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SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS IN PARIS TODAY TO HEAR ARAB CHARGES AGAINST ISRAEL

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council will meet in an emergency session in Paris tomorrow to consider Arab charges that Israel was guilty of "flagrant" violations of the Council's Palestine truce order, it was announced here.

Dr. Philip C. Jessup, U.S. representative on the Council, was reported to be awaiting President Truman's instructions on what stand to adopt on the current Palestine fighting. Syria, which made the demand for the Council session, asked that it be held last Friday, but the request was turned down.

U.N. Observers in Palestine Charge Arabs with Truce Violations

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- United Nations truce observation headquarters in Palestine has cabled the Security Council charging that the Egyptians are responsible for the outbreak of the current fighting in the Negev, the Hebrew press here reported.

An Israeli spokesman today announced only minor fighting in the Negev, although he spoke of some air activity by both sides. He announced that there were a number of clashes by land forces, including tanks, in the vicinity of Birim. He asserted that it was fairly quiet in the Faluja sector, where some 2,000 Egyptians have been encircled by Israeli forces for a number of weeks. In Jerusalem all was calm, with both sides rigidly observing the local truce.

The official Israeli reports contrasted rather sharply with Arab reports of heavy action in the Negev. The Transjordan-controlled Ramallah radio spoke of the "fiercest battle ever fought in Palestine," while other Arab sources stated that a strong Jewish commando force had raided a major Egyptian supply base at Rafa, in the southern Negev, and had blown up Arab ammunition dumps and demolished military installations there.

A country-wide blackout was reimposed last night following air raids in the Gaza, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Nazareth and Jericho areas. There was another air alert here today, as well as in several other vital areas. Yesterday, Arab planes driven away from Haifa and Nazareth by Israeli anti-aircraft fire, blasted a children's village near Nazareth and killed three children and wounded five.

An Israeli spokesman this week-end said that he understood that the entire U.N. observation system in the south is being overhauled. He said that there are no U.N. observers with the Jews at present.

(Reuter's reported tonight that British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin interrupted his Christmas holiday to confer with Foreign Office experts on the renewed fighting in the Negev. Bevin was said to be studying reports that the Arab League will call for a general renewal of the war in Palestine.)

CANADIAN GOV. GRANTS ISRAEL DE FACTO RECOGNITION; JEWS THROUGHOUT DOMINION RELATED

OTTAWA, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government has granted Israel de facto recognition, it was announced here Friday by Lester Pearson, Minister for External Affairs, at a press conference. Pearson said that Israel had given "satisfactory proof" of complying with the essential conditions of statehood.

The news of the government's action was received with elation in Jewish communities throughout the Dominion. The United Zionist Council of Canada issued the following statement: "As Canadians and as Jews, we are particularly gratified at today's recognition by the Canadian Government of the state of Israel. We have always felt that Canada was desirous of contributing to the restoration of an early peace in Palestine and it is unquestionable that Canadian recognition is an important step in that direction.

"Canada showed her good intentions by supporting partition last year and the leadership of Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and members of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations played a major part in the march of events whose culmination was announced at Ottawa today.

"For many months Canadian recognition has been imminent. She set up postal services, was sympathetic in providing facilities for relief and co-operated in establishing trade relations with Israel. Today's action by the Government of Canada marks the fruition of these steps and official acknowledgment of the fact that Israel is a reality. We are confident that recognition will contribute markedly to stability throughout the whole Middle East. We hope that this growing recognition presages the early admission of Israel to the United Nations and look forward to wider and permanent diplomatic, cultural and trade relations between our country and the state of Israel."

Shertok Cables Israel's Thanks for Recognition to Canadian Government

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Moshe Shertok, Israeli Foreign Minister, today cabled the Canadian Government his government's "deep appreciation" for the de facto recognition granted by the Dominion Friday. Shertok's message declared that Israel is anxious for a rapid restoration of peace and a final settlement of all outstanding questions either directly or through the U.N. Conciliation Commission, and regards Canada's recognition as an important contribution to this end.

At a press conference here today, conducted during an air raid alert, Israel's U.N. representative, Aubrey S. Eban, expressed the hope that the other British dominions would follow Canada's example. He praised the support of South American countries of Israel's cause at the last U.N. session and added that if France recognized Israel it would be a stabilizing factor in the Moslem world. Michael Comay, member of the Israeli U.N. delegation, told the conference that Britain called on the dominions to support its resolution at the U.N. session, but they refused.

Eban revealed that before the Israeli delegation left Paris at the end of the session, John Foster Dulles, acting head of the American delegation, told the Israelis that the U.S. believes that the existence of an independent, free and strong Israel is indispensable for the Middle East.

From Kyrenia it was reported that 12,000 Jewish detainees cabled Christmas greetings to former Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Stating that they are being held arbitrarily under "intolerable conditions without any legal basis," the detainees asked Churchill to continue his battles against fascism and to "remove from Britain the Nazi stain which the present government's Cyprus concentration camps have placed on it."

BODIES OF JEWS ON CRASHED ISRAELI-BOUND AIRLINER RECOVERED BY GREEK ARMY UNITS

ATHENS, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Greek army detachments today found the bodies of the passengers and crew of an Israel-bound Czechoslovak airliner which crashed near Kalamara, in the Peloponnesus, last week. There were no survivors.

Nineteen of the 24 were Jews--some refugee immigrants and others religious leaders and businessmen. There were eleven men, six women, and seven children. The army units, which reached the scene after fighting with Markos troops in the area, reported that all the bodies were stripped of clothes.

600 JEWISH REFUGEES ARRIVE IN AUSTRIA FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA; EN ROUTE TO ISRAEL

VIENNA, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The largest Jewish refugee transport to arrive recently from Czechoslovakia was received here this week-end by Jewish leaders. Authorized by the Czechoslovakian Government, the transport consisted of 600 Jewish refugees, including 80 children.

The majority of the refugees are persons whose temporary Czechoslovak visas had expired. The remainder of the refugees are mostly Slovak Jews. The transport was reassigned to Linz and will proceed from there to Italian ports for embarkation to Israel.

892 JEWISH REFUGEES SAIL FOR ISRAEL FROM SHANGHAI; ANOTHER TRANSPORT DUE TO LEAVE SOON

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- A group of 892 Jewish refugees sailed for Israel this week-end aboard the "Wooster Victory." The transport, the first to leave the Chinese port city since the refugees appealed for urgent action, in fear of becoming embroiled in the Chinese civil war, will travel via the Cape of Good Hope. A second vessel, the "Castel Bianca," is expected to sail here with another group of refugees early next week.

ONLY 2,500 DP'S ARRIVED IN U.S. DURING LAST SIX MONTHS, DP COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Only 2,500 DP immigrants arrived in the United States during the first six months following passage of the DP Act of 1948 instead of the 10,000 persons originally expected to enter during this half year, Ugo Carusi, chairman of the Displaced Persons Commission, declared here this week-end.

He also warned that unless the present act is amended promptly and the commission is provided with a larger administrative staff only 40,000 persons will reach this country by next July 1, after the law has been in effect for one year, instead of the 75,000 men, women and children originally expected.

Following his return here from Europe where he supervised the establishment of administrative machinery to keep the emigrants flowing out of Germany, Carusi said that restrictions imposed by the last Congress were responsible for the poor operation of the entire system. He announced that he would recommend that the 81st Congress amend the act to eliminate or change the following major flaws:

1. The cut-off date of Dec. 22, 1945, by which time refugees must have been in a DP camp to be eligible for admission to the U.S. under the present law.
2. The preferential priority system for admitting persons with specific skills or of a particular national background; and,
3. The guarantees that both jobs and housing be provided for a prospective immigrant before he can be sent to the United States.

4,000 REFUGEE IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE AT HAIFA; MIZRACHI DELEGATION FROM LONDON LANDS

HAIFA, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Some 4,000 refugee immigrants arrived here this week-end. Twenty Mizrahi leaders from London arrived at Tel Aviv on a plane.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS AGAINST REINSTATING ILSE KOCH SENTENCE; SAYS ARMY ERRED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The Army made a grave mistake in reducing from life to four years the sentence of Ilse Koch, wife of the former commandant of the Buchenwald concentration camp, and notorious war criminal in her own right, but to reinstate the sentence would violate the democratic principles of "judicial finality," the Senate Investigating Subcommittee said in a report here today. The Subcommittee has conducted an investigation of the Army's reduction of the Koch sentence since the Army action, taken on June 8, became known in October.

Calling the case "an isolated blemish on the vigilance and certainty" of democratic principles of justice, the Subcommittee charged the Army with the duty of furnishing to German courts all possible assistance should the German courts decide to try Frau Koch for crimes against German nationals. The Army has already indicated, the Subcommittee reported, that no further crimes could be found on which they could retry her without putting her in double jeopardy.

The report stated the Subcommittee's belief that not only were the charges against Frau Koch justified by the record but that there were "no persuasive mitigating evidence in the record to justify any reduction of sentence." Aside from the reduction of the sentence itself the Army's greatest mistake was their failure to make a public announcement of the reduction of sentence, setting forth their reasons, as soon as the action was taken. "Nothing so quickly arouses the public to the belief of possible impropriety as concealment," they pointed out.

DRUZES ASK ISRAEL FOR AUTONOMOUS COURT; RELIEF SUPPLIES EXEMPTED FROM ISRAELI CUSTOMS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- A delegation of Druze religious and civic leaders this week-end visited Rabbi Judah L. Fishman, Minister for Religion, and urged that the Druze religious court's jurisdiction be officially recognized in their communities.

The Israeli Government today granted complete tax exemption to relief supplies distributed by the Red Cross in Israeli territory as well as the \$30,000,000 of U.N. relief to be distributed in Palestine. The government will also provide free storage space, reduced transportation rates and will furnish drivers for relief goods passing through Israel.

SCOTT AMERICAN INDUSTRIALISTS FLY TO ISRAEL TO STUDY ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INDUSTRIES

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Fifty Jewish industrialists from Argentina, Chile, Brazil and Uruguay flew today to Tel Aviv, it was announced here. The industrialists will tour Israel under the auspices of the Israeli Government to study the establishment of new industrial enterprises. The tour was arranged by Arish Chill, Jewish Agency representative in South America.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS SUBMITS TO U.N. WHITE PAPER ON JEWISH PERSECUTION IN IRAQ, EGYPT

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today formally submitted to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie a White Paper on persecution of the Jews in Iraq and Egypt, the contents of which the Congress made public last week. At the same time, the W.J.C. announced a campaign by its representatives in London, Paris and Tel Aviv to arouse governments to the plight of Jews living in Moslem lands.

WAR RISK INSURANCE RATES ON CARGOES BOUND FOR ISRAEL CUT IN HALF

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- War risk insurance rates on cargoes going to Israel have been halved, it was learned here over the week-end. Cargoes to Israel have carried war risk insurance rate of one percent of the cargo value since early last June.

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