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ISRAELI AND TRANSJORDAN NEGOTIATORS ON RHODES AGREE ON ARMISTICE LINES FOR JERUSALEM

RHODES, March 16. (JTA) -- Israeli and Transjordan negotiators here today reached an agreement on the delineation of armistice lines in the Jerusalem area. At the same time, "considerable progress" was reported to have taken place during two long sessions today.

Problems concerning Jerusalem's daily life--such as access to the Holy Places and the roads to the Mt. Scopus area and to Bethlehem--were shelved for future deliberation and will probably be discussed by the local area commanders. Meanwhile, Col. Moshe Dayan, Israel's chief delegate, as well as Transjordan envoys, returned to their respective capitals today to consult with their governments.

It is expected that tomorrow's negotiating session will be devoted chiefly to the question of reducing the size of both the Israeli and Arab Legion forces on the armistice lines. Earlier, the Israelis--in an attempt to speed up the talks here--proposed that the armistice question be treated as a whole, while specific points of friction be omitted for future resolution.

Acting United Nations Palestine mediator Dr. Ralph J. Bunche today received from his observers in the Negev area reports on the situation there. According to these reports, 200 Israeli soldiers are now stationed at Um Reshresh, on the Gulf of Aqaba coast. The reports of the observers said that no clashes occurred between Israeli and Arab Legion units and that no Transjordan elements are now to be found west of the Transjordan frontier in that area. Jewish forces are proceeding northwards to Wadi Araba and are not being hindered by the Arab Legion, the U.N. officials added.

At the same time, Dr. Bunche received a complaint that the Jews have occupied Ein Geddi, on the east coast of the Dead Sea. This report is now being investigated, a spokesman for the mediator revealed.

BEVIN CONFERS WITH AMBASSADOR TO TRANSJORDAN; BRITISH FORCES AT AQABA REINFORCED

LONDON, March 16. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin was scheduled to confer with Sir Alec Kirkbride, British Ambassador to Transjordan, here this afternoon, it was learned.

Asked to comment on reports that King Abdullah of Transjordan was expected to visit London in the near future, a Foreign Office spokesman today replied that no arrangements had been made for such a visit.

British forces stationed at Aqaba have now reached full brigade strength, according to a report published today in the London Times. Newly-arrived reinforcements are already digging entrenchments and installing anti-aircraft and other weapons, the Times correspondent stated. Among the reinforcements landed at the port was a squad of tanks, he reported.

The correspondent declared that Transjordan is anxious that the British force assume responsibility for southern Transjordan. He also confirmed that a large part of the Israeli forces which occupied the Elath coast of the Gulf of Aqaba have been withdrawn and that the remaining garrison is expected to set up a settlement there.

SITUATION IN "ARAB TRIANGLE" SECTOR BECOMING INTOLERABLE, ISRAELI SPOKESMAN SAYS

TEL AVIV, March 16, (JTA) -- The situation in the Nablus-Jenin-Tulkarm "triangle" in central Palestine is becoming intolerable but Israel still hopes that the United Nations will be able to convince these responsible that the incursions of Arab troops into this sector must stop, a government spokesman said here today, adding that "Israel will not sit back with its arms folded."

Meanwhile, circles close to the government were reported today to be concerned over news of Arab Legion replacement of Iraqi troops who are apparently being withdrawn in the central sector. According to these sources, the Transjordanians plan to put their own troops in front-line positions and leave the Iraqis in positions at the rear.

It is also understood here that the Israeli Foreign Ministry has expressed concern at this troop shift, which it regards as a violation of the truce, since major troop movements are involved.

Meanwhile, a broadcast of the British-controlled Arab radio station on Cyprus today stated that "Arab forces on the central front in Palestine are being strongly reinforced and large-scale fighting is expected soon."

JERUSALEM MAYOR TELLS CONCILIATION COMMISSION JEWS WILL REJECT INTERNATIONALIZATION

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- The United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission's sub-committee on Jerusalem today heard Mayor Daniel Auster declare that "Jerusalem is indivisible" and "every foot of the city is dear and sacred to every Jew throughout the world." Addressing the sub-committee for two hours, Auster asserted that the Jews will never accept separation of the Old City from the new and insisted that the Jews will also reject all plans for internationalization of the Holy City.

The Jerusalem official declared that the city must be incorporated into Israel, with free access guaranteed to the Holy Places to members of all religious groups. When Hussein Yalchin, Turkish member of the Commission, noted that Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett had agreed to internationalization of the Old City, Auster retorted: "I was not present at the time, but Jerusalem's Jews will never accept this. It was they who defended the city against barbarous onslaught when the British-commanded Arab Legion besieged, shelled and starved Jerusalem and the whole world stood aside."

Haj Amin el Hussein, ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, in a cable addressed to the Commission, demanded that he be invited to the forthcoming meeting of Arab states in Beirut on an equal footing with all the Arab governments. The U.N. body replied, however, that it sees no reason to change its view expressed on March 3 when the Mufti was invited to appear before the Commission on the same basis as other non-governmental spokesmen.

CONGRESS PASSES BILL TO GIVE \$16,000,000 TO ARAB AND JEWISH REFUGEES IN PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, March 16. (JTA) -- The House of Representatives late today passed a bill to give \$16,000,000 to aid Arab and Jewish refugees in Palestine and the surrounding area. The measure has already been approved by the Senate.

An attack on the measure was made by Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi who objected to "pouring United States dollars down the ratholes of Europe, Asia and Israel." He was halted by House Majority Leader John McCormack who declared that he had "nothing but contempt for a person with a bad, low bigoted mind."

SHARET ARRIVES IN NEW YORK; SAYS MAJOR ISRAELI PROBLEM IS PEACE WITH NEIGHBORS

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- The major problem facing Israel now "is to achieve peace with her neighbors," Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharet declared today, immediately after landing at the Idlewild Airport here.

The Israeli Minister said that he had come to this country primarily to head his country's delegation to the U.N. General Assembly, but added that in response to an urgent call from Henry Morgenthau, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, he would participate in the national emergency conference in Washington this week-end which will open the U.S.A. \$250,000,000 drive.

Sharet expressed the hope that "the war is over although there are invasion armies still on Palestine soil. It is only with Egypt that we have a peace treaty making for relative stability," he said. He revealed that there has been no general mobilization of the Israeli army, only the release of certain categories of personnel.

The Israeli Minister said he thought that a world war was not imminent, but added that in the event of any East-West conflict "Israel will try to remain friendly with both" sides. Replying to a query as to whether Israel was considering joining the Atlantic Pact, he said: "This is not on our immediate agenda." Asked if Israel will seek to improve her relations with Britain, Sharet replied: "It is for England to improve her relations with Israel."

Lauding the U.S.A. for its role in speeding DP immigration, Sharet said that 160,000 immigrants had already arrived--"the equivalent of 35,000,000 in the United States." He added that Israel expects to double its population in four years and that it expects a great economic expansion in the immediate future.

GOVT. OF ADEN ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPENSATION TO POGROM VICTIMS, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, March 16. (JTA) -- The British Administration of the Protectorate of Aden has not accepted responsibility for the payment of compensation to the victims of last year's anti-Jewish riots in Aden, Lt. Col. David Rees-Williams, British Under-Secretary for Colonies, today told Commons.

The Protectorate's present policy of offering assistance through loans and grants is all that the administration will undertake, he added. Rees-Williams declared that financial assistance has been offered for the rebuilding of several schools, but that the Jewish Emergency Committee of Aden had not yet submitted plans or estimates of the costs involved. He also said that no special provisions had been made for the rebuilding and reequipping of synagogues destroyed in the pogrom.

U.N. GETS IRAQI, ARAB LEGION CHARGES AGAINST ISRAEL ON PALESTINE REFUGEE QUESTION

LAKE SUCCESS, March 16. (JTA) -- The Iraqi Government and Rahman Abdul Azzam Pasha, secretary of the Arab League, today filed protests with the United Nations alleging that Israeli forces are engaged in a new campaign to drive Arab refugees in Palestine across the border. Although both protests were filed as independent and separate communications both are similar in their allegations and timing.

In his note Azzam Pasha says that the "Zionists" have expelled some 479 refugees from regions where they had taken refuge and which have now come under Jewish control. The Iraqi note says one group of 17 Arabs and another one of 42 were expelled by machinegun fire in the Zabounah and Asra regions. It alleges 420 more were driven "to the Jenin area." Both parties said they have forwarded copies of their complaints to the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission, to acting mediator Ralph J. Bunche and to the International Red Cross.

MAJOR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS URGE U.S. GOVT. TO ACT ON EXECUTION OF IRAQI JEWS

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- Major American Jewish organizations today protested to the United States Government against the execution of seven Jews in Iraq on charges of aiding Zionism.

(In Tel Aviv, an official spokesman, commenting on the executions of the seven Jews in Bagdad, said that such actions will certainly be taken into account when a settlement with Iraq is reached. He added that Israel is very much concerned about the fate of Jews in Arab countries.)

In a wire addressed to Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, acting chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, said: "The executions can only be described as murders of a particularly atrocious kind and the trials a travesty of justice, international law and the laws of humanity. May I recall to you, Mr. Secretary, that on several recent occasions various Jewish organizations have called to the attention of your Department other examples of offenses against international law perpetrated by various Arab League states against peaceful citizens. These representations were made because the Government of the United States is founded on the principle of equal justice before law and has repeatedly and openly expressed itself as concerned with adherence to this principle wherever and whenever apparent violations of it occurred.

"This latest violation comes at a time when your government, in collaboration with the United Nations, is bending all efforts to achieve permanent peace in the Middle East. The inflammatory nature of the news carried by the Bagdad radio must be obvious. For the sake of both humanity and international peace, we urge the United States Government to use its good offices to see that justice prevails in Iraq and that political assassinations are not carried on in the guise of solemn legal judgments," the telegram said.

Zionist Emergency Council Urges U.S. to Prevent Similar Acts of Barbarism

The American Zionist Emergency Council, in a statement released here tonight, asked the United States whether it was "willing to treat a government engaged in such practices as a member of the community of civilized nations. Our appeal goes out to all men of good will to raise their voice in protest against this persecution, and to ask for the intervention of the government of the United States and of the United Nations to prevent similar acts of barbarism in the future."

Earlier, the Council, in a message to the State Department signed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman, voiced the hope that "energetic representations by the U.S. Government will succeed in saving human lives and in preventing similar outrages on the part of the Iraqi Government."

"The reported death sentence of seven more Iraqi Jews appears as a further step in a systematic campaign of destruction of the Jewish population in Iraq," Dr. Silver's wire said. The message also cited the execution of Shafiq Ades last year in which "the efforts of the U.S. Government proved unavailing."

Prompt intervention by the United States and the U.N. to save the lives of the seven Jews sentenced to death in Iraq for supporting Zionism was urged today by the American Jewish Committee. In a telegram to Acheson, Jacob Blaustein, A.J.C. president, called "for immediate intervention with the Iraq Government" to commute the death sentences. A cablegram from Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, honorary president of the Committee, to Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting U.N. mediator at Rhodes, declared that "vigorous action through your good offices would save these men."

In Washington, B'nai B'rith, in a protest to the State Department, signed by Frank Goldman, president, urged the U.S. Government to intercede in behalf of the 14 other Jews who are expected to be tried shortly by Iraq for supporting Zionism.

ISRAELI LEGATION IN BUCHAREST ANNOUNCES ARREST OF SEVEN ISRAELIS; SEEKS THEIR RELEASE

BUCHAREST, March 16. (JTA) -- "Seven Israeli citizens--members of the Hisdrut--who, in accordance with a practice of several years standing, were in this country as instructors of prospective chalutzim, were arrested in Bucharest some time ago," an announcement issued by the Israeli legation here today stated.

The announcement added that the Israeli legation here applied to the Rumanian Government for the release of the Israelis, but did not state what had been the results of this application. The detained Jews include six men and one woman, all of them members of collective settlements in Israel.

ISRAEL-BOUND SHANGHAI JEWISH REFUGEES ARRIVE AT ITALIAN PORT AFTER TRIP FROM NEW YORK

ROME, March 16. (JTA) -- A group of 447 Israel-bound Shanghai Jewish refugees arrived today at Naples. A group of 50 Tripolitanian Jews left here today by plane for Israel.

The Shanghai refugees were disembarked and quartered temporarily at the Bari camp, outside Naples. Two weeks ago they crossed the United States in a sealed train and were later placed aboard a ship in New York harbor.

AUSTRIAN GOVT. PLANS TO TURN FORMER NAZI DEATH CAMP INTO MONUMENT TO VICTIMS

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- A plan to change the former Nazi concentration camp at Mauthausen into a permanent monument to "honor the victims who died for a free, independent and democratic Austria," has been accepted by the Austrian Government, the New York Times reported today in a Vienna dispatch. The gas chambers, crematoria and special cells in which Jewish prisoners were tortured to death will be reserved; as will be five of the former 24 barracks, the report said.

CHIEF RABBI OFFICIATES AT BUDAPEST PURIM SERVICES; J.D.C. DIRECTOR ATTENDS

BUDAPEST, March 16. (JTA) -- Special Purim services were held here yesterday in the Central Synagogue by Chief Rabbi Joseph Katona. Taking cognizance of the presence of Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, in the congregation, Rabbi Katona paid tribute to the J.D.C. and its staff and to the generous assistance of American Jewry.

JEMS IN U.S OCCUPATION FORCES IN AUSTRIA JOIN DP'S IN CELEBRATING PURIM FESTIVAL

VIENNA, March 16. (JTA) -- Jewish members of the United States occupation forces in Austria joined with local Jewish residents and Jewish displaced persons here in celebrating Purim yesterday. Toys donated by children in America were distributed to DP children.

THOUSANDS OF ISRAELIS CELEBRATE FIRST PURIM IN JEWISH STATE; SYNAGOGUES CROWDED

TEL AVIV, March 16. (JTA) -- Thousands of Israelis yesterday celebrated the first Purim in the Jewish state. Synagogue services were attended by throngs of jubilant worshippers in all sections of the country. Public celebrations were also arranged in numerous halls. Contrary to established custom, Purim was observed in Jerusalem yesterday and not today.

OF-TOWN COLLEGES ACCEPT ONLY TWO-THIRDS OF JEWISH APPLICANTS, ADL SURVEY REPORTS

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- Out-of-town colleges and universities in the United States receive 11 percent of their applications from Jewish students and accept Jews seven percent of their places in freshman classes, a survey conducted by the Roper organization and financed by a grant from the Anti-Defamation League released today.

"The frequent charge made against the colleges that they discriminate against Jewish students seems to be proven, but only in part and perhaps not nearly to the extent which is frequently charged," the report said. While Jews "ultimately succeed in getting a chance at some kind of college education as often as Protestants," the report points out, they must try more colleges in order to do it.

The report declared that "Jews are a definitely disadvantaged group when it comes to getting into college, but the situation is complex, and cannot be described in the simple terms of general, across-the-board, discrimination. A much larger proportion of Jewish high school seniors apply to college than Protestants or Catholics, and the Jewish applicants are heavily concentrated in the geographic area of greatest over-all application pressure, the northeast, the survey said, adding that the end result is that the "college accepts not only a smaller absolute number of Jewish applicants than non-Jewish, but also a smaller proportion of Jewish applications than non-Jewish."

N.Y. State Supreme Court Justice Meter Steinbrink, chairman of the A.D.L., commenting on the report, said that it offered "conclusive proof of the need for a state university, bias-free and open to accredited high school graduates of New York State. The only effective counterforce to the private colleges which have systematically barred Jews and other minorities," he noted, "have been municipal and state colleges which do not discriminate."

LOHMAN URGES WIDENED CULTURE IN ISRAEL AT FUND FOR PALESTINIAN INSTITUTIONS DINNER

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- Asserting that he was making a plea for "culture, for high educational standards and for social welfare as essential ingredients of the new (Jewish) state without which it cannot absorb the many who are entering," former Governor Herbert H. Lohman, addressing the opening campaign dinner of the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions here tonight, warned that unless this were accomplished Israel "cannot make a harmonious entity out of its segmented peoples." The drive seeks \$2,318,000.

"While we continue to provide material assistance," he continued, "we must also help provide colleges, schools, vocational schools, training for the sea and air, child-training centers, mental hygiene, arts, music, language, education--the culture food that is needed to sustain healthy minds and spirits. Happily, the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions can supply a great amount of this vital cultural food," he added.

TRUMAN LETTER PLACED IN CORNERSTONE OF NEW JEWISH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL IN FLORIDA

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., March 16. (JTA) -- A letter of felicitations from President Truman was included today among the items placed in the cornerstone of the newly-consecrated "Temple Emanu-El Religious School and Todd Kaufmann Memorial Hall." Rabbi Marius Ransom of this city read the President's letter at dedication ceremonies for the new school. Catholic and Protestant church leaders also participated in consecration ceremonies for the school, which was established in memory of the late son of Benjamin Kaufmann, of this city.

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