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BUNCHE DENIES HE SAID ISRAELIS BROKE CEASE-FIRE; AQABA SITUATION STILL MUDDLED

RHODES, March 14. (JTA) -- Acting U.N. Palestine mediator Ralph J. Bunche denied today that he had ever said the Israelis broke the U.N. Security Council's cease-fire order and also denied he had ever received any reports stating that 3,000 Israeli troops were involved in movements along the Transjordan border.

Dr. Bunche's denial was made following a protest submitted to the mediator by Lt. Col. Moshe Dayan, head of the Israeli military delegation here, who drew the U.N. official's attention to "two misleading press reports." The first dealt with a statement ascribed to Bunche in which the mediator was quoted as saying that Israeli troop movements in the Negev constituted a grave breach of the cease-fire agreement while Legion movements were only a technical violation. The second press report which Dayan noted asserted that Bunche had said 3,000 Israeli troops were moving along the transjordan frontier.

Col. Dayan charged that both reports, which appeared on the same day, created an unfair impression and were obviously aimed at discrediting one of the parties participating in the Rhodes armistice talks.

(Reuters today reported from London that Britain last week sent a note to Israel warning that British troops stationed at Aqaba would fire on any forces crossing the Israeli-Transjordan border. The report, which quoted "a usually reliable diplomatic source," said that it is understood that the Israeli reply assured Britain that the Jewish troops' intentions were peaceful.)

U.N. Observers Keeping Close Watch on Negev Developments

Meanwhile, reports on the situation in Aqaba continued to pour into Dr. Bunche's headquarters here. On the basis of these reports, Bunche today notified the president of the U.N. Security Council at Lake Success that United Nations observers are keeping close watch on developments in the Negev, but owing to poor communications facilities, no full reports have yet been received here.

An on-the-spot report from one observer, however, has come through. This U.N. official's report, obtained from an Arab Legion source, states that Israeli forces occupied Um Reshresh--located on the Aqaba Gulf within the borders of Palestine--on March 10. Two Israeli jeeps and one personnel transport vehicle succeeded in taking over this area, the report added.

The observer's dispatch added that this small Israeli garrison was later reinforced and now totals 150 men and 25 vehicles. Although it has not been verified that the Israelis advanced to Um Reshresh, on the road to Egypt, the fact that Um Reshresh is in Israeli hands has officially been verified in Israeli circles here.

(U.N. observers in Haifa are deeply concerned about reports of "incidents" in the central Palestine area opposite the so-called Arab triangle and are trying their best to hold down the tension in view of Israel's repeated warnings she will not sit back quietly if the incidents continue, it was learned today in Tel Aviv.)

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ISRAELI ASSEMBLY GROUP ACCEPTS TERMS OF AMERICAN LOAN; MEASURE GOES TO KNESSETH

TEL AVIV, March 14. (JTA) -- The special Knesseth sub-committee of twenty deputies which was elected last week to study the terms of the \$100,000,000 American loan to Israel today approved acceptance of the loan.

During its consideration of the measure, the group heard Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan who made the final arrangements in Washington for the loan. After a lengthy debate, it was passed by a substantial majority and must now pass the full Constituent Assembly, whose next meeting opens late this week.

At a press conference here Mordecai Shattner, chairman of the government committee to aid soldiers' and veterans' families, revealed that since the beginning of the war over \$36,000,000 has been spent for family benefits. The amount allotted for this program in the budget is approaching \$2,000,000 annually, declared Shattner; adding that the standard of care for soldiers' dependents is not falling below the level of European countries.

BAGDAD RADIO REPORTS SEVEN IRAQI JEWS SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR AIDING ZIONISM

TEL AVIV, March 14. (JTA) -- Seven Iraqi Jews were sentenced to death last Friday for supporting Zionism, Radio Bagdad, monitored here, announced today.

The broadcast listed five of the Jews as: Eved Zion, Menashe Yitzhak, Yitzhak Shlomo Burad, Naji Zion and Abraham Zion. The names of the other two Jews were not divulged. The broadcast said that 14 other Jews will also be tried soon on charges of supporting Zionism.

(Hundreds of Oriental Jews, most of them from Iraq, demonstrated in Jerusalem today against the reported executions in Bagdad of seven Iraqi Jews. Speakers, most of them members of the Heruth Party, urged the Israeli Government to halt armistice negotiations with the Arab states until guarantees are received that such acts will not be repeated. The U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission will also be asked to take action.)

A delegation of Jerusalem residents today presented to Soviet Minister Pavel Yershov a certificate of inscription in the Jewish National Fund's Golden Book for Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in appreciation of his efforts in behalf of Israel at the United Nations and on the occasion of his recent appointment as Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister.

FOREIGN MINISTER SHARET LEAVES ISRAEL FOR U.S.; WILL CONFER WITH DEAN ACHESON

TEL AVIV, March 14. (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharet left Tel Aviv this afternoon by plane for the United States. He is expected to reach New York by the end of the week, and will pay a formal call on Secretary of State Dean Acheson. After that he will devote himself to the work in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

Earlier today he attended the second session of the new Cabinet at which Premier David Ben Gurion presided. It is understood that the Cabinet is still discussing the allocation of portfolios that remain to be filled by reason of the refusal of the Mapam and the General Zionists to join the government.

The Israeli Navy controls the entire Palestine coast from the northern border at Ras el Nakura to the Egyptian border in the south, Gershon Zak, chief of staff of the Israeli Navy, declared yesterday in Haifa during Army and Navy celebrations. Later in the day a variety of naval units steamed past the harbor control tower in a salute to the nation.

J.A. DELEGATION COMPLETES TOUR OF ISRAEL; TAKES OFF ON LAST LEG OF 15,000-MILE TRIP

TEL AVIV, March 14. (JTA) -- The 45-member United Jewish Appeal delegation which has been touring Israel for the past ten days today left from the Lydda airport for the return trip to the United States. Before the delegation reaches the U.S. it will have travelled some 15,000 miles inspecting DP camps in Europe, immigration reception centers and other facilities in Israel, and Jewish communities in North Africa.

(U.J.A. headquarters in New York announced today that the delegation is due to arrive at LaGuardia late tomorrow afternoon. The delegates will proceed to Washington this week-end to present a first-hand report on their observations in Europe and Israel to the national U.J.A. conference scheduled to be held at the Shoreham Hotel, March 19-20.)

Just prior to boarding the plane, Julian Venezky, spokesman for the delegation, declared that the members of the group were "greatly impressed" by Israel's vast potential for the absorption of immigrants. With financial help from the U.J.A., he said, "Israel can be a refuge for hundreds of thousands of Jews from Europe and North Africa seeking security among their own people."

Yesterday, the delegation conferred with Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan who emphasized the need for foreign assistance in the form of gifts and investments. The Minister pointed out that, excluding the extraordinary expenses involved in the reception and absorption of the immigrants, the Israeli budget is balanced.

During its tour of this country, the U.J.A. group visited various areas in the Negev, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Tiberias, Safed, Acre, Haifa and Tel Aviv. The American Jewish leaders also met President Weizmann and various Cabinet Ministers.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE NAMES DELEGATION TO VISIT ISRAEL, EUROPEAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- A five-member delegation was selected today by the Jewish Labor Committee to visit Israel and Jewish communities in Europe. The delegation will also draft plans for the Committee's continued activities in those areas.

Members of the delegation are: Adolph Held, chairman of the J.L.C.; Israel Feinberg, vice-president of the I.L.G.W.U.; Louis Hollander, president of the N.Y. State CIO Council; Dr. S. Silverberg, chairman of the Workmen's Circle division of the J.L.C.; and Jacob Pat, executive secretary of the J.L.C.

POLAND RESTRICTING MIGRATION OF JEWS TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ISRAEL, AMBASSADOR SAYS

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- Poland's restrictions on Jews migrating to Israel are meant to affect only those would-be emigrants who hold Israeli passports but intend to go to another country, Polish Ambassador to Britain Jerzy Michalowsky today told members of an Agudas Israel delegation who visited him.

The Ambassador also told the Agudah members that his government would not discriminate between Zionists and members of the Agudah in the matter of granting exit visas to persons headed for Israel. He also suggested that the matter could be straightened out in Warsaw between Polish and Israeli officials.

(During a recent visit of Dr. Joseph Schwartz, Joint Distribution Committee director for Europe, to Poland, he received from Polish Minister for Public Administration Wladyslaw Volsky assurances that although the Polish Government does not approve of emigration from Poland at this time it "will not place any obstacles in the way of the emigration of Jews to Israel," it was learned in Warsaw today.)

ANTI-SEMITIC FRENCH OFFICER WHO JOINED GERMANS DURING WAR CONDEMNED TO DEATH

PARIS, March 14. (JTA) -- Former Col. Joseph Munck was sentenced to death by a French military court on charges of wartime treason.

A letter written by the defendant which was read during the trial said in part: "I disapprove of the Judeo-Masonic principle. I am a National Socialist. I think France is betraying the interests of the white race for the sake of Jewish interests." Munck deserted from a French unit stationed in Tsientsin, China, during the war and succeeded in reaching Germany where he attempted to acquire German nationality.

The British motion-picture "Oliver Twist," which has been labelled anti-Semitic, was banned in the city of Metz following protests against the film by French Jewish veterans' organizations.

EX-POLISH AND GERMAN WAR CRIMINALS CONDEMNED TO DEATH FOR MURDER OF JEWS

WARSAW, March 14. (JTA) -- Six Poles and Germans were condemned this week to death in various cities of Poland for killing and torturing Jewish civilians during the German occupation.

Johann Leiderlitz was sentenced to death by a Warsaw court for ordering the destruction by fire in 1942, of the Kolomyja ghetto. His wife, Annelize, also received the death sentence for shooting Jewish women and children who tried to escape from the conflagration, and for participating in the mass murder of Jews in the Rozupanowce woods. The couple was originally arrested by American military authorities in Germany.

FORMER HUMANIAN OFFICIAL GETS LIFE SENTENCE FOR PARTICIPATING IN WARTIME POGROM

BUCHAREST, March 14. (JTA) -- A Bucharest court this week-end sentenced Alexander Istrate, wartime police official found guilty of participation in a pogrom in 1941, to life imprisonment. Istrate was also found guilty of fatally shooting one of the Jews he arrested.

Former judge Gheorghe Marino received a sentence of 12 years imprisonment after he was found guilty of maltreating and robbing Jewish deportees. Marino was in charge of supervising the transfer of the deportees to Transnistria.

CHIEF RABBI OHRENSTEIN OF BAVARIA CHARGES GERMAN COURTS PREJUDICED AGAINST JEWS

MUNICH, March 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Aaron Ohrenstein, Chief Rabbi of Bavaria, this week charged German courts with displaying "intolerance" toward Jews. Speaking at a meeting here, he pointed out that German courts acquitted former aides of Hitler but handed down a three-month sentence against a Jewish youth apprehended crossing the Austro-German frontier.

A report from Schoenebeck, in the Soviet zone, stated that the local Jewish cemetery was desecrated by anti-Semites. The Taegliche Rundschau, Soviet-licensed German newspaper in Berlin, stated that several arrests had been made by the Schoenebeck authorities. A similar incident was reported from Bentheim, in the British zone.

EIGHT ARRAIGNED IN LONDON COURT FOLLOWING DISTURBANCES AT MOSLEYITE MEETINGS

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- Eight persons were arraigned in a London court today on charges of violating the Public Order Act following several disorderly meetings held over the week-end by members of Sir Oswald Mosley's fascist Union Movement. The disorders occurred in various sections of London. At one, the Mosleyites attempted to disrupt a meeting held by Jewish ex-servicemen.

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800,000 IMMIGRANT FAMILIES SETTLED IN NEW ISRAELI COLONIES, AGENCY OFFICIAL REPORTS

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- Two thousand recently-arrived immigrant families have been transferred from Israeli reception camps to new settlement projects in various parts of the country, Levi Eshkol, chief of the agricultural and colonization department of the Jewish Agency, revealed here today at a press conference. Eshkol said he was in the United States "at the invitation of Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal," and added he would look into the "possible purchase of agricultural equipment badly needed in my country."

Declaring that of the "800,000 Jews we hope to bring into Israel by the end of 1952, we hope to settle one-fourth on the land," the Agency official added: "Today we must deal with whole family groups or the broken remnants of family groups who come to us with little but fervor and the will to succeed in our pioneer country."

Eshkol stated that "we have calculated that our four-year immigration scheme is going to need at least \$1,500,000,000, of which approximately one-fourth will go for the establishment of new settlements." He revealed that Lebanese officials treated him "well" during his enforced stopover in Beirut--when a plane on which he was travelling developed motor trouble and landed in Lebanon. "They put me up at a hotel and expressed hope that a permanent Lebanese-Israeli peace would soon be signed," he said.

FIRST VESSEL TO FLY ISRAELI FLAG IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE WATERS DEDICATED AT N.Y. PIER

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- For the first time in history, the blue-and-white flag of Israel was raised in the Western Hemisphere when the S.S. Haifa was dedicated here today at ceremonies at Potts Cove Pier, in Queens. Several hundred persons participated in the dedication, which was sponsored by the American-Israeli Shipping Company, agents for the owners of the vessel.

Bartley Crum, former U.S. member of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee on Palestine, opened the proceedings with a short address after which Capt. Terrence Bond, of the Haifa, turned the Canadian flag over to Maxwell T. Stuart, Canadian Trade Commissioner, and in turn received the Israeli flag from Gideon Straus, Israeli Consul to Canada. The vessel is a former Canadian Victory ship.

A congratulatory cable from President Chaim Weizmann was read at the dedication. Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Eliahu Elath, who was unable to attend the affair, sent a telegram from Washington. Other speakers included Aubrey S. Eban, Israeli representative to the United Nations, Rep. Jacob Javits, and Julius Simon, president of the Palestine Economic Corporation.

J.D.C. AND CRT REACH AGREEMENT ON SUPPORT OF TRAINING SCHOOLS IN EUROPE, AFRICA

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee and the American CRT Federation today announced the signing of an agreement under which the J.D.C. will renew its financial assistance to CRT programs in behalf of Jewish men and women in Europe and North Africa this year.

Under the terms of the agreement the J.D.C. will make a grant of \$1,500,000 to the CRT from the collection of the United Jewish Appeal. CRT will not conduct an independent fund-raising campaign in the United States this year. Spokesmen for the J.D.C. and the CRT noted the need for expanded vocational training programs in Eastern Europe and North Africa.

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CANADIAN JEWS ASKED TO FORWARD AT ONCE HALF OF ANTICIPATED ISRAEL APPEAL FUNDS

TORONTO, March 14. (JTA) -- Canadian Jewry was called on today to immediately forward at least half of the quotas assumed in the 1949 United Israel Appeal in view of the grave emergency financial needs of the Jewish Agency for settlement and immigration programs.

An emergency week-end meeting attended by representatives of all Zionist parties and 20 major Jewish communities decided to urge all Canadian Jewish communities not to wait for completion of their U.I.A. drives, but to borrow a minimum of half of the anticipated funds and forward the monies to Appeal headquarters at once. The decision was approved following a report rendered by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, acting chairman of the American section of the Agency, and G. Hammer, its executive director, on the up-to-the-minute needs of the Jewish Agency.

CIVIC LEADERS URGE DEWEY TO SET UP GROUP TO INVESTIGATE DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- Governor Thomas E. Dewey was urged today by a group of civic leaders to create a state commission to investigate discriminatory practices in housing. Among the signatories to an open letter to the Governor were Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress.

A special committee will meet with Charles D. Breitler, counsel to Gov. Dewey, tomorrow to discuss formation of such a group. The committee includes John L. Freeman of the Committee, Shad Polier of the Congress, and Irving Salert, of the Jewish Labor Committee.

PROF. EINSTEIN MARKS BIRTHDAY BY ENTERTAINING GROUP OF DP CHILDREN; ENDORSES U.J.A.

PRINCETON, N.J., March 14. (JTA) -- Prof. Albert Einstein celebrated his 70th birthday here yesterday by playing host to a group of Jewish refugee children who are under the care of the United Service for New Americans. William Rosenwald, a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, accompanied the youngsters from New York to Dr. Einstein's home here.

One of the children who visited Prof. Einstein--Elizabeth Kerzek--is a cousin of the noted scientist. In a formal statement issued after the visit, Dr. Einstein endorsed the current U.J.A. campaign and declared that "these children visiting me are symbolic of the ideal of a revitalized Jewish people."

WORLD UNION OF JEWISH STUDENTS DECIDES TO ESTABLISH CAMP IN ISRAEL

PARIS, March 14. (JTA) -- The executive of the World Union of Jewish Students decided today to commemorate its 25th anniversary by establishing a work camp in Israel this summer. The plan calls for three weeks of work to set up the camp, to be followed by a week's tour of Israel. The project will be submitted for approval to the Israeli Government through Maurice Fischer, Israeli envoy to France.

JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY

PHILADELPHIA, March 14. (JTA) -- Judge Louis E. Levinthal, former advisor on Jewish affairs to the U.S. command in Europe, was elected president of the Jewish Publication Society of America at the organization's 60th annual meeting held here yesterday.

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