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ISRAELI-LEBANESE ARMISTICE TALKS ADJOURNED TO THURSDAY; MAJOR ISSUES STILL UNRESOLVED

TEL AVIV, March 7. (JTA) -- The Israeli-Lebanese armistice conference was adjourned today until Thursday. The joint five-hour meeting took place on the Arab side of Ras el Nakura, border town.

It was understood here that the major issues raised by both sides have not yet been resolved. Henry Vigier and Gen. William E. Riley, civilian and military aides, respectively, to U.N. mediator Ralph J. Bunche, were present at today's meeting and the former is reported to have presented new U.N. compromise proposals to both delegations.

The Israeli Government still has no official notification that Syria intends to join the armistice negotiations at Rhodes, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today.

The exchange of prisoners of war between Israel and Egypt began today, as scheduled. The total number of prisoners involved, it is understood, is 1,141 Egyptians and 155 Israelis. A gang of armed Arabs who infiltrated Israel from the north last night was captured by local authorities in Western Galilee and turned over to Israeli Army authorities.

ISRAELI AND TRANSJORDAN DELEGATIONS RETURN TO RHODES; MEET SEPARATELY WITH U.N. MEDIATOR

RHODES, March 7. (JTA) -- Acting U.N. mediator Ralph J. Bunche met this afternoon and evening with the Transjordanian and Israeli delegations following the return here of Reuven Shiloah, Foreign Ministry head of the Israeli delegation, and the chief Transjordanian delegate from consultations with their respective governments, a U.N. communique stated here tonight.

Dr. Bunche's meetings with the two delegations were conducted separately. Joint sessions are not expected at the present stage of the negotiations.

Thus far, there has been no answer to Dr. Bunche's query to the Iraqi Government as to whether Transjordan is authorized to represent it at the armistice negotiations. The mediator refused to comment on a radio report that Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri es Said today denied in the Iraqi parliament that Transjordan had been authorized to speak for Iraq at the Rhodes parley.

The real block to the negotiations at present is not the Iraqi situation, but the sudden demand of the Transjordanians that certain specific military demands put forward by them be considered early in the talks. The demands, if agreed to, would create a situation highly dangerous to the security and sovereignty of the Jewish state, it is understood here.

Specifically, the Arabs demand: access to the Lydda airport; access to the road from Jaffa to the airport; and, the cession of Jaffa to Transjordan. Beside detracting from the general usefulness of the airport to Israel, agreement to these demands would mean the stationing of a strong Arab force on Tel Aviv's southern flank while the Arabs in the "triangle" would menace the city's northern and eastern flanks. The Transjordanians have also demanded that the Israelis withdraw from the northern sector or at least that the area be demilitarized.

ISRAELI PARLIAMENT RESUMES SESSION TODAY IN TEL AVIV; CABINET TO SUBMIT PROGRAM

TEL AVIV, March 7. (JTA) -- The members of the new Israeli Cabinet which was formed last week by Premier David Ben Gurion today met for the purpose of completing the draft of a program to be submitted to the Knesset, the newly-elected Constituent Assembly, when it reopens its session in Tel Aviv tomorrow afternoon.

Leaders of the Mapam, the United Workers Party, which did not join the Cabinet, today charged the Mapai with "falsifying the wishes of the electorate." Addressing a press conference, they said that the electorate had clearly expressed itself in favor of a government composed of the representatives of the labor parties. The present composition of the Cabinet, they declared, constituted a threat to an independent Israeli foreign policy and a progressive home policy. They emphasized that the Mapam advocated cooperation with all United Nations members who favor cooperation with Israel. However, they said, it must be realized that not all U.N. members are for such cooperation.

AMERICAN JEWS FAIL TO GRASP SIGNIFICANCE OF CHANGES IN ISRAELI LIFE, ELIEZER KAPLAN SAYS

TEL AVIV, March 7. (JTA) -- The Jews of America have not yet grasped the significance of changes which have recently occurred in Israel and in Jewish life outside the Jewish state, Eliezer Kaplan, Israeli Finance Minister, declared here today at a press conference.

Kaplan, who just returned from the United States where he completed arrangements for the first installment of the \$100,000,000 American loan to Israel, made this comment in answer to a question concerning the recent controversy within the United Jewish Appeal. He pointed out that as early as 1945 he favored a complete reorganization of the set-up of the U.J.A. He denied that the Israeli Government had intervened in the U.J.A. situation and added that the entire situation would be reviewed at a meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee.

Kaplan revealed that Israel had need for \$1,250,000,000 in capital, which must be raised through international loans, state loans, loans from Jewish public bodies and private investment capital from Jewish and non-Jewish firms. He stated that many private Jewish and non-Jewish corporations were interested in investing in Israel's industry, and added that the first \$1,000,000 of such capital has already been received in this country.

Turning to the U.S. loan, the Finance Minister announced that sums made available by the loan for industrial purposes will be allocated to both private and cooperative enterprises. Revealing that the next \$25,000,000 installment of the Export-Import Bank loan is expected shortly, he declared that the first \$35,000,000 installment which was allocated to agricultural developments will only begin to do the job needed by Israel's farm economy this year. Kaplan estimated that at least \$90,000,000 would be needed this year for agricultural development.

TWO ISRAELI CABINET MINISTERS CHANGE THEIR NAMES; TEL AVIV BOUNDARIES EXPANDED

TEL AVIV, March 7. (JTA) -- Zelman Rubashov, Israeli Minister of Education, today announced that he has changed his name to Shazar. The new name is composed of the initials of Shneur Zalman Rubashov, his original name. Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok changed his name yesterday to Moshe Sharet. Sharet is the Hebrew word for "service."

The Israeli Ministry of the Interior has decided to enlarge the Tel Aviv municipal area by 10,000 dunams (2,500 acres), Mayor Israel Rokach informed the Municipal Council here today. This will increase the Tel Aviv area by one-third.

WORKERS GO ON STRIKE IN LARGEST ISRAELI TEXTILE MILL; OTHER STRIKES FEARED

HAIFA, March 7. (JTA) -- About 900 workers of the Ata Textile Mills, the largest in Israel, went on strike today for increased wages. They joined several hundred other workers in two chocolate factories in Tel Aviv who have been striking for several weeks for similar demands. The closing down of the Tel Aviv plants has resulted in a serious chocolate shortage.

Fear was expressed here today that strikes may also break out in other industries. The present situation is aggravated by the refusal of the Industrialists Association to conclude negotiations with the Histadrut for a new labor agreement for the present year. One of the basic demands of the Histadrut is an increase in wages.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN U.S. CALLED ON TO RAISE \$50,000,000 FOR U.J.A. WITHIN 12 DAYS

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- A call to Jewish communities throughout the United States to raise \$50,000,000 within the next twelve days to meet the "critically urgent" needs of the agencies of the \$250,000,000 United Jewish Appeal was issued today by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A., in the course of an extraordinary national telephone conference in which over 150 communities participated.

Morgenthau urged the approximately 15,000 Jewish leaders who heard his appeal via the telephone hook-up to bring the maximum amount of cash to the U.J.A. Emergency National Conference which will be held at the Hotel Shoreham in Washington, D.C. on March 19th and 20th. "At the present moment the agencies of the U.J.A. are faced with financial breakdown as a result of the unprecedented demands upon them arising from the tremendous influx of immigration into Israel," Morgenthau said.

Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, and one of the participants in the telephone conference, revealed that more than 50,000 new immigrants are now living in reception centers and that many of them do not have a roof over their heads. "The Jews cannot merely be brought to the shores of Israel and dumped there," he said. "They must be helped to earn their own living. They must be helped quickly to stand on their own feet so that they may be removed forever from the budget of Jewish fund-raising."

Others who participated in the telephone parley included Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee; Judge Morris Rothenberg, acting national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal and a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; and William Rosenwald, honorary president of the United Service for New Americans and a national chairman of the U.J.A.

PALESTINE ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE SEEKS HEARING BEFORE U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION

LAKE SUCCESS, March 7. (JTA) -- The U.N. headquarters here today announced that in reply to a request from Amin Husseini, president of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, for participation "in all discussions relative to the Palestine case," the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission announced today that it was prepared to hear the views of the Arab Higher Committee or of any other group desiring to cooperate with the Commission.

The Commission declared in that connection that representatives of the Arab Higher Committee could be heard at the Commission's headquarters at Jerusalem or during the proposed meeting of Arab governments at Beirut. March 24.

MR. CLAY CONFIRMS DEATH SENTENCES OF GERMAN OFFICERS CHARGED WITH KILLING JEWS

BERLIN, March 7. (JTA) -- The death sentences of 13 high officers of the German S.S. Einsatz Kommando, Nazi race extermination squads, imposed by the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal last April, were today confirmed by General Lucius D. Clay, American commander in Germany. The execution dates were not announced. The Nuremberg Tribunal found the 13 guilty of killing more than a million Jews, Gypsies and other "racially inferior people" and opponents of the Nazi regime.

ROMANIAN SUPREME COURT REJECTS APPEALS OF PERPETRATORS OF JASSY POGROM; SENTENCES STAND

BUCHAREST, March 7. (JTA) -- The Romanian Supreme Court has rejected appeals against sentences meted out to persons convicted of responsibility for, or participation in, the Jassy pogrom of June, 1941, in which upwards of 14,000 Jews lost their lives, it was announced here today.

The court ruled that the appeals were "without foundation" and that the military court which originally tried the defendants last June had "rightfully applied the law." The sentences varied from relatively light prison terms to life imprisonment, the highest penalty in Rumania, which was handed down against ten of the defendants.

GERMAN JEWISH LEADERS TO VISIT U.S. TO STUDY AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONAL SET-UP

MINNICH, March 7. (JTA) -- A group of German Jewish leaders will shortly leave for the United States where they have been invited by American Jewish organizations to study American Jewish communal life.

At the conclusion of their visit to the U.S., the German Jewish leaders will return to their home communities to teach other community leaders the democratic methods used by American Jewish institutions. Among the members of the group will be Dr. Aaron Ohrenstein, Chief Rabbi of Bavaria; Dr. Wilhelm Weinberg, Chief Rabbi of Biele; Ernest Landau, editor of a Jewish weekly; and Dr. Kurt Stein and Marc Lieberman, writers.

JEWISH ECONOMIC COOPERATIVES IN POLAND GROWING; GOVERNMENT GRANTS SUBSIDY TO CRT

WARSAW, March 7. (JTA) -- A special commission composed of representatives of Jewish political and economic groups has been established in Wroclaw, in Western Silesia, where most of the Jews of Poland live, to study and control the rapidly-increasing number of Jewish economic cooperatives. The cooperative movement is reducing the number of individual Jewish craftsmen engaged in private industry, a tendency which is in line with the general economic trend in the country.

The Polish Government has granted the Polish CRT 7,000,000 zlotys as the first installment of its cash subsidy for 1949. In addition to cash, the government has undertaken to turn over to the rehabilitation and retraining agency machinery, tools and other materials to be used in its schools and vocational training centers. The non-cash aid is valued at 10,000,000 zlotys.

SPANISH GOVT. IS URGED TO TAKE ACTION FOR PROTECTION OF JEWS IN TANGIERS AND MOROCCO

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- The Spanish Government was today urged to take all necessary measures for "safeguarding the fullest security of the Jewish community" in Tangiers and Spanish Morocco.

An appeal to this effect was addressed by the World Jewish Congress to the Spanish Minister in Washington, in view of the tense situation in Spanish Morocco following Arab violence near a synagogue in Alcazarquivir on Feb. 26 in which a Jewish child was killed and several adults were injured.

SOUTH AFRICAN BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES CLARIFIES POSITION ON NATIONAL PARTY POLITICS

JOHANNESBURG, March 7. (JTA) -- The position of the Board of Deputies of South African Jews in relation to national party politics was outlined here today by M. Kuper, chairman of the Board, in reply to an attack by Minister of Justice C.R. Swart, against participants at a political meeting who included, according to Swart, certain Communists and members of the Jewish Board of Deputies, one of them being Mr. Cooper."

Asserting that he was taking this opportunity to set forth the Board's position on politics, Kuper said that the body takes no stand whatever in party politics, which is outside its province. The Board is concerned only with the protection of the Jewish community against discrimination and with interference with the civil rights of Jews, he added.

The position of individual Jews is different, Kuper insisted. It is both the Jew's right and duty to participate in the political life of his country in line with his own point of view and party affiliation, Kuper declared. He also said that he hoped that Jewish citizens would take their political responsibilities more seriously in order to make a full contribution to the progress of South Africa.

"What I have said regarding the individual Jewish citizen applies equally to the freedom of political action of members of the Board of Deputies in their individual capacities," Kuper emphasized. "We pride ourselves that the Board, as a representative body, comprises members supporting every shade of political opinion. We would strongly resent the suggestion that actions of individual members should be interpreted as the official policy of the Board."

Concluding his statement, Kuper revealed that the Cooper mentioned by Minister Swart was not a member of the Board of Deputies.

TWO CANADIANS GET HEAVY PRISON SENTENCES FOR SMASHING WINDOWS OF "JEWISH-OWNED" STORES

VANCOUVER, March 7. (JTA) -- Two local lumbermen, William Rambo and John Tolmie, have been sentenced to two and three-year prison terms, respectively, for smashing windows of shops which they thought were owned by Jews.

Police Inspector Harry Whelan and Constable A.W. Lindsay both testified that the defendants made anti-Semitic remarks before commencing their window-smashing operations. In handing down the verdict, the magistrate declared: "This was a considered act. There is no doubt in my mind at all that it was inspired by anti-racial feeling and anti-social bias."

GOVERNMENT OF SANTA FE, IN ARGENTINA, CONDEMNS ANTI-JEWISH ACT; WILL ARREST OFFENDERS

BUENOS AIRES, March 7. (JTA) -- The government of the province of Santa Fe issued a statement condemning the destruction of a wreath placed by Jews at the monument of General San Martin, Argentine national hero, following a demonstration celebrating the recognition of Israel by Argentina.

The statement emphasized that the act of vandalism is an offense to the memory of Gen. San Martin, to the Jewish community and to the authorities who participated in the celebration. It also revealed that the police intend to arrest the vandal, who is known to be a member of an anti-Semitic group and is now in hiding.

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HIAS PRESENTS ISRAELI CONSUL IN NEW YORK WITH \$500,000 TO FINANCE DP AIRLIFT

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- A check for \$500,000 for the financing of a DP airlift to Israel was today handed to Israeli Consul General Arthur Lourie by the HIAS as an advance transportation payment for individuals to be transported from DP and other areas to Israel by air. The \$500,000 will be used by the Israeli Government to purchase two aircraft with which to carry out the HIAS project. The presentation of the check was made by HIAS president Samuel A. Telsky.

The agreement on the airlift, made with the Israeli Minister of Transport and Communications, David Remez, provides that each of the two aircraft to be purchased should make, weather permitting, at least one flight to Israel each week with immigrants. Half of the transportation costs for each individual thus carried will be deducted from the advance payment until the \$500,000 advance has been consumed. The other half will be paid by HIAS at the time of each movement to help finance current expenditures, and maintenance costs.

The agreement further provides that the planes shall at all times be the property of the Israeli Government, or such agency as that government designates, and that HIAS shall have no responsibility for, or control over, their maintenance and operation. It is expected that the HIAS airlift will be launched early this spring.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM SUPPORTS PROPOSAL FOR ADMISSION OF SHANGHAI REFUGEES TO U.S.

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism today announced its support for a proposal made by Rep. Emanuel Celler to the House Judiciary Committee advocating the admission to the United States of 7,000 refugees from Shanghai. A telegram to this effect was sent to Rep. Celler by Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the Council, the announcement said.

JEWISH MEMBER OF CANADIAN LEGISLATURE SUGGESTS TOKEN GIFT OF CATTLE TO ISRAEL

TORONTO, March 7. (JTA) -- A suggestion that the Province of Ontario present a token gift of breeding stock to Israel was made by J.B. Salsberg, one of the two Jewish members of the provincial legislature, in the course of a debate in that body.

COMMITTEE FOR PROGRESSIVE ZIONISM PLEDGES SUPPORT TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- The Committee for Progressive Zionism today issued a statement pledging maximum support to the United Jewish Appeal and hailing the return of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., to U.J.A. leadership.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK IN MAY

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- The annual meeting of the national commission of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League will be held in New York on May 14-15, it was announced here today by Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the A.D.L. More than 300 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada are expected to attend, the announcement said.

DR. ABRAHAM WISSEOTZKY, AUTHOR AND DRAMATIST, DIES IN ISRAEL; WAS 62 YEARS OLD

TEL AVIV, March 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham Wisseotzky, well-known author of novels and dramas which were published in Russia and the United States, died here today. He was 62 years of age.