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ISRAEL MAINTAINS PRESSURE ON BRITAIN BY CONSULTATIONS WITH SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Without calling for an emergency session of the Security Council the Israeli mission to the United Nations today indicated it is maintaining a campaign of diplomatic pressure against Britain by consultations with individual members of the Council. However, it was also indicated that if the situation deteriorates further a meeting of the Council will be requested.

A program of this campaign was disclosed by a spokesman of the delegation today. As an initial part of the campaign Israeli chief delegate Aubrey Eban has already seen the representatives of five of the states represented on the Council. Today Eban spoke with Security Council president General Andrew McNaughton of Canada, Finn Moe of Norway and Alexandre Parodi of France. Yesterday, Eban was in contact with Jacob Malik of the Soviet Union. These consultations followed Eban's conference with Assistant Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett.

In all of these talks Eban expressed the grave apprehension of the Israeli Government over the movement of British forces to Aqaba and other points in the Middle East. The Israeli spokesman "assumed" that other members of the Council will be likewise contacted in this campaign of keeping Great Britain under U.N. observation without formal Council action.

SPECIAL MEETING OF BRITISH CABINET CALLED FOR MONDAY TO CONSIDER MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

LONDON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Following the report by Sir Oliver Franks, British Ambassador to the United States, on his conversations in Washington, particularly that of yesterday with President Truman, it was decided today to summon a special Cabinet meeting to discuss the Middle Eastern crisis.

A further indication of the importance of this meeting is the decision of Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and of the Ministry of Defense to place before the Cabinet a top-secret White Paper containing all the information at the disposal of the two departments on the Middle Eastern situation, as well as a broad outline of the policy which the British Government intends to pursue in the future.

A Foreign Office spokesman, commenting on Sir Oliver's meeting with President Truman, said today that the talk was "most friendly." He refused, however, to divulge the nature of the conversation nor would he say whether the final outcome of the Palestine problem has been brought closer to an agreement as a result of the interview.

Most observers here, however, believe that the Washington talks did not come up to Foreign Office expectations.

Labor Party members of Parliament will meet on Wednesday to discuss the present Palestine issue, it was reported here today. It is believed that Foreign Secretary Bevin's Palestine policy will face strong opposition from the Laborite M.P.s.

ARMISTICE NEGOTIATORS RULE OUT MILITARY ACTION DURING COURSE OF TALKS

RHODES, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Israeli and Egyptian representatives meeting here to conduct armistice negotiations under the auspices of United Nations Palestine mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche today ruled out military offensives by either sides during the course of the talks here.

A spokesman for the U.N. mediator, announcing the decision by the Jews and Egyptians, hailed it as an important step towards a final peaceful settlement. Optimism prevailed here following the first face-to-face meeting between representatives of both states at a meeting late yesterday presided over by Dr. Bunche. Several U.N. officials expressed the belief that the joint armistice talks might be concluded by the end of next week.

JOSEPH KEENAN, U.S. MEMBER OF PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION, RESIGNS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The White House today announced that Joseph Keenan, recently appointed U.S. delegate on the U.N. Conciliation Commission for Palestine, has resigned.

His resignation takes effect immediately, the White House said, adding that Keenan had resigned for personal reasons. It is not yet known who his successor will be, a spokesman said.

Prime Minister Peter Frazer of New Zealand was received by President Truman today, and told correspondents afterwards that "nothing has arisen to warrant military action between Israel and the United Kingdom or any other nations. Israel has emerged as a nation and it is only a question of time until all countries extend recognition and Israel is admitted to the United Nations," he said.

Samir el Rifai Pasha, former Premier of Transjordan, told reporters after a call at the White House this morning that he had discussed Palestine and several other "general matters" with President Truman during his discussion. Rifai Pasha's visit to the United States is a personal and unofficial visit, a State Department spokesman said.

Kamil Abdul Rahim Bey, Egyptian Ambassador to the United States, today denied charges by the Nation Associates that Britain has released 6,000 Nazi war prisoners to fight for Egypt against Israel.

ISRAELI ARMY DEMOBILIZING OLDER SOLDIERS; NEW COLONIES FOUNDED IN SOUTH, GALILEE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Israeli Army demobilization is proceeding according to plan, with the release of older and family soldiers being given priority. It was announced here today. Special consideration is also being given to army members whose families are financially in need as a result of their service.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, Jewish Agency treasurer, today addressed a group of Hapoel Hazoni members who founded a new, 4,000-dunam settlement "somewhere in the south." The settlers are chiefly from Hungary and Carpatho-Russia. The colony has been named "Hamavkiim."

Another new colony was established in Upper Galilee by members of Hapoel Hamizrachi, most of whom are immigrants from Tripoli, Turkey and Egypt who have lived in Palestine for the past three years.

Sirens sounded in Jerusalem today for 45 minutes when a large, unidentified plane circled over the city for a half-hour. The plane landed in the Beit Jala area, beyond the Jewish lines, without incident.

TURKISH MEMBER OF PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION CONFIDENT U.N. BODY WILL SUCCEED

ISTANBUL, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Husseyin Djahid Yaltchin, Turkish member of the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission, declared today that "the Turkish Government is sure of being successful in the task of conciliation which it has accepted. We will try to satisfy both parties in the spirit of justice," he added. Yaltchin leaves for Geneva today to take part in the first meeting of the Commission next Monday.

Emphasizing that Turkey's position in the Palestine dispute "will be definitely neutral," Yaltchin denied a British Broadcasting Corporation report that he would support the Arab cause. The Turkish delegate also voiced the opinion that once the work of the Conciliation Commission is at an end, Turkey will "have neighborly relations" with Israel.

Earlier in the week, Emin Fouad Bey, Egyptian Ambassador to Turkey, stated at a press conference that the appointment of Turkey as a member of the Conciliation Commission "strengthens the hope for a peaceful settlement" of the Palestine question. He added that Yaltchin's nomination was hailed in Egypt.

HUNGARY-ISRAEL TRADE PACT INVOLVING ANNUAL EXCHANGE OF \$10,000,000 IN GOODS SIGNED

BUDAPEST, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- A trade agreement was signed yesterday between Hungary and Israel, providing for the exchange of goods valued annually at the equivalent of \$10,000,000, it was announced here today. The pact also stipulates that Israel-bound Hungarian Jewish immigrants will be permitted to transfer funds to the Jewish state.

The chief exports from here to Israel will consist of food, fodder and various chemicals in exchange for which Hungary will import citrus products, textiles and wool yarn. The agreement was signed on behalf of Israel by Dr. T.M. Kinory, head of a trade delegation from Tel Aviv, and by Sandor Ronai, Hungarian Minister of Commerce.

POLAND AND ISRAEL CONCLUDE TRADE AGREEMENT; FREIGHTER SAILS FOR HAIFA WITH FOOD CARGO

WARSAW, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The conclusion of a reciprocal trade agreement between Poland and Israel was announced here today by Dr. L. Gruenstein, Israel's commercial attache in Poland. Under the terms of the pact, Poland will export to Israel 2,000,000 wooden citrus crates in exchange for 30 percent payment in citrus products and 70 percent in British currency. Dr. Gruenstein also announced that 1,000 tons of water and gas pipes purchased in Poland will be shipped to Israel soon.

The Polish freighter S.S. Kolobsheg sailed from Gdynia for Haifa today with a cargo of 3,000 tons of foodstuffs purchased in Poland. The cargo includes 2,000 tons of rye valued at \$140,000 and the Polish Government has announced that the Israeli Government would be permitted to pay this sum from Jewish National Fund moneys raised in this country. The other 1,000 tons of food supplies were purchased by private Israeli merchants.

Another vessel, S.S. Opole, will leave for Israel next week with a cargo of 3,000 tons of foodstuffs consigned to commercial firms in the Jewish state. The cargo will consist chiefly of flour and potatoes.

J.D.C.-HIAS COMMITTEE MEETS IN FRANKFURT TO PLAN UNIFIED AID TO U.S.-BOUND IMMIGRANTS

FRANKFURT, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- A meeting of a Joint Distribution Committee and HIAS coordinating committee, which was established in accordance with an agreement reached in New York last October among representatives of the J.D.C., HIAS and United Service for New Americans, opened here. The meeting will discuss the question of planning unified assistance to U.S.-bound displaced persons.

17TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF CJFWF OPENS; LEADERS ASK CHECKING OF UNCOORDINATED CAMPAIGNS

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- An appeal to check multiple and uncoordinated campaigns for cash and materials for Israel and Europe was made here today by numerous Jewish leaders at the opening session of the 17th annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, attended by more than 1,000 representatives of Jewish communities from all parts of the country. The leaders urged the communities to take joint action to eliminate the "miscellaneous and uncoordinated" drives and to assure unified national fund-raising to meet overseas needs.

Pointing out that the "splinter campaigns" constitute a formidable threat to the efforts of the United Jewish Appeal to raise funds on a national level, the speakers emphasized that unless the communities act jointly, through the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the situation will deteriorate to an important extent. The call to eliminate these multiple "mushroom campaigns" was voiced by Daniel Shiman of Newark, chairman of the Council's Committee on National-Local Relations; Harold Glasser, director of the Council's Institute on Overseas Studies; and Herman L. Weisman, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

"We are faced with several new or intensified campaigns for Europe and North Africa and with a much larger number of competing and uncoordinated drives for scores of individual projects in Israel," Shiman declared. "This condition is morally indefensible and pathetically unworthy of the greatness of the Israeli cause. As a practical matter, it has reached the point where the economic interests of Israel itself will be hurt, since the United Jewish Appeal, on which the basic program depends, must inevitably be harmed," he stated.

Endorsement Committee Suggested to Advise Communities

Shiman warned that the "mere passage of helpful resolutions will not be enough." He added that the communities must arrive at decisions which they can implement. He pointed out that discussion of this issue will continue throughout the Assembly, with delegates voting on the problem at the Sunday business session. A possible solution, he said, might be the establishment of an endorsement committee which would make recommendations to the communities as to the validity of the numerous independent campaigns. Special attention, he suggested, should be paid to those drives which have come into existence since 1945.

Weisman told the delegates that the multiplicity of splinter campaigns, mostly motivated by the desire to help Israel, constitutes a serious threat to the U.J.A. "These multiple fund-raising efforts, for relatively small goals, are nevertheless substantial, and in cumulative effect present a diversionary and competitive assault upon the \$250,000,000 campaign of the U.J.A."

Israeli Officials Must Curb Splinter Drives, U.P.A. Head Says

There is no doubt that a misguided ambition by many groups to render independent service to the people of Israel in their manifold needs leads to a justification of activities that are in "obvious derogation" of the priority to which the U.J.A. is entitled, Weisman said. "It is equally true that these multiple activities are mushrooming to create chaotic conditions because organizations and authorities in Israel have failed to exercise restraint in giving authorization for special campaigns which collectively work great prejudice to the U.J.A. effort to raise its full goal of \$250,000,000," he stated.

"As a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, I am frank to say these multiple campaigns must be recognized as an abuse which officials of Israel in the

government, in the Jewish Agency and in other organizations, must determine to curb by unequivocal and prompt action if they are to avert the calamity of weakening the primacy of the U.J.A.," he stressed.

I.R.O. Attacked for "Shameful Neglect" of Its Responsibilities to Jews

Glasser urged that the organizations raising money for Israel in the United States should combine their efforts "and thereby make available to Israel a larger proportion of the funds contributed." Citing the tremendous sums of money required for world-wide Jewish needs in 1949, Glasser said that private philanthropy would be unable to provide the total sum. He urged increased efforts to secure additional services and funds from national and international government bodies.

Glasser bitterly attacked the International Refugee Organization for "shamefully neglecting" to carry out its "elementary responsibilities" for the care and resettlement of displaced Jews in Europe. He charged: "The food distribution was bad in quality and inadequate in quantity, so that the J.D.C. was forced to make major supplementations to keep the people nourished. The I.R.C. did not give them clothing. The J.D.C. did. The I.R.O. did not provide for vocational training or proper educational facilities; the American Jewish organizations did. And all this time, the I.R.O., financed in large part by American taxpayers, pleaded poverty but was piling up huge surpluses out of its available funds." Glasser also charged that when the resettlement of displaced Jews in Israel began, the I.R.O. "held on to its money and stepped out of the picture."

Dr. Joseph H. Schwartz, European chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, told the delegates that 1949 is the "critical year" in the J.D.C.'s program in behalf of the Jews of Europe. "Europe's Jews are today at the threshold of a great, new era," Dr. Schwartz asserted, "an era in which 1949 is a crucial year. This year the DP problem can be solved. This year the problem of Jews in Eastern Europe can be solved through immigration to Israel or through economic construction. And this year great strides can be made towards helping the Jewish communities in Europe to become strong enough to care for their own needs."

TRUMAN'S ATTITUDE ON ISRAEL, DP IMMIGRATION LAUDED AT CLOSING SESSION OF U.J.A. PARLEY

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- President Truman's attitude toward Israel in the present situation and his persistent efforts in behalf of liberalization of the current DP Immigration Act were hailed in a resolution adopted last night at the closing session of the tenth annual national convention of the United Jewish Appeal, which earlier had adopted a goal of \$250,000,000 for the coming year.

The conference concluded without adopting a decision on whether to invite Former Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., to accept a third successive term as general chairman of the U.J.A. drive. The matter was left to the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, the two major constituent agencies of the U.J.A., to decide at a later date.

GREEK GOVT. CRITICIZED FOR NOT IMPLEMENTING TRANSFER OF HEIRLESS PROPERTY TO JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The Greek Government has been criticized sharply by a Joint Distribution Committee spokesman for its failure to carry out its pledges regarding the transfer of heirless Jewish property to Jewish victims of Nazi persecution, the New York Times reported here today from Geneva.

The report quoted a Joint Distribution Committee spokesman as stating that the "do-nothing" policy of the Greek Government on the question of heirless Jewish property was creating a burden on American Jewish organizations which must continue to support the remnants of the pre-war Greek Jewish community. Although a law was passed three years ago placing the heirless Jewish property--estimated at \$1,200,000--in the hands of a special foundation set up to devote its income to the benefit of the remaining Jews in Greece, nothing has been done to implement this law, the Times said.

ISRAELI MINISTER TO URUGUAY PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS TO FOREIGN MINISTER

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Jacobov Tsur, Israeli minister to Uruguay, has presented his credentials to Foreign Minister Daniel Castellanos, it was reported here today. During their meeting Tsur requested a special audience with Uruguayan President Luis Berres, in order to receive his final accreditation.

Tsur was accompanied on his visit to the Foreign Minister's office by Dr. Jacobo Hazan, who was until recently in charge of the Israeli mission. Hazan will continue to serve as a member of the Israeli mission. The Comité Central Israelita, official representative organization of Uruguayan Jewry, tendered a reception in Tsur's honor.

500 CANADIANS SERVING IN ISRAELI ARMY, OFFICER DECLARES; CITES THEIR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

OTTAWA, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Between 400 and 500 Canadians are serving in the ranks of the Israeli Army, Israeli Captain Shimon Hacohen, who is now touring the Dominion in the interests of the United Palestine Appeal, said here today.

Hacohen paid tribute to the bravery of the Canadians and made special mention of Brigadier Ben Dunkelman, who commands the Seventh Brigade on the Northern front. Dunkelman can be given much of the credit for the Jewish victories in Galilee, Hacohen declared.

ISRAEL WILL OVERCOME TRIALS BECAUSE U.S., SOVIET BACK IT, LOURIE TELLS BEN ZVI DINNER

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Israel will overcome its trials because "we are able to count on, to an important degree, the support of the two great powers whose approach in so many other fields is today one of conflict," Israeli Consul-General Arthur Lourie last night told a gathering of more than 300 guests at a farewell reception tendered to Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, by the National Committee for Labor Israel on the eve of his return to Tel Aviv. Ben Zvi visited this country for two months in the interests of the \$10,000,000 Histadruth campaign now being conducted by the Committee.

Paying tribute to Ben Zvi, Lourie said: "Dr. Ben Zvi returns to Israel at a time of renewed crisis in our affairs. He is no newcomer to moments of tension and difficulty. Today he goes back as a member of the Council of State of the Provisional Government of Israel, meeting on terms of equality and independence the problems with which the one-time Mandatory Power continues to confront us."

JEWISH LABOR COUNCIL CALLS DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE BRITISH CONSULATE IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- An emergency conference called by the American Jewish Labor Council to plan a series of actions "against threatened British aggression" against Israel decided last night to call a mass demonstration in front of the British Consulate here next week. A Council delegation will also visit the White House and the British Embassy in Washington to make representations against the current British moves in the Palestine situation.

JAFFA POST OFFICE REOPENED; POSTAL STATIONS IN LYDDA, RAMLEH, MAJDAL TO OPEN SOON

TEL AVIV, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The Jaffa Post Office, which has been closed since last spring, was reopened amid colorful ceremonies. Addressing the gathering which attended the reopening ceremonies, Director-General for Posts, Telephone, Telegraphy and Radio Zvi Prihar revealed that the post offices of Lydda, Ramleh and Majdal--where Jewish settlers now reside--would be reopened soon.

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