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## ISRAEL AND EGYPT TO SIGN ARMISTICE PACT TODAY; TALKS WITH TRANSJORDAN BEGIN MONDAY

RHODES, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A United Nations communique announced today that an armistice agreement between Israel and Egypt will be signed tomorrow at 10:30 A.M., Rhodes time--3:30 A.M. New York time--at a formal ceremony.

United Nations headquarters here also announced that armistice talks between Israel and Transjordan will begin here on Monday by agreement between the governments of the two countries.

It is understood that the ceremony at which the Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement will be signed will last only 30 minutes. After the signing, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, U.N. acting mediator for Palestine, will deliver an address praising both delegations for their spirit of compromise and expressing the hope that the armistice pact will lead to a permanent peace for the benefit of both countries and for the entire Middle East.

### Agreement Leaves Jewish Position in Negev Unimpaired, Dr. Eytan Says

Dr. Walter Eytan, head of the Israeli delegation, today issued a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency hailing the armistice pact. "The signing of the agreement at Rhodes," he said, "will mark an historic occasion in the development of Israel and its foreign relations. It will be the first major agreement with a foreign power and the very first agreement with an Arab state.

"That this should happen within nine months from the day when all Arab states had united to invade Israel is in itself of profound significance," Dr. Eytan continued. "Significant, too, is the fact that the first country to sign an armistice and formally liquidate the war is Egypt--the most powerful and most populous of all Arab countries. The agreement gives Israel a new place among her neighbors and strengthens her greatly in the international field. It disproves the lies spread by our enemies that Israel's intentions are expansionist and aggressive.

"By signing an honorable agreement with Egypt, Israel once more demonstrates her desire for an early peace and her firm intention to concentrate on the urgent task of construction lying ahead at home. The agreement leaves the Jewish position in the Negev unimpaired. It makes it possible to continue our program of development and settlement of that area which is among the most important tasks facing our new government. We will now attempt to secure similar agreements with other Arab countries so as to round out the work which has successfully begun through our negotiations with Egypt," Dr. Eytan concluded.

It is understood that the major points of the armistice agreement provide for the withdrawal of the Israeli and Egyptian armies to new lines within four weeks and for the exchange of all prisoners within two weeks. Israel will be allowed to maintain forces in Beersheba and will be obligated to permit the passage of Egyptian troops through Israeli territory in their withdrawal from the Faluja pocket, where they have been trapped since last October.

SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAQ WILL ABIDE BY ARMISTICE TERMS ACCEPTED BY OTHER ARAB STATES

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Two Arab states--Saudi Arabia and Iraq--today indicated that they will abide by armistice terms which may be concluded between Israel and the other Arab states.

Their views were made known today in a report by U.N. acting mediator Dr. Ralph J. Bunche on the basis of recent communications he has received from them in reply to his invitation of Jan. 30 that they enter into armistice talks with Israel.

The Iraqi Government said it would regard as "acceptable" the terms accepted by Egypt, Transjordan, Syria and Lebanon. The forces of these four countries were most directly concerned in the Arab invasion of Palestine. The Saudi Arabian note takes substantially the same view in saying it will abide by the decision of the Arab League. By the Iraq formula, the four Arab states directly involved enjoy the majority decision in the League.

ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN ARMISTICE PACT LAUDED AS VICTORY FOR UNITED NATIONS EFFORT

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Aubrey S. Eban, chief Israeli representative to the U.N., and Ambassador-at-large Dr. Philip C. Jessup of the U.S., today hailed the Egyptian-Israeli armistice accord as a great tribute to the United Nations and to Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting mediator, who negotiated the agreement.

In a statement made here, Eban termed the agreement an important landmark in the relations of Israel with the United Nations and with the Arab world. He lauded the part played by Dr. Bunche in reaching the agreement.

In a separate statement on the overall U.N. picture, Dr. Jessup, speaking at Yale University today, said the U.N. ought to take "as much pride in the Palestine victory of Bunche as we do in the victories of Patton or Mark Clark. Without U.N. action," Jessup said, "there might well have been much bloodier fighting in Palestine, the involvement of other nations and even the possibility of a minor war" in the Middle East.

In his statement Eban said the Rhodes agreement vindicated the Israeli position that the problem could be solved by direct negotiations. He added: "We look forward hopefully to successful armistice negotiations with other Arab states and to the early transformation of the armistice into a final peace settlement by agreement between the parties."

Following the release of Eban's statement, Israeli circles here said that Israel's new application for U.N. membership is "imminent."

TRANSJORDAN PLANS TO ASK \$200,000,000 COMPENSATION FROM ISRAEL DURING ARMISTICE TALKS

LONDON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Two major requests will be advanced by Transjordan during the forthcoming armistice talks with Israel at Rhodes, the London Times reported today from Amman. These are:

1. That Israel receive any Arab refugees willing to return to Israeli territory, and pay, in addition, \$200,000,000 as compensation to the Amman Government for Arab refugees from Palestine who will remain in Transjordan; 2. That Transjordan retain the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Mount of Olives, which protects the road to the Allenby Bridge.

EMERGENCY COMPLETES CONSULTATIONS ON NEW GOVERNMENT; HOPES TO RECEIVE BEN GURION TODAY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- President Chaim Weizmann today completed his consultations at Rehovoth with representatives of the various parties in the Israeli Constituent Assembly on the question of forming a new cabinet. He voiced the hope that Premier David Ben Gurion, who is now recuperating from a rheumatic attack in Jerusalem, would feel well enough to come to Rehovoth tomorrow to be officially charged with the task of establishing the new government.

Among the last to meet with President Weizmann were Shmuel Mikunis, of the Communist Party, Hillel Kook-Bergson and Arie Ben Eliezer, of the Freedom Party, and Moshe Shitreet, present Minister for Minorities, representing the Sephardic community.

U.P.A. COMMITTEE WILL CONFER WITH MORGENTHAU TO SETTLE QUESTION OF U.J.A. LEADERSHIP

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A committee representing all groups in the United Palestine Appeal will meet with Henry Morgenthau Jr. in an effort to settle the dispute over leadership of the 1949 United Jewish Appeal campaign. The committee will report on its conference with Morgenthau to a meeting of the U.P.A. board of directors called for Monday.

The decision that such a committee be appointed by Herman L. Weisman, acting national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, was adopted last night at a meeting of the U.P.A. national executive committee which continued for about five hours. It is understood that the committee will seek the cooperation of neutral Jewish leaders in bringing about a final solution of the problem of U.J.A. leadership. The name of Herbert H. Lehman was mentioned as one of the prominent figures who may be asked to act as conciliator.

The resolution to appoint such a committee was offered by the Silver-Neumann group and received 18 votes. Another resolution--offered jointly by Baruch Zukerman, Labor Zionist leader, and Louis Lipsky, leader of the Committee for Progressive Action--urged acceptance and implementation by the U.P.A. executive of the decision in the U.J.A. taken by the Jewish Agency executive which brought about the resignation of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann from the Agency's executive. However, the Zukerman-Lipsky resolution received only 14 votes.

BOLIVIA DECIDES TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL; BECOMES 44TH COUNTRY TO ACKNOWLEDGE JEWISH STATE

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Bolivian Government decided last night to extend recognition to the Government of Israel. Bolivia thus becomes the 44th nation to accord either de facto or de jure recognition to the Jewish state.

"FRIENDSHIP FOOD TRAIN" PRESENTED TO ISRAELI ENVOY AT NEW YORK CITY HALL CEREMONY

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The "Friendship Food Train" from the City of New York to the people of Israel was presented to Israeli envoy to the U.S. Eliahu Epstein by Acting Mayor Vincent Impellitteri today at special ceremonies in front of City Hall, where a motorcade of 100 trucks and trailers loaded with essential foods collected by the Zionist Organization of America wound up after a parade through the central streets of the city.

The Z.O.A. food train was turned over to Impellitteri by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Z.O.A., whose "Food for Israel" campaign was undertaken at the request of the Israeli Supply Mission here. Since the beginning of the drive, some 3,000 tons of food valued at \$2,500,000 have been collected by Z.O.A. branches throughout the country, Dr. Neumann reported.

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SHOWING OF "OLIVER TWIST" IN VIENNA CANCELLED FOLLOWING REVENUED PROTESTS BY JEWS

VIENNA, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Distributors of the British-produced movie, "Oliver Twist," which has been labelled as an anti-Semitic production, announced here today that the film will not be exhibited in Vienna as originally scheduled. The decision was taken following additional protests against showing of the film by Jewish leaders who witnessed a special preview of the picture arranged by the municipal authorities.

AMONG JEWS VOICE CONCERN OVER SCHEDULED SHOWING OF "OLIVER TWIST"; PROTEST TO BRITISH

HAMBURG, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Deep concern is felt in the Jewish community here over the scheduled premier of "Oliver Twist" in Hamburg. The Jewish Central Committee, in conjunction with the German Association of Political Persecutees, has urged British authorities to cancel distribution of the film here.

(The New York Times, in a Berlin dispatch, reported today that an editorial in the British-licensed newspaper "Telegraf" emphasized that echoes of the demonstrations yesterday "have shown frightening examples of the existence of anti-Semitic circles" in Berlin. The paper cited a telegram received from one Berliner who threatened that the Berlin population will get even with the rowdy Jews." Maximilian Mueller-Schuch, editor of the U.S.-licensed newspaper "Abend" acknowledged that there might be "latent anti-Semitism" in Berlin, which will now be nourished by "Oliver Twist," the Times dispatch added.)

Lion Feuchtwanger, world-famous novelist, was invited today by the prosecutor to testify in the forthcoming trial at Hamburg of Veit Harlan, Nazi producer of the notorious anti-Semitic film, "Jew Sueses."

RUSSIAN STATE THEATRE IN MOSCOW CHARGED WITH USING METHODS OF "BOURGEOIS ESTHETICS"

MOSCOW, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Dramatists and theater critics held a trade union meeting to discuss the "great harm caused by the anti-patriotic activity of Yuzovsky, Arbach, Altman, Levin, Subotsky, Danin and Goltzman," seven Jewish writers who earlier this week had been under attack for "rah rah cosmopolitanism" and "bourgeois rationalism."

The union condemned the "methods of bourgeois esthetics and formalism implanted in the Jewish State Theater under the influence of homeless cosmopolitans."

ISRAELI MISSION IN BUENOS AIRES RECEIVES THREATENING LETTERS; DECIDES TO IGNORE THEM

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Israeli mission here today received two letters threatening to blast the building in which the mission is located. The letters were signed "ALN," an abbreviation for Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista. The Israeli officials decided to ignore the threats.

Large meetings celebrating the recognition of Israel by Argentina were held at Rosario and Santa Fe with the mayor and chief of police attending the Santa Fe gathering. The Santa Fe police band played the Argentine anthem and Hatikvah.

Following the Santa Fe meeting, a wreath was laid at the monument of the national hero Saint Martin. However, several hours later the wreath was set afire by a man shouting anti-Semitic slogans. The police, who tried to detain the man, claim that he is a member of "Movimiento Nacionalista Santafecino," which is responsible for the anti-Jewish propaganda being conducted in Santa Fe.

SENATOR WILEY URGES NON-ADMISSION TO UNITED STATES OF EUROPEANS WHO PERSECUTED JEWS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Europeans who actively participated in persecution of Jews should be barred from immigration to the United States, it was recommended today by Sen. Alexander Wiley when he announced an amendment to revise the cut-off date in the present DP Act.

The new measure would move up the eligibility date from December 22, 1945, to January 1, 1949, thus including 135,000 refugees classified as DP's by the International Refugee Organization but barred from the United States under present statutes. Sen. Wiley said his amendment covers 40,000 to 45,000 DP's, mostly Jews, who entered Allied occupied zones of Germany from Poland and other countries between April, 1947, and December, 1948.

Although he did not introduce the recommendation as a proposed amendment, the Senator called for screening out "not only those individuals who might favor overthrow of the American form of government but those individuals who actively participated in political, racial, or religious persecution." Sen. Wiley's office explained that definition of the phrase, "active participation in persecution," would be left to the State Department.

Approval of the amendment has been publicly expressed by the Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons and other groups which have been striving to revise the cut-off date. The revision favors Polish Jews who fled Poland after the war to the American and British zones in order to escape postwar Polish pogroms.

Other recommendations made by Sen. Wiley, which will later be made as amendments, his office said, are to: 1. Increase the number of DP's to be admitted to the U.S. to 400,000 over a four-year period; 2. Repeal the provision mortgaging future immigration quotas; 3. Eliminate the requirement for jobs and housing assurances and substitute provision that the DP's will not become public charges; 4. Eliminate all discrimination because of race, religion, or national origin in the current DP law; 5. Repeal the rigid 30 percent priority for agricultural workers.

RESIDENT OF FRANCE RECEIVES U.J.A. DELEGATION; PRESENTED WITH GRATITUDE SCROLL

PARIS, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A delegation of more than 40 members of the United Jewish Appeal, comprising Jewish leaders from major cities in the United States, was received today by President Vincent Auriol of France, to whom they presented a scroll expressing the gratitude of American Jewry for the assistance given Jewish refugees by the people of France. The text of the scroll reads:

"The Jews of America, through the United Jewish Appeal Overseas Delegation, hereby express their eternal gratitude to the French people for the heroic assistance and protection they gave the Jews of many countries who found refuge in France during the years of Nazi oppression, and for the warm hospitality and sympathy the government and people of France have extended since the war's end to those who have sought temporary haven within its borders and to the many homeless Jews now in transit to a permanent home in Israel. In the generous treatment which it has accorded to Jews and other victims of oppression, France has nobly symbolized its highest traditions of liberty, equality and brotherhood."

The delegation later was received by U.S. Ambassador to France Jefferson Caffery who lauded the work of the Joint Distribution Committee and voiced the hope that the U.J.A. would attain its \$250,000,000 goal this year.

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COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS ASKS I.R.O. TO INCREASE REPAYMENT TO JEWISH AGENCIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The \$4,000,000 refund authorized by the International Refugee Organization to private Jewish agencies for transporting refugees to Israel, while "a welcome step forward," represents only a partial fulfillment of IRO's responsibilities, the Institute of Overseas Studies of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds declared in a statement issued today. The Institute asserted that the I.R.O. refund, which only covers the period from May 18, 1948, to January 1, 1949, places a "special and unique discriminatory limit" on financing the movement of displaced persons to Israel.

The Institute called upon the I.R.O. to assume the total cost of moving eligible Jewish refugees. It estimated the cost through January 31, 1949, at \$8,000,000 and an equal amount to complete the movement to Israel. The statement added that there is no question about the I.R.O.'s ability to pay in full for the immigration to Israel. It also called for the I.R.O. to reimburse voluntary agencies for expenditures in other areas of care for DP's.

"Up to now," the Institute said, "migration from the I.R.O. camps has been going on at much less than the budgeted rate. A large surplus is therefore undoubtedly available in the I.R.O. resettlement account." Other items listed by the Institute as being the proper responsibilities of I.R.O. included educational facilities, medical services, vocational training, and maintenance of several thousand DP's in Belgium and France.

INTEREST IN AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY GROWS, CONFERENCE OF JEWISH HISTORIANS HEARS

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Plans for a nationwide observance of Jewish History Week, to be held at the end of April, were announced here today following the 4th annual meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

The meeting re-elected Leo M. Friedman of Boston as president of the Society. More than 300 historians and academicians attended the gathering at which various problems concerning Jewish history in the United States were discussed. Principal speakers at the meeting included Mr. Friedman, Prof. Salo W. Baron, Dr. David de Sola Pool, Prof. Jacob R. Marcus, Rabbi Bertram W. Korn and Dr. Pyman B. Grinstein.

Prof. Baron, in his address, noted a deeper interest in American Jewish history as one of the significant changes which is taking place in the United States today. Rabbi Korn discussed the Jewish phases of American history and American factors in world Jewish history.

NEW-FORMED JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL IN SACRAMENTO INSTALLS ITS FIRST PRESIDENT

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 23. (JTA) -- William Berman was installed here as first president of the newly-formed Jewish Community Council. The creation of the Council culminates almost 15 years of debate about the need for a central Jewish organization. Installed as executive director of the Council was William I. Boxerman, formerly executive of the welfare fund in Jacksonville, Florida.

PAID BIRTH LODGES IN THE DAKOTAS PROVIDE SIX CARLOADS OF FLOUR FOR ISRAEL

GRAND FORKS, N.D., Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Six carloads of flour purchased by Paid Birth lodges in North and South Dakota for the relief of the people in Israel are en route to New York. The flour will be shipped on one of the new Israeli merchant ships.

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