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U.N. MEDIATOR INVITES SIX ARAB STATES TO RHODES ARMISTICE TALKS WITH ISRAEL

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting U.N. mediator for Palestine, has officially invited six Arab states to come to Rhodes for armistice negotiations with Israel, the headquarters of the U.N. announced here today.

The formal invitation to the six Arab states, except Egypt, which is already conducting armistice negotiations, was issued by Dr. Bunche on January 30. It asked the six states to undertake within 10 days negotiations, under the chairmanship of the United Nations, on implementation of the Security Council's cease-fire resolution. The invitation said that a decision whether the negotiations will be held separately or collectively would be left to the discretion of the Arab states.

COMPULSORY REGISTRATION OF ALL RESIDENTS INTRODUCED IN ISRAEL; REASON EXPLAINED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The Israeli State Council tonight decided to introduce compulsory registration of all residents of Israel over the age of 16. This will also include all new immigrants who will have to register within 30 days of their arrival. The measure was demanded by Dr. Itzhak Gruenbaum, Minister of Interior, who said that it is necessary not only for government records, but also to assist Jews abroad who are searching for relatives.

The leaders of the left-wing Mapam and right-wing Revisionist Party were scheduled to hold separate meetings tonight to discuss the attitudes of their respective parties toward the proposed coalition government to be headed by Premier David Ben Gurion.

The central committee of the Mapam will decide whether to enter the coalition and if so, on what basis. It is believed here, however, that no final decision will be reached on this matter until after the general elections within the Histadruth, which are slated for February 15.

The Palestine Council of the Revisionists, besides considering the make-up of the government, will also decide whether to merge with the Heruth, Irgun-sponsored party which placed fourth in the recent national elections. Problems concerning the Israeli party's relationship to the world Revisionist organization will also be discussed. It is considered likely that a merged Revisionist-Heruth party will become the Israeli branch of the world Revisionist movement.

It was reported today that the Mapai has decided to retain five Cabinet posts for itself, rather than the four which it holds at present. It is understood that Golda Meyerson will return from Moscow, where she is the Israeli Minister, to assume a post in the Cabinet.

USSR STILL OPPOSED TO ZIONISM; SAYS ALL MEMBERS OF ISRAELI CABINET ARE "ZIONISTS"

MOSCOW, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- No attention whatsoever is being paid in the Soviet press to the series of announcements by various governments during the last few days that they have recognized Israel. Although the Soviet Union was the first to grant full recognition to Israel, a distinction is being made here between Zionism and the establishment of the Jewish state.

While Soviet newspapers do not comment on the recognition announcements, the views of the Soviet Government with regard to Zionism are not being concealed. They were recently restated in a pamphlet on the Palestine problem, 150,000 copies of which are circulated. In the pamphlet Zionism is defined as "a reactionary and anti-democratic trend of the Jewish bourgeoisie" used by Britain under the Palestine Mandate to effect a special colonial regime in Palestine. The pamphlet claims that Zionism, along with the Arab uppercrust, is striving to help carve up Palestine into British and American spheres of influence.

The pamphlet asserts that the members of the Israeli Cabinet are all affiliated with Zionism, which "attempts to distract Jewish workers from the class struggle." It says that Jewish workers "outside of the Zionist organization" are united in the Communist Party in Israel and support a program demanding that the Jewish state conclude a "friendship pact with the Soviet Union and with the countries of the new democracies."

U.N. PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The first meeting of all members of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine was held here this morning, with Mark Whipple, U.S. member of the body who arrived here yesterday, participating.

Seventy-six Jews, who were captured by the Arab Legion after the fall of the Old City of Jerusalem last year and who were imprisoned in the Mafrak internment camp in Transjordan for the past eight months, were released today. All of them are either above or below military age.

ISRAEL'S APPLICATION FOR U.N. MEMBERSHIP CANNOT BE CHALLENGED, TRYGVE LIE SAYS

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- U.N. Secretary General Trygve Lie told a press conference that Israel's application for United Nations membership cannot be challenged legally if peace is not concluded with the Arab countries in time for the special session of the General Assembly in April which is to act on the application.

The United Kingdom's delegation at the U.N. today labelled "absolutely untrue" charges that Britain was using German prisoners of war against Israel. In a statement issued to the press, the delegation also reprinted a letter from the French delegate at the U.N., Alexandre Parodi, describing the charges as "being totally without foundation." The Nation Associates, an organization headed by Freda Kirckway, editor of the Nation magazine, which published the charges, based its case on a French intelligence report.

ARGENTINA WILL RECOGNIZE ISRAEL "IN A FEW DAYS," MRS. PERON TELLS JEWISH DELEGATION

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Argentina will recognize Israel "within a few days," Mrs. Juan Peron, wife of the Argentine President, today told a delegation from the pro-Peronist Organizacion Israelita Argentina.

The First Lady also told the delegation that the doors of this country will be open to Jews who wish to come here. In addition to expressing satisfaction that the Jews now have a state of their own, Mrs. Peron expressed her confidence in the U.N. as a liaison agent between the government and the Jewish community.

BRITAIN MAY ANNOUNCE TODAY NAME OF ITS ENVOY TO ISRAEL; CHECKING WITH TEL AVIV

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The first British envoy to Israel may be named by the Foreign office tonight or tomorrow, Reuters reported. The report revealed that the British Consul-General in Haifa, Cyril Marriot, has been instructed to find out whether the candidate proposed for the office would be acceptable to the Israeli Government. If a favorable reply is received from Tel Aviv, the name of the envoy is expected to be announced at once.

At a private meeting of members of the Labor Party in the British Parliament, Prime Minister Clement Attlee rebuked those members who abstained from voting following the debate on Palestine in Commons last week. He emphasized that in view of the solid opposition on the part of the other political parties to Bevin's policy in Palestine, their large-scale abstention endangered the position of the Labor Government.

Diplomatic moves by Britain and the United States during the past week to resolve the Palestine problem do not mean that peace can quickly be restored to Palestine or that the British and American Governments have reached agreement on what peace should be, the Times declared in an editorial today.

Despite the "praiseworthy attempt at coordination" of their policies on Palestine in their acts of recognition last week, Britain is still "one step behind" the United States, the paper said. It stressed that there is still no agreement between the British and U.S. governments on what peace in Palestine should be.

British de facto recognition, accorded to Israel last week, merely recognized the existence of the government, not the state of Israel, the Times declared. British recognition cannot go further than that, it added, until the territorial delimitation of the state is decided along with the disposition of the remaining parts of Palestine.

The paper predicted that settlement of the boundary in the Galilee, where the Israelis hold territory assigned to the Arabs by the United Nations partition plan, will prove more difficult than boundary decisions in the Negev. The problem of Jerusalem, for which the U.N. recommended internationalization, and Haifa, for which a special status was proposed, will prove even more difficult, it asserted.

The future of the Arab part of Palestine--whether it is to be an independent state, attached to Transjordan or divided among the neighboring Arab states--would also have to be decided before peace can be restored and conditions created for British de jure recognition of Israel, the Times declared.

FAILURE OF GREEK GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL CRITICIZED IN PARLIAMENT

ATHENS, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The failure of the Greek Government to recognize Israel was today termed a "grave omission" by Alexander Vamvetsos, a member of the national parliament. Vamvetsos made his remarks during the course of a parliamentary debate.

The conservative newspaper Estia today called for recognition of the Jewish state despite what the newspaper called the "not friendly" attitude of Israel toward Greece. The Greek Government should not be "late" in extending diplomatic recognition lest it be accused of being compelled to do so, Estia said.

BRITISH HOME SECRETARY TELLS PARLIAMENT HE IS STUDYING WAYS TO CHECK ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Replying today to several questions in the House of Commons about meetings here at which speakers allegedly made slanderous statements about the Jewish community, J. Chuter Ede, Home Secretary, asserted that police reports did not indicate that the institution of court proceedings was justifiable.

The Home Secretary declined to direct punitive action, explaining that his Ministry was not a "prosecuting authority," but he gave his questioners assurance that he would welcome a public prosecution "if the facts warranted it." He added that he was in "fairly constant touch" with members of the Council of Christians and Jews in the study of means by which attacks on the Jewish community could be brought to an end.

Mr. Ede denied that anti-Semitic speakers in London halls and on street corners received better police protection than did other speakers.

POLISH AUTHORITIES SEAL IMMIGRATION SECTION OF J.D.C. OFFICE IN WARSAW

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A report from Warsaw carried in the press here today states that the immigration section of the Joint Distribution Committee office in the Polish capital has been sealed by the authorities there.

J.D.C. headquarters in New York confirmed that a similar report has been received from J.D.C. representatives in Warsaw. However, it was emphasized that the action of the Polish authorities does not affect any of the other activities which the Committee conducts in Poland and which are continuing without any interference.

BALEAN JEWS WARNED THEY MUST FILE CLAIMS BEFORE JUNE, 1949, FOR ASSETS FROZEN IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Rumanian, Bulgarian and Hungarian Jews who have property in Britain seized by the government during the war, or their heirs, have only until June of this year to file their claims, the Anglo-Jewish Association announced today. The announcement also pointed out that the organization has received a number of inquiries concerning the possibilities for release of such property.

The Association recalled that in May, 1948, the Board of Trade, which has jurisdiction over such property, said that it would be released if the claimant could prove that he was a victim of persecution and that he was not disloyal to the Allied cause.

While negotiations with the government concerning the interpretation of various conditions attached to the release of the property continue and a final decision may not be announced for some time, the A.J.A. announcement stated, the government will not consider any claims filed after June, 1949.

CITY OF HAMBURG ALLOCATES 60,000 MARKS FOR RESTORATION OF ANCIENT SEPHARDIC CEMETERY

HAMBURG, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The municipal authorities of Hamburg today appropriated 60,000 marks for the restoration of an ancient Sephardic cemetery at Altona, a suburb of this city.

The request for the appropriation was made by Karl Brauer, mayor of the city. The Jewish community plans to photograph inscriptions on tombstones in order to preserve them for history.

HENRY MORGENTHAU HONORED FOR SERVICES AS HEAD OF U.J.A.; RECEIVES SILVER PLAQUE

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., was today presented with an inscribed silver plaque in tribute to his leadership of the United Jewish Appeal in 1947 and 1948, during which time the U.J.A. raised the largest sums in the history of voluntary non-governmental philanthropy.

At a ceremony in his office in the Modern Industrial Bank, Morgenthau received the plaque from Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, William Rosenwald and Herman L. Weisman, national chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal. The text of the inscription on the plaque read as follows:

"Under his inspiring leadership, American Jews were stimulated to contribute the unprecedented total of \$270,000,000 in two years for the upbuilding of Israel, for rehabilitation in Europe and for refugee aid in the United States. In an hour of destiny, his rare vision, his boundless energy and devotion, and his courageous statesmanship stirred American Jewry to the highest fulfillment of its historic obligation to the Jewish people. His supreme contribution will long endure in Jewish history."

The inscription was signed by the following officers of the 1948 drive: Rosenwald, Weisman and Rabbi Wise, national chairmen, and Isidor Ooons and Henry Montor, executive vice-chairmen.

In making the presentation, Rabbi Wise said that "Mr. Morgenthau's energetic and devoted leadership as general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal was the most decisive factor in dramatizing the opportunities and responsibilities of American Jews in helping to build the new state of Israel, and in rescuing and rehabilitating the Jews of Europe." He emphasized that "all those who had the privilege of working with him in the United Jewish Appeal and, more important, many thousands in Israel and Europe whose lives were reclaimed as a result of his labors, are deeply grateful to him for his memorable leadership and self-sacrificing service."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ENDORSES CONGRESSIONAL ALLOCATION TO AID PALESTINE REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today announced endorsement of Congressional authorization of a special \$16,000,000 allocation to aid Palestine Arabs who fled the country during the recent fighting. (The Senate yesterday approved a bill providing for the U.S. to contribute \$16,000,000 of a \$29,500,000 United Nations fund to provide relief for an estimated 472,000 Arabs and 7,000 Jews.)

Jacob Blaustein, president of the A.J.C., in a letter to Sen. Tom Connally, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, pointed out that "the great majority of the Palestinian refugees are Moslems. As a Jewish organization, we urge all possible help to them because human need knows no boundaries."

ISRAELI ARMY OFFICERS VIEW ISRAELI FILM DEPICTING FIGHTING IN NEGEV AND GALILEE

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Members of the General Staff of the Danish Army, as well as other high-ranking Danish officers, today attended the showing of an Israeli movie depicting the Israeli Army's fighting last year in the Negev and in the Galilee.

David Israel, a young Danish Jew who has been serving as a captain in the Israeli Army, delivered a lecture on the first year of the Jewish state's existence. Capt. Israel is scheduled to enter the Israeli diplomatic service soon. The film will be exhibited in other Scandinavian capitals shortly.

FIVE THOUSAND JEWS STILL REMAIN ON CYPRUS; ANOTHER CONTINGENT OF 1,500 ARRIVES IN HAIFA

HAIFA, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Approximately 5,000 Jews still remain on the island of Cyprus, it was reported here today following the arrival of another contingent of 1,500 immigrants from the Greek island.

DR. NEUMANN REPUDIATES CHARGES OF OPPOSITION GROUP AGAINST Z.O.A. LEADERSHIP

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, last night issued a statement rejecting the charges made against him by the opposition group, known as the Committee for Progressive Zionism, contained in a statement released by that body at a conference held in New York last Sunday. He termed the Committee "part of a chain of front organizations which have been disturbing the peace and unity of the movement."

Emphasizing that the Z.O.A. constitution precludes his re-election at the next convention, Dr. Neumann repudiated the accusation of "self-perpetuation" leveled against him by the opposition group. "The high-sounding slogans and cliches under which the members of the Committee are now operating is but a cover to cloak their ambitions and their cravings to be restored to power and leadership," Dr. Neumann said. He charged the former Z.O.A. presidents and other members of the Progressive group with "sidestepping the democratic processes of the Organization" and with boycotting the meetings of the national executive committee and the national administrative council "where every opportunity has been given them to express their views."

HERUTH WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ISRAELI COALITION GOVT., BERGSON DECLARES IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Heruth, the Irgun-sponsored party in Israel, will not join a coalition government headed by Premier David Ben Gurion and the Mapai, Peter Bergson and Samuel Merlin, former co-chairmen of the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation, declared here last night at a press conference. Both men have been elected as representatives of Heruth in the Constituent Assembly.

Bergson and Merlin announced that the liquidation of the HCNL here will take place when the Committee formally offers its headquarters in Washington to the Israeli Government for use as the Israeli Embassy. The building is a three-floor, stone structure on Massachusetts Avenue, several blocks from the present location of the Israeli mission. The two Heruth leaders thanked President Truman and the American people for de jure recognition of the Jewish state, but scored Britain's de facto recognition as a "sinister maneuver."

CHASSIDIC FOLLOWERS OF LUBAVITCHER REBBE PREPARING TO RECEIVE NEW IMMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Chassidic followers of the Lubavitcher Rebbe have prepared a widespread program of assistance to newly-arriving immigrants in Israel, it was announced here by the office of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Joseph I. Schneersohn, on the basis of cabled reports to him from Tel Aviv.

The reports also detailed the work done by the recently-formed Council of Chabad for the economic settlement of Chabad Chassidic families arriving from DP camps in Germany. Two more large Chassidic groups are expected in Israel soon from Paris, the announcement said.