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ISRAELI GOVERNMENT DENIES REPORTS OF ARMED CLASHES WITH TRANSJORDAN NEAR AKABA

TEL AVIV, March 9. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Israeli Government categorically denied reports emanating today from Amman that armed clashes have taken place between Israeli and Transjordan forces near Akaba. He emphasized that there are no Israeli forces inside Transjordan territory and that the government has no knowledge of any clash inside Israeli territory.

Israeli forces are believed to be stationed in the Eilat district, with a frontage of about ten miles on the Gulf of Akaba. An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman this morning, however, declined to state where Israeli units are located. He said he did not believe reports received in Tel Aviv that British forces in Akaba had breached the Israeli frontier and were on Israeli territory in the Negev.

Delegation at U.N. Says Israel Has No Intention to Cross Transjordan Frontier

LAKE SUCCESS, March 9. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Israeli delegation to the United Nations emphatically denied tonight that Israeli forces had crossed the Transjordan frontier as reported today in dispatches from Amman, the Transjordan capital.

"Nowhere in the Negev are Israeli land or air forces operating outside the borders of Israel," the delegation statement declared. "They have not crossed, nor have they any intention of crossing the Transjordan frontier at any time."

"On the other hand, dispatches from official Transjordan sources in Amman imply that the Transjordan forces have established positions illegally on Israel's territory. This fact alone," the statement concluded, "is responsible for any tension which may have arisen."

The delegation's statement was issued following receipt of Amman reports that Israeli forces were fighting toward Akaba, a town situated at the tip of the Gulf of Akaba, near the junction of Transjordan territory and the southern Palestine territory assigned to the state of Israel under the United Nations partition plan.

A British force is stationed at Akaba. British War Minister Emanuel Shinwell confirmed the presence of this force yesterday in the House of Commons but denied it was preparing permanent installations there. Britain and Transjordan are linked by a defense treaty.

ISRAELI PARLIAMENT DISCUSSES CABINET'S PROGRAM; VOTE OF CONFIDENCE EXPECTED

TEL AVIV, March 9. (JTA) -- A vote of confidence in the new Israeli Cabinet and in its program presented yesterday by Premier David Ben Gurion was considered a certainty here today as the general debate in the Knesset continued.

Opening the debate last night, Meir Yaari, leader of the Mapam, the left-wing minority group, accused the Mapai, the majority right-wing labor faction, of proposing "impossible conditions" governing participation by Mapam in the coalition government. He asserted that the Mapai had allocated the most important Cabinet posts to the parties within the majority, and as evidence he pointed to the fact that the Ministry of the Interior had been allocated to the Religious Bloc. He added that the

Mapai would be ready to join the present coalition if guarantees were laid down for a common program based on socialist principles. Until that time, he said, the Mapai would combat the policies of the government and watch its actions closely.

Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, of the Eapoel Hamizrachi, a labor wing of the Religious Bloc, explained his party's support of the coalition regime. But he criticized Premier David Ben Gurion for not including in his program legislation to cover the observance of the dietary laws in the private lives of Israeli citizens.

Menachem Beigin, speaking on behalf of the Heruth Party, the former Irgun Zvai Lemai, severely criticized the allocation of the various ministries, and said that this allocation had been guided by a desire to please certain individuals and had not been done "in a national way." He severely assailed the government's foreign policy and what he described as its orientation toward the United Nations, and pointed out that the Conciliation Commission had just invited Haj Amin al Hussein, the exiled Mufti of Jerusalem, to appear before it. He also attacked the government for its failure to submit to the Knesseth for approval the armistice agreement reached with Egypt at the recent Rhodes negotiations.

General Zionists, Mizrachi, Agudah Support Ben Gurion's Foreign Policy

Joseph Saphir, speaking for the General Zionists, said that it was regrettable that the party representing the greatest part of the citriculture industry was not represented in the present Cabinet. He added that his group was agreed upon the Cabinet's foreign-policy declaration, but he deplored that the government--as had been previously demonstrated by the provisional government, he charged--would give preference to class interests.

Rabbi I.M. Levin, speaking for the Agudah Israel, a part of the Religious Bloc, said that his party had decided to join the Cabinet because of agreement over its foreign policy and also because it had received certain assurances for observance of the Sabbath and for the observance also of the Kasheruth. He demanded, however, that Jewish jurisprudence generally be based upon the Torah.

Rabbi Mordecai Hurok, of the Mizrachi, another faction of the Religious Bloc, expressed support for the cabinet and asked for the safeguarding of religious education. Tewfik Tubi, the Arab leader, urged that Israel should extend assistance to those Arabs who "fought against reaction" and remained behind instead of fleeing to Transjordan and elsewhere.

Samuel Mikunis, Communist Party leader, gave praise to what he described as the help received from Russia and bitterly attacked the imperialism of the western powers, which, he said, were working against Israel. Mikunis charged that Premier David Ben Gurion was "selling out to imperialism." Accordingly, he explained, the Communist Party would vote against the Cabinet.

BEVIN SAYS ANGLO-ISRAELI TALKS NOT YET SCHEDULED; ADMITS NEED FOR PARLEY

LONDON, March 9. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin today told Commons that no date has been set for Anglo-Israeli talks. He made his statement in reply to a query by S. Segal, Labor M.P.

Bevin also declared that there were many economic and financial problems requiring joint discussion and that these problems were now being studied by the British Government. In reply to Segal's remarks that further delay would mean a loss for Britain in "hard currency," Bevin said that "this financial business is not all one-sided."

ISRAELI AND TRANSJORDAN DELEGATIONS HOLD TWO-HOUR INFORMAL SESSION AT RHODES

RHODES, March 9. (JTA) -- An informal joint session of the Israeli and Transjordanian delegations to the armistice conference was held here this afternoon. After a two-hour discussion during which the "first item of the proposals" was considered, the meeting was adjourned until tomorrow.

Earlier, the Arabs submitted to acting mediator Ralph J. Bunche a set of counter proposals in reply to the demands set forth by the Israelis yesterday to change the Arab positions in the Beit Naballah-Jerusalem area. The Transjordanians suggested that the Legion be permitted to take up new positions along the road from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. Secondly, they proposed that the southern suburbs of Jerusalem--Ramath Rachel, Talpioth and Mekor Chaim--which are now controlled by the Jews, be converted into a no-man's land.

In addition, the Arabs demanded that the road from the Damascus Gate to Bethlehem be opened. The road would run through parts of Jewish Jerusalem. Finally, they asked for joint supervision of the Jaffa-Jerusalem railroad with the directorship alternating between the Israelis and the Transjordanians. The first director would be an Arab, according to the proposal.

Jacob Shimon of the Israeli Foreign Ministry's Middle East Department arrived here today. His arrival was interpreted as a sign that the scope of the negotiations would be broadened to include certain political problems.

ISRAEL APPOINTS REPRESENTATIVES TO U.N. CONCILIATION BODY; STUDY ON JERUSALEM STARTED

JERUSALEM, March 9. (JTA) -- The Israeli Foreign Office today appointed Michael Comay and Zalman Lipshitz as its representatives to the Jerusalem sub-committee of the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission. The sub-committee today visited Bethlehem in connection with the task of drawing up a plan for the protection of the Holy Places and for the internationalization of the Jerusalem area, in which Bethlehem is included.

The Israeli representatives will establish an office in the Jewish Jerusalem area. When it returns from Bethlehem the three-man sub-committee hopes to confer with the Jewish mayor of the new city of Jerusalem and with the Arab mayor of the Old City and will hear the views of other interested parties on the U.N. decision to internationalize Jerusalem. The sub-committee has extended invitations to Daniel Auster, Mayor of Jerusalem, Avraham Bergman, Israeli district commissioner, and the Arab mayor of the Old City to testify. None of them has so far replied to the invitation.

TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE ON U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION CONFERS WITH HIS PRESIDENT

ISTANBUL, March 9. (JTA) -- Hussein Yaltchin, Turkish representative on the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission, arrived here from Jerusalem today and immediately went into conference with Turkish President Ismet Inonu.

At a press conference later, Yaltchin declared that he is optimistic concerning the possibility of a successful solution of the Palestine question. He stated that the All-Arab conference scheduled to be held in Beirut March 21 will examine the situation of the Palestine Arab refugees as well as the problem of Arab-Israeli relations. "It is possible," he said, "that this conference will prepare the way for a general peace conference under the sponsorship of the Conciliation Commission."

He reported that the Arab states, as well as Israel, are suffering from the unstable conditions which exist as a result of the war, and that a favorable atmosphere for peace exists.

ALL LIQUIDATED IN RUMANIA BY GOVERNMENT ORDER; COMMITTEES TAKE OVER INSTITUTIONS

BUCHAREST, March 9. (JTA) -- All institutions maintained in Rumania by the E. Jewish health society, were taken over today by the Federation of Jewish Communities under the decision announced earlier this week by the government to dissolve all foreign Jewish relief organizations operating in the country.

HUNGARIAN ZIONIST OFFICIAL DENIES REPORT THAT GOVERNMENT DISSOLVED ZIONIST BODY

BUDAPEST, March 9. (JTA) -- The general-secretary of the Zionist Federation of Hungary today denied a report published in a New York newspaper to the effect that the Hungarian Government had dissolved the Zionist Organization here. The report originated from Vienna.

Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, arrived here today. He will consult with local Jewish leaders and members of the J.D.C. staff on the relief and rehabilitation needs of Hungarian Jewry.

ROMANIA OPENS YIDDISH STATE SCHOOLS; WILL WIPE OUT ZIONISM AMONG JEWISH YOUTH

BUCHAREST, March 9. (JTA) -- Two of four Rumanian state schools in which the entire curriculum will be taught in Yiddish have been opened in Bucharest and Timisoara. The other two will soon be established in Jassy and Satu Mare, it was announced here.

Speaking at the dedication ceremony in Bucharest, I. Bacal, leader of the Federation of Jewish Communities, stressed that the opening of the schools proved that for the first time in Rumania's history the Jews were being given equal rights. He also said that the schools will teach their pupils patriotism and "will wipe out the bourgeois mentality of Zionism which unfortunately is widespread among the Jewish youth."

GERMANY MARKS OPENING OF THE BERLIN SYNAGOGUE; ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND

MUNICH, March 9. (JTA) -- The seventh synagogue in Berlin was opened this week, in a special ceremony attended by members of the board of the Jewish Community and representatives of the four occupation powers in Germany.

The synagogue is located in the northern section of Berlin. It was rebuilt by the voluntary gifts of community members without assistance from the Berlin municipality. There were 14 synagogues in Berlin before the Nazi pogroms of Nov. 10, 1938.

PLANE FLYING FROM ISRAEL MAKES FORCED LANDING IN LEBANON; CARRIES JEWISH LEADER TO U.S.

TEL AVIV, March 9. (JTA) -- A French air transport en route to Paris from the Lydda airport, with 20 passengers, made an emergency landing at Beirut this afternoon. Levi Eshkol, head of the Jewish Agency's settlement department, who is en route to the United States to participate in the current \$250,000,000 United Jewish Appeal campaign, was among the passengers.

Due to the present armistice negotiations being held between the Israeli and Lebanese Governments, and to the fact that the plane is French, all the passengers will be released and the craft permitted to continue to Paris tomorrow.

SOVIET NEWS AGENCY ASSIGNS FIRST PERMANENT CORRESPONDENT TO COVER ISRAELI SCENE

TEL AVIV, March 9. (JTA) -- For the first time, a correspondent for the official Soviet news agency Tass, arrived in Israel today to start reporting news events from Tel Aviv.

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U.S. OFFICIALS FLY TO ISRAEL TO ARRANGE FOR MIGRATION OF DP'S FROM GERMANY

MUNICH, March 9. (JTA) -- An American military official and two civilian officials of the military government left here today by plane for Israel where they will contact Israeli immigration authorities and discuss plans for the large migration movement expected from the German DP camps to Israel this summer.

Meanwhile, the Central Jewish Committee has sent a memorandum to the Israeli Government asking that customs officials be ordered to cease placing duties on goods being brought into the Jewish state by immigrants from Germany and Austria. The memorandum also complained that baggage of immigrants from the DP camps frequently does not arrive until six weeks after the immigrant and storage charges are made.

ROUTE AFRICAN AIRLINES WILL CARRY 80,000 DISPLACED JEWS FROM GERMANY TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, March 9. (JTA) -- An agreement, covering a \$1,600,000 contract between the Israeli Government and South African airlines to carry 80,000 displaced Jews from Germany to Haifa, was today reported here by the United States Department of Commerce.

The Commerce Department report stated that advices reaching the American legation at Pretoria, South Africa, claimed that a contract has been made between a number of world civil airlines, including the South-African International Airline, the Pan-African Air Charter and others with the Israeli Government. The Israeli Government will pay \$20 for each passenger transported, the report said.

JEWISH LEADERS IN BRITAIN CONFER WITH COLONIAL OFFICE ON YEMENITE JEWS FLEEING TO ADEN

LONDON, March 9. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders here have approached the Colonial Office to discuss the question of Yemenite Jewish refugees fleeing to Aden en route to Israel, it was learned today.

The Jewish leaders acted after a broadcast announcement that the British authorities in Aden have approached Yemen with a request that it cut off the flow of Jewish refugees to the British protectorate. The argument advanced by the Aden authorities is that a further influx of Jews may bring about a recurrence of anti-Jewish outbreaks in Aden.

The Colonial Office has no confirmation of the alleged Aden move and has made inquiries of the Aden Government. Unofficially, sources close to the Colonial Office expressed the view that the report from the Middle East refers to the period when the Aden camps were congested. These sources believe that the Joint Distribution Committee's airlift has sufficiently relieved the situation to make further restrictions superfluous. It has been confirmed that restrictions on the departure from Aden previously imposed on men of military age seeking to go to Israel have now been lifted.

(From Tel Aviv it was reported that Harry Viteles, J.D.C. director for the Middle East, is flying to Aden to make arrangements for the transportation from Aden to Israel of Yemenite Jews of military age whom the British authorities have finally released from a refugee camp.)

DISPLACED JEWS FROM ITALY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA SAIL FROM NAPLES FOR ISRAEL

ROME, March 9. (JTA) -- A group of several hundred Jewish displaced persons from Italy and Czechoslovakia sailed today aboard the S.S. "Medex" from the Italian port of Naples for Israel.

UNITED ISRAELI DRIVE WILL SEEK \$20,000,000 IN SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES THIS YEAR

BUENOS AIRES, March 9. (JTA) -- The sum of \$20,000,000 will be sought throughout South America this year for Jewish needs in Israel and Europe, it was announced here today by Gedalia Zakliff-Zuchowitzki, director of the United Israeli Campaign for South America, who just returned from Israel.

The central office for the South American campaign will be in Buenos Aires, he said. The drive will start in Uruguay this month. In Argentina it will start in April, while in Brazil, Chile and other countries it will be launched in May. A conference of representatives of Jewish communities in Latin American countries in connection with the drive is planned for May in Montevideo.

In Argentina Jewish businessmen and manufacturers will be asked to contribute two percent of their income to the campaign. Employees and workers will be requested to contribute their salaries for two weeks. The Ayuda organization of Argentina, which is the local fund-raising arm of the Joint Distribution Committee and the World Jewish Congress, will be a beneficiary of the United Campaign. It will receive about 5 percent of the total sum raised, while the remainder will be distributed among the Jewish National Fund, the Keren Hayesod and other Israeli institutions.

ANTI-SEMITISM STILL EXISTS IN GERMANY, MUNICH MAYOR DECLARES ON ARRIVAL IN U.S.

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism still exists in Germany, Dr. Karl Scharnagl, Mayor of Munich, declared here last night. He is one of 39 German municipal, religious and trade union leaders who are visiting the United States to observe democracy at work.

Attributing the anti-Semitic feeling in Germany to the presence of non-German Jews, Dr. Scharnagl said: "It is necessary to work against this feeling. The Nazis persecuted Jews and Christians alike, so we must all cooperate to attain human dignity and rights. It is our responsibility to God and it is the same for all religions."

NEW YORK BAR ASSOCIATION ENDORSES UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST GENOCIDE

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- The New York Bar Association last night adopted a resolution endorsing the United Nations convention against genocide. During the course of the debate Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, retired president of the American Jewish Committee, condemned the recent recommendation of the American Bar Association that the U.S. Senate delay ratification of the convention to allow more time for public discussion of the measure.

ALFRED M. COHEN, HONORARY PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH, DIES IN CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, March 9. (JTA) -- Alfred M. Cohen, honorary president of B'nai B'rith, died here today, aged 89. He had been sick for the last two years.

Born in Cincinnati, he served as president of the B'nai B'rith from 1925 to 1938. During his presidency, the order undertook most of its present activities, including Billel Foundations, youth organization and its vocational service bureau. In 1936 B'nai B'rith founded a \$100,000 colony in Palestine in his name.