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### TRANSJORDAN TROOPS REPORTED IN AKABA TERRITORY ALLOCATED BY UNITED NATIONS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, March 10. (JTA) -- Britain intends to dispute the right of Israel to move troops into the Akaba Gulf area, a British Foreign Office spokesman stated today.

Meanwhile, according to the Transjordan Military Attache in London, forces of the Arab Legion have crossed their frontier into Palestine and have occupied Umm Rashrash and the Palestine sector of the Gulf of Akaba allocated to Israel by the United Nations General Assembly. British troops remain on the Transjordan side of the frontier and have not crossed into Israel with the Arab Legion, according to reports.

The real issue raised in the dispatches from Amman, it was learned from an authoritative government source, is the anxiety of King Abdallah of Transjordan that once the Israelis were established on the Gulf of Akaba they would stay there. This would block the plans for a corridor connecting Transjordan with the Mediterranean coast, running through the Southern Negev.

The Foreign Office spokesman today justified the Transjordan military action, and possible ultimate British intervention, by reference to the Nov. 4 resolution of the U.N. Security Council, which ordered the Israelis to remain north of their Oct. 14 positions. This resolution, he asserted, remains valid until the Security Council changes it. In the view of the British Government, it remains binding on Israel.

The Foreign Office does not accept the view that this United Nations resolution has been invalidated by the Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement, which permits Israeli troops freedom of movement in the Eastern Negev. This agreement, although countersigned by Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, the U.N. acting mediator, has not been endorsed by the Security Council and therefore cannot, in the British view, take the place of a formal Security Council decision.

What is happening on the Gulf of Akaba is actually a decisive battle for Israeli frontiers on the one hand, and the future shape of the Greater Transjordan State on the other. Accordingly, the Foreign Office is adopting an attitude of grave concern without being unduly specific. The possibility of a direct British demarche to the Israeli Government, or to the Security Council, is understood to be under consideration.

### British Parliament Told of Government's Attitude on Akaba Dispute

LONDON, March 10. (JTA) -- Philip Noel-Baker, British Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs, answering queries in Parliament about British policy in relation to Akaba, today said that the government is determined to see Transjordan "protected against aggression" under the terms of the Anglo-Transjordan treaty.

Noel-Baker said that the other Commonwealth governments were not informed when Britain sent a military force to Akaba because these governments are not parties to the Anglo-Transjordan pact. In response to urging by Earl Winterton, Conservative, that the treaty provisions be adhered to despite any opposition by "M.P.'s having a racial affiliation with Israel," Noel-Baker said that this was a matter for the Foreign Secretary.

GEN. DORI, ISRAELI ARMY CHIEF, WARNS ARABS AGAINST PROVOCATION IN AKABA OR OTHER AREAS

TEL AVIV, March 10. (JTA) -- "We cannot forever restrain ourselves in the face of provocative acts," Brigadier Yisroel Dori, chief of staff of the Israeli Army, warned in a speech at Haifa last night. He was referring to the Akaba situation.

"We cannot tolerate the penetration of the frontiers of our land by an Arab country," he declared. Serving notice that unless the Arab states provide sincere assurances and tangible proof of their desire for peace, the Israelis will be free to act as they see fit, Brig. Dori pointed out that some of the Arab states maintained armed reserves on Israel's borders. He insisted that Israel desired peace, but added that peace had no reality unless it also carried guarantees that it would endure.

Commenting for the second time in two days on reports of clashes in the Akaba area, an Israeli spokesman today reiterated his denial that any such encounters had occurred. "No Israeli unit has transgressed into Transjordan territory," he stated flatly, adding that Israel had no intention to enter Arab territory. "Israel," he insisted, "is only concerned with her own territory."

The spokesman charged that the Amman reports of clashes may be intended to cover Transjordanian incursions of Israeli territory, although Israel has no information that Arab troops have crossed into its territory. He also expressed the opinion that the rumors may have been spread in order to create "a special atmosphere" at the Rhodes armistice talks.

NO REPORTS OF ISRAELI MILITARY ACTIVITY IN AKABA AREA RECEIVED BY U.N. AT RHODES

RHODES, March 10. (JTA) -- No reports were received here today of the Transjordan charges that Israeli forces were moving toward the Gulf of Akaba.

Nevertheless, it was learned that Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting U.N. mediator, has instructed U.N. observers to check such reports from Amman. Meanwhile, the Amman radio stated that the Arab Legion had stopped an alleged Israeli force 30 miles north of the Gulf of Akaba.

Full AIRING OF PALESTINE QUESTION AT U.N. NOT EXPECTED BEFORE SEPTEMBER, EBAN SAYS

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- A full airing of the Palestine question is not expected to take place at the United Nations before September, Aubrey S. Eban, Israeli representative at the U.N., declared here today at a press conference. Although he expects that Israel will become a member of the world body at the April session of the U.N. General Assembly, Eban said that the session's agenda is so crowded that it is unlikely that consideration will be given the Palestine question next month.

American Jews will have to carry the main financial burden for realization of Israel's plan to double its population within four years, Dr. Menach Goldmann, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency executive here, declared in a statement to the press. The plan, as revealed Tuesday before the Israeli parliament by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, calls for the immigration and the complete absorption into the Israeli economy of between 750,000 and 1,000,000 Jews in the four-year period.

Dr. Goldmann pointed out that under planning already in force, the financing of this vast operation falls into two categories: 1. The cost of actual transportation of the immigrants, their reception in Israel, their training and settlement on the land; 2. In addition, an estimated two billion dollars in investment capital will be needed to give employment to the immigrants and to enable the country to produce enough to maintain its doubled population at a decent standard of living.

BEN GURION'S COALITION GOVERNMENT GETS 73 TO 15 VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN ISRAELI ASSEMBLY

TEL AVIV, March 10. (JTA) -- The new Israeli Government, headed by David Ben Gurion and including the Mapai, Religious Bloc and the Progressives, today received 73-15 vote of confidence in the Knesseth. This evening the Assembly adjourned until next week.

The vote was preceded by a two-hour address by Premier David Ben Gurion in the course of which he severely lashed out at his opponents. He was frequently interrupted by spokesmen for the Mapai, the Irgun-sponsored Heruth and the General Zionists.

Because of the harsh tones of the Premier's address, it is believed here that the breach between the Mapai and the Mapam has broadened and that the latter will definitely not enter the coalition. Before Ben Gurion rose to speak, Mapai and Mapam deputies hurled accusations and counter-accusations at one another. The main point of these charges was that the position of the other party is preventing complete labor unity in the government.

Addressing himself to the right-wing Heruth, Ben Gurion declared that Jerusalem was an integral part of Israel, although this fact has not yet been recognized internationally. To the Mapam he said that he refused to recant the foreign policy of his government and, defending the Egyptian-Israeli pact, he said that it had brought many benefits to the Jewish state. Maintaining his refusal to give the General Zionists two seats in the Cabinet, he recalled that he had always defended the rights of private capital and enterprises in the upbuilding of the country.

Echoing the words of an Arab member of the Knesseth, the Premier expressed hopes for friendly cooperation between Jew and Arab. He reiterated earlier promises to raise the standard of living for the Arabs and to guarantee them full equality with the Jews.

After the vote of confidence, Zalman Shazar, chairman of the Knesseth's standing committee, proposed that a 20-man sub-committee be established to study the terms of the \$100,000,000 American loan. This motion was carried unanimously.

KING ABDULLAH TO VISIT JERUSALEM TODAY TO SELECT ROYAL RESIDENCE IN OLD CITY

JERUSALEM, March 10. (JTA) -- King Abdullah of Transjordan intends to visit the Old City tomorrow for purposes of selecting a building for his royal residence, thus indicating his intention of establishing his capital in the Holy City, reliable neutral sources asserted here today.

This is believed to be King Abdullah's reply to the initial opening of the Knesseth in Jerusalem Feb. 17 and to the transfer of some Israeli Government departments from Tel Aviv to the Holy City.

ARAB CITIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAELI TROOPS GET NEW FORM OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

TEL AVIV, March 10. (JTA) -- The Arab cities of Lydda, Acre and Ramleh, occupied by Israeli troops, will have a new form of municipal government, it was announced here last night.

Local municipal committees will be composed equally of representatives of the local Arab population and Israeli officials. The committees will be headed by the military governors of the respective towns. They will replace the former Arab municipal corporations.

ISRAELI-TRANSJORDAN PARLEY AT RHODES SEEKS AGREEMENT ON DEMILITARIZATION OF OLD CITY

RHODES, March 10. (JTA) -- Efforts to arrive at an agreement for the demilitarization of the Old City of Jerusalem and free access to the Holy Places were made here today at the second successive informal joint meeting between the Israeli and Transjordan delegates. Although both delegations emphasized the friendly atmosphere in which the talks are being conducted, no one is trying to disguise the fact that the present points under discussion are minor compared to those which are expected to arise later.

Among these major controversial points are the fate of the Negev, discussion of which will test the part that Britain intends to play in the negotiations. Also to be tested is the question of King Abdullah's independence, since the Negev is exclusively a matter of British interest. Israel has stressed repeatedly that the southern desert is vital to that country.

The Transjordan demand for an open road between the Damascus Gate of the Old City of Jerusalem and Bethlehem would virtually partition the Jewish-held districts of Jerusalem and sever from them those Arab quarters which had been captured by the Israelis, U.N. military experts admitted today.

The U.N. military experts also conceded that the conversion of the Talpith, Ramat Rachel and Mekor Haim districts south of Jerusalem, into a no-man's land, as demanded by the Transjordanians, would give the Arabs a military advantage in that area. At the same time, it was pointed out, to maintain an open road to Mount Scopus--as demanded by the Jews--would mean the demilitarization of the Sheikh Jarrah quarter and the severance of Arab communications between Jerusalem and Ramallah and Jerusalem and the so-called "triangle," Jenin-Tulkarn-Nablus.

ISRAELI-LEBANESE ARMISTICE TALKS CONTINUE; EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS OF WAR VIRTUALLY SET

TEL AVIV, March 10. (JTA) -- Arrangements for the exchange of Israeli and Lebanese prisoners of war were virtually completed today at the armistice talks between the two nations, it was announced here today.

In addition to members of the two delegations, three Red Cross representatives participated in the talks today in the border town of Ras el Nakura. It is expected that all arrangements will be completed by next week.

Meanwhile, the two delegations have been split into two sub-committees: one to draft proposals on frontiers; the other to handle all other matters of concern between the two states. The latter group has completed its tasks, but the frontier unit was still in the midst of its work when today's session ended. The next meeting of the two delegations will be held Thursday. Gen. William E. Riley, U.N. mediator's military aide who is chairing the meetings, flew to Beirut after the session.

The exchange of war prisoners between Israel and Egypt was completed today when the last party of Israeli prisoners, numbering 144, crossed over to the Israeli lines in the Negev, it was announced today. The Jewish prisoners stated that they had not been treated well and criticized both their captors and the Red Cross for disregarding their needs. At the conclusion of the exchange the former prisoners held a celebration at the liberated village of Nitzanim, at whose fall most of the Jews were captured.

Arab brigands who infiltrated into Israeli-held territory yesterday killed two more Jewish settlers. One of them, Yacov Weisbard, a member of the Ramath Hakovesh settlement, was killed by a sniper's bullet as he worked in the fields adjacent to the settlement. A second Jew was killed in Beisan by Arabs who slipped into the Beisan Valley.

ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER FLYING TO U.S. TO ADDRESS NATIONAL U.J.A. CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharot will fly to the United States next week to address the national emergency conference of the United Jewish Appeal in Washington, at which the 1949 \$250,000,000 campaign will formally be launched, it was announced here today by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A. The conference will be held at the Shoreham Hotel on March 19 and 20.

I.L.G.W.U CONTRIBUTES \$250,000 TO U.J.A.; LENDS \$500,000 TO JEWISH AGENCY

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- A check for \$250,000 was presented to the United Jewish Appeal yesterday by David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, on behalf of his organization. The contribution exceeds the union's 1948 gift to the U.J.A. by \$100,000. Dubinsky also announced that his union had lent \$500,000 to the Jewish Agency.

The \$250,000 check was turned over by Dubinsky to Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the national U.J.A. campaign, and to Monroe Goldwater, president of the U.J.A. of Greater New York, at a ceremony in the union's hall. Accepting the contribution, Morgenthau and Goldwater emphasized that it represented the largest individual gift ever made by a union to a philanthropic organization.

Morgenthau described the efforts of the U.J.A.'s agencies to empty completely the Jewish DP camps in Europe this year and to help the DP's build a new life in Israel and in America. He lauded the union for its aid at this time when cash is urgently needed. Goldwater spoke of the "long honorable history" of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union and its efforts to aid people of "various faiths and nationalities."

Emphasizing the determination of the members of his union to give help to people in need, regardless of their race or creed, Dubinsky declared: "This gift has special significance to us because it does not come as a direct contribution from our union's treasury. It is a part of a free-will collection raised in the New York shops of our industry, money donated by our workers--regardless of racial origin or religious faith--out of the goodness of their hearts, for a great humanitarian cause. From our relief fund we have given just as freely and liberally to other philanthropic and community causes, in our country and abroad."

HADASAH ESTABLISHES \$100,000 SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FUND IN HONOR OF JUDAH L. MAGNES

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- A \$100,000 fund for scientific research and publications to be known as the Judah L. Magnes Memorial Fund has been established in the name of the late president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem by the Hadasah, it was announced here today by Mrs. Samuel J. Rosenfeld, chairman of the organization's medical committee.

The fund will be used to grant annual research fellowship awards to doctors and scientists on the staff of the Hadasah Medical Organization in Israel and the Hebrew University-Hadasah Medical School for work being done in Israel. The medical school will be opened officially on May 14, the first anniversary of the establishment of the state of Israel.

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MAPAM AND MACCABI GROUPS DISSOLVED IN RUMANIA; ALL ZIONIST ACTIVITY CEASES

BUCHAREST, March 10. (JTA) -- All Zionist activity in Rumania officially ended yesterday when the Mapam, the largest Zionist group in the country, was dissolved.

All Zionist youth groups, including the Maccabi organization, were also dissolved. The hachsharah training centers are in the process of liquidation.

EMPTIE DP CAMPS WILL BE EMPTIED WITHIN SIX MONTHS, JEWISH AGENCY OFFICIAL SAYS

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- The last Jew is slated to leave Europe's DP camps within six months, according to an announcement made here today by Zvi Lurie, head of the immigration office of the Jewish Agency in New York.

Lurie said that plans for emptying the DP camps of some 100,000 Jews who remain there were clarified today in Paris at the conclusion of a three-day conference of the Agency immigration executives from 13 European countries. The conference also decided to establish an immigration office in Tripoli to take care of the increasing flow of Jews from North Africa into Israel.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK AUTHORIZES \$6,000,000 CREDIT TO ISRAEL FOR PURCHASE OF VEHICLES

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA) -- The Export-Import Bank today announced authorization of a \$6,000,000 credit to Israel for purchase of trucks and buses in the United States. Israel intends to buy only the chassis of buses and heavy trucks in this country. The bodies will be built in Israel.

HUNDREDS OF DIGNITARIES PAY LAST RESPECTS TO REP. SOL BLOOM AT NEW YORK FUNERAL

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Hundreds of dignitaries and friends of the late Congressman Sol Bloom today attended his funeral at the West Side Institutional Synagogue here. The remains of the Jewish legislator, who died in the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Md., Monday night, were buried in the Mount Eden Cemetery at Pleasantville, N.Y.

Joseph Callahan, Sergeant at Arms of the House, led a large delegation of Congressmen who arrived from Washington to attend the services. Fourteen of Bloom's Congressional colleagues served as honorary pallbearers. A squad of police were stationed outside the funeral parlour and some 50 uniformed policemen were assigned to duty with the funeral cortege.

Yesterday, the House Foreign Affairs Committee, of which Bloom was chairman, adopted a resolution expressing its grief at the passing of "a great public servant, statesman and diplomat."

BORIS M. JOFFE APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DETROIT JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Boris M. Joffe, assistant secretary for overseas operations of the Joint Distribution Committee, has been appointed executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Detroit and will leave for his new post this week. David Weingard will succeed Joffe.