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok will remain here until next Sunday to exert the strongest diplomatic pressure on the Security Council on the question of the application. The Council is now slated to meet Wednesday morning on the application.

Britain to Ask Security Council to Act on Arms Reaching Israel

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The British delegation to the Security Council has been instructed to raise at "any appropriate occasion" the question of arms and war supplies allegedly reaching Israel in violation of the Council embargo on war supplies to the belligerents in the Palestine war, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Hector McNeil today told the House of Commons.

Replying to a query as to whether arms and men were reaching Israel, McNeil asserted that "information obtained from many sources leaves no doubt" that arms and fighting personnel are entering Palestine from abroad. However, he said that his information was not complete enough to make possible an authoritative statement as to the quantities of equipment going to the Jewish armed services. He added that from time to time the acting mediator has been informed of these violations of the Council embargo.

Asked to confirm or deny the charge that Czech rifles made by the Skoda works and Russian Yak fighter planes were being used by the Israelis, McNeil stated: "Our information leaves no doubt that aircraft have been supplied from that factory." When another M.P. asked about British supplies reaching the Arabs, he insisted that Britain has obeyed the U.N. resolution and "we expect other members to do similarly."

Reports in the London press reveal that King Abdullah of Transjordan visited Bethlehem and Hebron, accompanied by some members of his government and several Arab legion commanders. He was received with special honors by prominent Arab leaders of both towns and discussed with them the question of annexing the non-Israeli part of Palestine to Transjordan.

Abdullah is reported to have suggested that the Arabs of non-Israeli Palestine conduct a referendum to "show the world that the Palestine Arabs are joining Transjordan under their own free will."

ISRAELI CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WILL OPEN IN JERUSALEM; 12 ELECTION LISTS SUBMITTED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Interior Minister Itzhak Gruenbaum today announced that the Israeli Constituent Assembly will meet in Jerusalem. Although it is still not certain whether only the first meeting of the Assembly or its entire session will be held here, it was learned that preparations are already under way for accommodating some 120 members of the Assembly and 30 representatives of foreign states and the world press.

Meanwhile, 15 district election committees met today with representatives of the various parties and with the Interior Minister to consider voting arrangements in next month's nation-wide balloting. Thus far, 12 election lists have been submitted to the authorities.

The final decision on whether to locate the parliament permanently in Jerusalem is expected within a few days, following crowning of Abdullah as "King of the Jordan State" and issuance of an Israeli statement on the "coronation."

It is expected that the Israeli authorities will brand Abdullah's action a violation of the U.N.'s partition decision, a hostile act against Palestine and interference in the internal affairs of Israel. It is believed that the Israeli statement will also call Abdullah an aggressor in Palestine.

The Arab press has reported the presence of a large number of Britons in the Arab stronghold of Hebron. According to the accounts "nothing is done without their knowledge and consent." The local jail is overcrowded with Iraqi soldiers who mutinied. Business is hampered by the fact that the local Palestinian currency has been replaced by Iraqi dinars.

STERNISTS PLANNED TO SEIZE JEWISH AGENCY HEADQUARTERS, DOCUMENTS AT TRIAL REVEAL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The Stern Group intended to occupy the Jewish Agency headquarters in Jerusalem and was prepared to fight the Israeli Army, it was revealed today in documents submitted at the trial of Nathan Friedman-Yellin, Sternist chief, and Matatiah Shmulevitz, his deputy.

The prosecution today completed its case before an Army court in Acre with evidence by police Inspector M. Marmelstein, who was closely questioned by Friedman-Yellin. The defense was scheduled to begin its presentation late today, with the Sternist head taking the witness stand first.

ISRAELI SPOKESMAN IN WASHINGTON CLARIFIES POSITION OF ISRAEL REGARDING GULF OF AKABA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- An Israeli mission spokesman here issued a statement today aiming to clarify the confusion regarding the Israeli position on the Gulf of Akaba. The spokesman, declaring that there have been "various interpretations advanced regarding the status of the Gulf area," said that the facts in the case are as follows:

"The Gulf of Akaba is divided among four countries: Saudi Arabia, Transjordan, Egypt and Israel. The town of Akaba itself is in Transjordan territory approximately three miles east of the Israeli border.

"The Israeli portion of the Gulf stretches from the Transjordan border at Wadi Araba for over five miles to the Egyptian frontier. This Israeli shoreline is called the coast of Eylat. The only site of any consequence on the Eylat coast is the Im Rash police post. The coast of Eylat was included in the allotment of the Negev to the state of Israel under the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on November 29th, 1947."

ISRAELI JERUSALEM COMMANDER SAYS FUTURE TALKS WITH ARABS SHOULD CONCERN PERMANENT PEACE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Israeli commander for Jerusalem Col. Moshe Dayan has advised Lt. Col. Abdullah el Tel, Arab Legion commander, that since the cease-fire in Jerusalem is now being observed fully, further meetings between the two should deal with the subject of a transition to an armistice and, later, to a permanent peace settlement, an official communique said today.

El Tel replied that he would refer the matter to his government for further instructions. Earlier, it was announced that the Israeli Government is prepared to facilitate the observance of Christmas in Jerusalem.

EARLY BRITISH RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL NOT EXPECTED; TRANSJORDAN-ISRAELI TALKS SEEN

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Early British recognition of Israel, even on a de facto basis, is not expected, the Yorkshire Post, which serves as a mouthpiece for Anthony Eden, declared today.

The article said that the most that can be expected is that there will be some easing of the strict adherence to protocol which has heretofore prevented the acceptance of letters signed by the "Premier" or "Foreign Minister of Israel." It is also possible, the Post stated, that the present British consul general in Haifa will be moved to Tel Aviv.

The afternoon Star today also forecast that Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin will issue instructions for "less frigid treatment of Israeli leaders" in order to improve the atmosphere for Israeli-Transjordan talks which are expected shortly and which the British hope will prove successful.

A similar emphasis on the importance of Arab-Jewish talks was contained in a Times editorial this morning. The newspaper also pointed out that the General Assembly's resolution on Palestine "to a very large extent leaves the Jews and Arabs to settle their dispute by themselves." It blamed the division between the U.S.S.R. and the Western Powers for the inability of the Security Council to handle the problem, therefore putting the Assembly in a "false position," leading to the Assembly's "greatest failure."

ISRAEL NAMES CONSUL FOR BUDAPEST; MEMBERS OF BUCHAREST LEGATION STAFF LEAVE TODAY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Shmuel Peterfi, who was born in Hungary and has resided in Palestine for ten years, was today named Israeli consul to Budapest. He is 40 years old. Rabbi Moshe Weinberger, former Chief Rabbi of Klausenburg, was appointed immigration officer and cultural attache at the Budapest consulate.

Members of the Israeli legation staff assigned to Bucharest are scheduled to leave for Rumania tomorrow. Included in the party is Second Secretary Aviezer Chelouche and Yehuda Gold, commercial attache.

The World Jewish Congress announced through representatives here today that it had approached the International Red Cross asking it to dispatch investigation teams to the Arab countries to review the conditions of the Jewish detainees in camps there. The Congress based its request on the decision of the international body at its Stockholm conference that it should care not only for war prisoners but also for political detainees.

GROUP OF 678 JEWS SAILS FROM ITALY FOR ISRAEL; MOST PASSENGERS ARE AUSTRIAN DP'S

ROME, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The S.S. Caserta sailed from Naples today with a total of 678 Israel-bound passengers. Most of them are displaced Jews from Austria and from transit camps in Italy, while a number came from the Milan area.

DUTCH ORTHODOX JEW CONVICTED OF NAZI COLLABORATION, IS SET FREE IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Frederik Weinreb, a Dutch Orthodox Jew who was found guilty last Oct. 26 of having collaborated with the Gestapo in the Netherlands during the war and with having betrayed fellow Jews to the Nazis, was set free over the week-end. He originally received a six-year sentence.

The 37-year-old former Dutch Jewish communal leader was found guilty by a Special Court of Appeals at The Hague despite numerous protests by individuals and Jewish organizations against his conviction. Weinreb's defenders maintained throughout that he was originally arrested, soon after the end of the war, on the false testimony of a Dutch Gestapo agent.

POLICE INVESTIGATING PARIS BLAST DENY IT WAS AIMED AT OFFICES OF JEWISH GROUPS

PARIS, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- French police officials investigating an explosion last night under a restaurant several yards from the offices of two Jewish organizations--the Jewish Agency and a Jewish veterans group--today ruled out the theory that the blast was intended for the groups' headquarters.

The police said that the Jewish offices were too far from the restaurant to support such a view. A party in honor of some British officers was being held in the restaurant at the time of the blast.

NAZI WAR CRIMINAL WHO SET UP CRACOW GHETTO DIES OF HEART ATTACK WHILE AWAITING TRIAL

WARSAW, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Ostar Brandt, wartime chief of the Jewish department of the Gestapo in Cracow who established the ghetto in Cracow and later participated in the destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto, died of a heart attack in his cell in Wroclaw, where he was awaiting trial as a war criminal, it was reported here today. His trial was due to begin within a few days.

The Polish press reported today the verdicts of various war criminal courts. The following were sentenced to death for participating in the execution of Jews: Fritz Neumann, formerly chief of the anti-Jewish extermination program in the province of Pozen; L. Klutsch, a concentration camp guard; and, a group of five Germans in Torun.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES IN HUNGARY HOLD SPECIAL SERVICES TO CONDEMN ANTI-SEMITISM, RACISM

BUDAPEST, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Calvinist churches throughout Hungary yesterday held special services and sermons condemning anti-Semitism and racist theories.

TWO PLANES WITH MORE DISPLACED JEWS FLY FROM SALZBURG TO HAIFA

VIENNA, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Two planes carrying 28 displaced persons left Salzburg today for Haifa, in the third of a series of flights to the Jewish state.

The flights today bring to a total of 130 DP's the number thus far sent to Israel by air from Austria. To step up the program, three flights are to be arranged weekly henceforth, weather permitting.

JEWISH MAYOR OF CANADIAN TOWN ELECTED FOR ELEVENTH SUCCESSIVE TERM

MONTREAL, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Aaron Horowitz, who has been mayor of Cornwall, Ontario, for 10 terms, was re-elected this week for his 11th two-year term. Mayor Horowitz is active in Jewish affairs.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS WILL MEET IN PHILADELPHIA

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The 17th annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, designed to be "the national operating Assembly of the Jewish community organizations," will be held January 14-17, at Philadelphia's Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, it was announced today by Stanley C. Myers of Miami, C.J.F.W.F. president.

Jewish communal leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada will convene at the four-day gathering to discuss all major aspects of Jewish affairs and take joint action to meet 1949 local, overseas and Israel needs. The General Assembly, composed of delegates selected on a population basis by each of the 265 member agencies, is the governing and policy making body of the C.J.F.W.F.

Bernard Pepinsky of Cincinnati, program chairman, declared that the General Assembly will be a "working and action" meeting where delegates would not only "listen and learn," but take an "active part in formulation programs of action" for the coming year. The Assembly, he said, will open with a report by the Committee of National-Local Relationships on its negotiations with national agencies. The report will deal with the question of the extent of community partnership in setting policies and administration of the 1949 U.J.A., progress in eliminating duplication in European migration work, coordinating refugee service in America, and the extent to which the National Community Relations Advisory Council has been successful in eliminating duplication among civic-protective agencies.

B'NAI B'RITH OPENS EUROPEAN OFFICE IN PARIS; WILL SERVE LODGES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Saul Jofes, educational director of the New England regional office of the Anti-Defamation League, has been appointed the first director of the B'nai B'rith European office, it was announced here today by Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith. The organization is opening the European office with the assistance of the Anti-Defamation League.

The new European office which will be located in Paris will serve B'nai B'rith lodges in Copenhagen, Denmark; Amsterdam and The Hague, Holland; Zurich and Basle, Switzerland; Paris and Nice, France; Stockholm, Sweden; Prague, Czechoslovakia; Budapest, Hungary; and the District Grand Lodge of Great Britain and Ireland which represents 10 lodges in their programs and membership.

"The office will also place at the disposal of the Jewish communities overseas such techniques of community organization as may be desired," the announcement said. "Such activities will include Jewish youth work both in universities and among the employed, the fight against anti-Semitism, vocational guidance, community service, the struggle for Jewish unity, aid to Israel, and other programs which have long characterized B'nai B'rith in the United States."

YESHIVAH UNIVERSITY IS READY TO OPEN MEDICAL SCHOOL IN 1952; \$6,000,000 REQUIRED

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Yeshivah University is prepared to open its proposed medical school in 1952, it was revealed here last night at a dinner marking the 20th anniversary of the founding of the University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. It was estimated that a sum of \$6,000,000 would be needed to bring the new school into existence.

The formal presentation of the University's annual \$1,000 Mordecai Ben David Award was made last night to Israeli Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Herzog and was accepted in his behalf by a member of the Israeli mission to the U.S. The award is made annually for an "outstanding contribution to Jewish life."

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