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ISRAELI AND TRANSJORDAN DELEGATES AT RHODES GET FINAL DRAFT OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT

RHODES, March 29. (JTA) -- The final draft of the Israeli-Transjordan armistice pact was submitted today by acting United Nations Palestine mediator Ralph J. Bunche to both the Israeli and Transjordan negotiators at a joint meeting which lasted for nearly three hours.

Benven Shiloah and Col. Moshe Dayan of the Israeli legation, and Sidki Amiri, of the Transjordan deputation, returned this afternoon to their respective capitals to consult with their governments on a few outstanding points. Today's session also considered a memorandum, made available earlier by Bunche to the Jews and Arabs, dealing with the "various divergencies" still at issue and proposing possible solutions.

Both sides apparently are favorably inclined toward the mediator's proposals and it is expected that the formal signing of the armistice agreement is only a matter of a few days. According to one source, the chief unsettled question is still whether or not the Arab triangle in central Palestine is to be regarded as a separate front in the terms of the agreement. It was also understood here that the success of today's meeting was largely attributable to Shiloah's and Dayan's private negotiations with the Transjordan delegates.

Earlier, it was reported that the draft armistice pact provides that Aqaba as well as the entire western Negev along the international border remain Israeli territory and that Jewish forces in the sector will be equalized to the joint strength of the British and Transjordan forces. Israeli lines in the Hebron area, it was also reported, include Ein Gheddi and the potash plant in the southern Dead Sea region.

(A dispatch from Tel Aviv reported tonight that the armistice agreement with Transjordan may be signed immediately following the return of Shiloah and Dayan to Rhodes. At the same time, a government spokesman categorically denied that any meetings had been or will be held between Israeli leaders and King Abdullah of Transjordan.)

CEASE-FIRE BROKEN AGAIN ON CENTRAL PALESTINE FRONT; IRAQ SENTENCES 19 JEWS IN ABSENTIA

TEL AVIV, March 29. (JTA) -- The cease-fire in force on Palestine fronts was disrupted yesterday when the Israeli settlement of Maamit was subjected to sniping and mortar-fire from the Arab-held Nablus-Jenin-Tulkarm triangle in central Palestine. The area is held principally by Iraqis and irregulars under their command.

The Bagdad radio announced today that 19 Jews, belonging to five Iraqi Jewish families, had been tried in absentia by a military court and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and fines of \$8,000. All 19 were said to be in Israel.

Meanwhile, the Beirut radio, monitored here, declared that Turkey's recognition of Israel yesterday has "made a great impression in all Arab countries" since Turkey is the first Moslem country to extend recognition. The announcer added that recognition was granted "after it was clarified that there is no real danger of Israel becoming a Communist stronghold."

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ISRAELI GOVERNMENT'S RIGHT TO LIMIT IMMIGRATION AT THIS TIME CHALLENGED IN KNESSETH

TEL AVIV, March 29. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government's power at present to limit the right of Jews to enter Israel for any reason was challenged in the Knesseth today.

Eri Jabotinsky, Heruth deputy, challenged the government's authority at this time to bar Sidney Stanley, a Polish Jew residing in Britain who was recently named in a British Government investigation of alleged financial irregularities involving government employees. The challenge was turned down when the Knesseth moved to consider another point on the agenda.

The Knesseth tonight referred the government's veteran rehabilitation bill to the Knesseth labor committee for further study. Heruth deputies criticized the bill on the grounds that it provides assistance only to those who fought with the Israeli Army and not those who served in other groups.

Last night, the Knesseth refused to give the Communist Party representation on subcommittees for security or foreign affairs. The Communists' four seats in the Knesseth entitle them to membership on four subcommittees. The Communist deputies had earlier asked for representation on the foreign affairs and security bodies "in order to see that Israel's policy will not adapt itself to the infamous policy of Eastern Europe."

Barter agreements providing for the exchange of goods valued at about \$600,000 have been concluded by the Israeli Government with Switzerland, Denmark, South Africa and other countries, it was announced today. Israeli goods for export under these barter arrangements include chemical products and textiles.

The transfer of several Israeli Government offices from the official seat in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem is scheduled to begin Thursday, it was reported today. More than 1,000 government officials may be involved in the transfer, it was understood here.

A conference of representatives of the Fighters Party -- the former Sternist group -- concluded last night after adopting a resolution calling on all members of the organization to join the Histadrut. The parley also approved a resolution declaring that henceforth the party will be nationalist on political issues and socialist on internal questions.

U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION CONTINUES BEIRUT TALKS; MEETS WITH TOP LEBANON OFFICIALS

LAKE SUCCESS, March 29. (JTA) -- The United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, which is conducting fact-finding hearings in Beirut, today conferred with the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Lebanon as well as with representatives of Egypt, a dispatch from the Lebanese capital to United Nations headquarters here said.

The Commission will consult with other Arab delegates within the next few days, the dispatch reported, adding that in the course of these talks the Commission members are "exploring views of the Arab Governments on the most effective means of continuing these exchanges of views with all governments concerned."

(The New York Times, in a Tel Aviv dispatch, said that an Israeli Government committee has been working for more than a month on a formula for the resettlement of displaced Arabs in Israel and neighboring countries. The government is said to have a keen interest in solving the Arab refugee problem as soon as possible, the dispatch added.)

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BISHOP OF YORK, IN LORDS DEBATE, APPEALS TO ISRAEL TO ACCEPT ARAB REFUGEES

LONDON, March 29. (JTA) -- The Archbishop of York today appealed to the United Nations and the state of Israel not to keep the Palestine Arab refugees out of the country permanently. His appeal was voiced during a debate in the House of Lords on the Palestine refugee situation.

He asserted that it would be a "gross injustice" if the U.N. were to accept the position that people "driven away by terrorism should never be allowed to return." He added that it "would be breaking every law if the U.N. accepts the position that these refugees should be permanently expelled."

In his plea to the people of Israel, he said that they did not realize what the permanent barring of the Arab refugees would do not only to their reputations but also to their future security. Asserting that the Jewish state had been secured partly by the courage and enthusiasm of its adherents and partly by assistance from the United States and the Soviet Union, he warned that such help might not be available in the next 25 years -- while the Arabs were becoming organized and disciplined and would be filled with a desire for revenge on account of the refugees.

Speaking for the government, Lord Henderson said that it is understood that there are "plans afoot in the Arab states which might be expedited and expanded to contribute to the absorption of large numbers of refugees." He added that the government is ready to cooperate as far as possible to aid the Arabs and that it hoped that the "cry for help" would be heeded by other countries of the world.

Lord Samuel, first Palestine High Commissioner, announced that he is leaving for Israel in a few days to confer with Israeli authorities and indicate to them the House of Lords' concern over the plight of the Arab refugees.

TRUTH GOVT. LINER, FIRST TO SAIL FOR ISRAEL, BRINGS 500 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS TO HAIFA

ISTANBUL, March 29. (JTA) -- The Turkish government transport, the "S.S. Cumhuriyet," left here today with approximately 500 Jewish emigrants for the Israeli port of Haifa. It is the first state-owned vessel to make the direct run from Istanbul to Haifa.

Anticipation of increasing trade relations between Turkey and the state of Israel was voiced here today by Cemil Sait Barlas, Turkish Minister of Economy. Barlas stated that an Israeli trade delegation would be welcomed in Turkey and emphasized that "Turkey and Israel complement each other economically, since the former exports raw material and the latter industrial products which this country needs."

Commercial circles in Turkey are looking forward to increased exports for Israel. In addition to such supplies as eggs, nuts and olives, Turkey expects to export large shipments of wood for construction purposes, and fish. Hitherto, there have been no trade agreements between the two countries.

700 AUSTRIAN, SHANGHAI JEWISH REFUGEES SAIL FOR ISRAEL ABOARD ITALIAN LINER

ROME, March 29. (JTA) -- Approximately 700 Jewish refugees sailed for Israel aboard the liner Mare Liguria from the Italian port of Bari, it was reported here today. The passengers comprised 474 Jewish refugees from Austrian displaced persons camps and 218 Shanghai Jewish refugees.

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ALIFTS BAN ON POLISH JEWS OF MILITARY AGE PASSING THROUGH GERMANY TO ISRAEL

WARSAW, March 29. (JTA)--American military authorities in Germany, who to now have not allowed Polish Jews between the ages of 18 and 45 to proceed from Poland to Israel via Germany have revoked this policy and are granting transit visas to Israel-bound Polish Jews, it was reported here.

As a result of the A.M.G.'s earlier restrictions, Jews from Poland en route to the Jewish state were compelled to go to France via Switzerland and Austria by plane. In some cases, prospective immigrants were sent from Poland to Italy by the Israeli legation here. However, lifting of A.M.G.'s ban now makes it possible for Polish Jews to proceed directly to Marseilles, for transshipment to Israel, via the overland route.

ON CZECH JEWS PASS THROUGH VIENNA EN ROUTE TO ISRAEL; SOME HIT CZECH REGIME

VIENNA, March 29. (JTA)--A group of some 400 Israel-bound Czech Jews today passed through Vienna en route to Naples, whence they will sail for Israel.

Erwin Schulhof, a Socialist and former inmate of the Buchenwald concentration camp, speaking for a group of former Nazi victims among the immigrants, compared the present regime of Czechoslovakia with that of the Nazis and said that many former collaborators held official positions now. Most of the immigrants declared that the current wave of emigration of Israel-bound Jews was increasing anti-Semitism in Czechoslovakia. Emigrants, in all professions, have been dismissed from their jobs because they did not join the Communist Party, some of the immigrants said.

10 GERMAN CHARGED WITH GIVING NAZIS POISON GAS TO EXTERMINATE JEWS ACQUITTED

FRANKFURT, March 29. (JTA)--Two of three employees of the Degesch chemical-manufacturing firm charged with supplying the Gestapo with large quantities of Cylon-B poison gas for the extermination of at least 300,000 concentration camp inmates--most of them Jews--were acquitted here today. The third defendant, Dr. Gerhard Peters, former manager of the plant, was sentenced to five years imprisonment. The acquitted are Hans Ulrich Kaufmann and Karl Amend.

BRITISH GOVT. DECIDES TO BAN "OLIVER TWIST"; FEARS IT MAY HARM "CERTAIN CITIZENS"

ISTANBUL, March 29. (JTA)--The British movie, "Oliver Twist," which has been branded anti-Semitic and which was banned recently in the U.S. zones of Germany and Austria, will not be exhibited in Turkey, Dr. Lufti Kirdar, governor of Istanbul, today notified leaders of the local Jewish community.

The decision to ban the British film was made following a request by Salomon Adatto, member of the National Assembly, to Interior Minister Emin Erishirgil that the motion picture be viewed by a special commission prior to its showing. The commission said that the film was "apt to hurt a certain category of citizens" and on this basis recommended that it be banned.

ALL DISPLACED PERSONS IN ITALIAN I.R.O. CAMPS TO RECEIVE CRT VOCATIONAL TRAINING

ROME, March 29. (JTA)--All displaced persons, irrespective of race or nationality, residing in International Refugee Organization camps in Italy will henceforth be entitled to receive CRT vocational training, it was reported here. The decision follows an agreement reached between the I.R.O. and CRT. Courses to be offered include telegraphy, crossmaking, tractor operation, horticulture and weaving.

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ARGENTINE PRESIDENT TELLS JEWISH DELEGATION HE WILL BACK LAW TO PUNISH RACE BIAS

BUENOS AIRES, March 29. (JTA)--A Jewish delegation comprising 35 leaders headed by members of the pro-Peronist Jewish Organizacion Israelita Argentina filed a courtesy call on President Juan Peron today. The Argentine President told the deputation that a special law will be promulgated to punish advocates of racial discrimination.

"The problem, nevertheless, must be solved through understanding because drastic police measures will create 'heroes and victims,'" the President was quoted as saying. Chief Rabbi S. Schlesinger, a member of the delegation, pronounced a petition for Peron. The delegates then called on Mme. Eva Peron, who expressed her best wishes for the welfare of Israel.

PIONEER WOMEN RAISED \$600,000 FOR ISRAEL SINCE OCTOBER; MEMBERSHIP TOTALS 34,000

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA)--The Pioneer Women's Organization has raised \$600,000 for Israel since last October while its membership has increased by \$600 during the same period bringing the organization's total enrollment to 34,000, it was reported last night at the national board meeting of the Pioneer Women.

A report submitted by Dr. Sonia Kaminetsky, who just returned here from a tour of Latin America, revealed that an additional 2,500 women have become members of the organization in Argentina, Brazil and Chile. The meeting elected Mrs. Jacob Benfarb, of this city, chairman of the group's convention, which will be held the 11-15 in Philadelphia.

ZIONIST YOUTHS IN SINGAPORE MAY BE AMONG IMMIGRANTS WHO WILL REACH ISRAEL THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA)--Zionist youths from the small Jewish community in Singapore, British crown colony on the Malay peninsula, may be among the immigrants who are expected to arrive in Israel this year according to information reaching the World Jewish Congress here.

More than ten percent of the 1,000 Jews living in Singapore are now receiving training in Habonim centers there, the W.J.C. reported. Singapore has two synagogues, one of which was constructed by the community and the other by the late Mr. Manasseh Meyer, a wealthy Iraqi Jew who settled in the city. The Singapore community has appealed for aid to transfer some 50 Jews for permanent settlement in Israel, the Congress said, adding that it has forwarded this appeal to the Israeli Government.

20 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF EUROPE ARRIVE IN U.S.; AIDED BY HIAS, USNA

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA)--Over 250 Jewish refugee and DP immigrants from various countries of Europe arrived here aboard the vessels Marine Falcon and Schleski today. They were met by representatives of the United Service for New Americans and HIAS, both of which arranged the transportation of a number of the immigrants.

AMERICAN ZIONIST REGION ENDORSES CANDIDACY OF DANIEL FRISCH FOR PRESIDENCY OF Z.O.A.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 29. (JTA)--The candidacy of Daniel Frisch for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America was endorsed here at a meeting of the executive board of the Michigan Zionist Region. A resolution calling upon the forthcoming Z.O.A. convention to elect Frisch unanimously, which was approved at the meeting, declared that Frisch "is deserving of this call because of his vision and ability."

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AMERICAN ZIONISTS CALL FOR NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH STATEHOOD

MONTREAL, March 29. (JTA) -- The United Zionist Council of Canada, at a meeting here yesterday, decided to call upon all Jewish communities in Canada to arrange public meetings on May 4 in celebration of the first anniversary of the proclamation of the state of Israel, it was announced today by Sammel J. Zacks, president of the Council. (The Fifth of Iyar, the day on which the state was proclaimed according to the Jewish calendar, fell on May 14 last year and will occur on May 4 this year.)

ZIONIST GROUPS TO PROVIDE 150 ONE-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY AND WORK IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- Nearly 150 scholarships for a year's stay in Israel will be offered this year to American Zionist youth between the ages of 18 and 25, it was announced here today by the youth department of the Jewish Agency.

Sponsoring the scholarships are various Zionist organizations which will select candidates who are to be approved by a five-man national board of judges composed of leading Jewish educators. The Zionist Organization of America is offering 100 scholarships. The American Zionist Youth Commission--made up of Junior Hadassah, B'nai B'rith, IZFA, Young Judea, as well as Habonim, Hashomer Hatzair, Junior Mizrachi Women, Hechalutz Hadati--have joined the plan and will specify how many scholarships they propose to sponsor as soon as financial arrangements have been made.

Candidates will be judged on the basis of their leadership quality and their knowledge of Hebrew and Zionist and Jewish history, according to Youth Department spokesmen. The year in Israel, under the scholarship plan, will be divided equally between formal study and practical work in a settlement. Upon their return, they will be expected to spend a year in service with the organization which sponsored their scholarships.

P.E.C. OFFERS NEW ISSUE OF STOCK FOR SALE AS PART OF ISRAELI EXPANSION PROGRAM

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- The Palestine Economic Corporation today announced that yesterday it offered for sale \$1,383,700 in common stock at a price of \$112 per share. This action is part of the recently announced program of expansion of the P.E.C.'s various economic organizations in Israel.

For 1948 the corporation reported a net profit of \$297,814 and an increase in capital surplus and reserves from \$5,391,661 in 1947 to \$5,890,769. The corporation has paid 25 dividends of \$1 each since its establishment in 1926.

MICHAEL NISSELSON NAMED PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL JEWISH OCCUPATIONAL COUNCIL

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- Michael M. Nisselson was elected to the presidency of the national Jewish Occupational Council, it was announced here today by Herman A. Gray, chairman of the board.

A member of the Mayor's Committee on Unity and on the panel of arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association, Nisselson has served as treasurer of the J.O.C. since 1942. In assuming the presidency he fills a post left vacant by the death of Professor Morris Raphael Cohen two years ago. The J.O.C. is a national association of Jewish organizations concerned with the problems of unemployment, job placement and vocational guidance.

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