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ISRAELI-SYRIAN ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS OPEN ON FRONTIER UNDER UNITED NATIONS AUSPICES

ON THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI FRONTIER, April 5. (JTA) -- The armistice talks between Israel and Syria opened this afternoon.

The Israeli delegates, it was understood, were prepared to press for the Syrians' withdrawal from Mishmar Hayarden, on the frontier, and for the return of war prisoners. The Syrians will probably try to strengthen their position after the military coup d'etat last week, and seek to come to terms with the Israelis.

After each delegation had held preliminary consultations with United Nations representatives, their members joined for combined discussions in a "neutral" tent. Henri Vigier, chief civilian aide to Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, U.N. acting mediator, was elected chairman of the meeting.

The Israeli delegation was headed by Lt. Col. Mordecai, who was accompanied by the same Foreign Ministry and military aides as attended the armistice talks with the Lebanon. The Syrian mission was led by Col. Fawzi Selo, assisted by two officers and a legal aid.

When the Syrians presented their credentials, the Israelis objected that the Syrians' papers were signed by Brig. Husni Zain as chief of staff of the Syrian Army, and made the point that the talks were to be held on behalf of the two governments and not under military jurisdiction. The Israeli delegation argued that it was unprepared to express recognition of the new Damascus regime by virtue of its negotiations with the Syrian armistice negotiators.

The Syrians accepted this qualification and the Jewish delegates then agreed to open the talks. The Damascus representatives also promised to give Vigier a clear picture of the present Syrian Government and of the factors leading to the coup d'etat.

After preliminary discussions lasting two hours, the talks were adjourned until Friday, to be held on the same frontier site. Gen. William E. Riley, military aide to Dr. Bunche, and Vigier then returned to Damascus and were to leave later for Beirut to attend the sessions of the U.N. Conciliation Commission.

PALESTINE ARMISTICE PREVENTED GENERAL WAR IN MIDDLE EAST, OPENING SESSION OF U.N. TOLD

FLUSHING MEADOWS, April 5. (JTA) -- The Middle East would have been embroiled today in a general war if it were not for the successful handling by the U.N. of the Palestine problem, Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, president of the General Assembly, told the United Nations delegates today in his opening address at the Assembly session at which Israel is expected to be accepted as a full-fledged member of the organization.

Speaking before a fully packed Assembly hall and crowded public galleries, Evatt, who is Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, cited the armistice in Palestine as one of the major achievements of the United Nations. "In Palestine it (the U.N.) has pointed a way to a just and stable solution and averted war in this region," he stated. "In the absence of the United Nations a general war would have broken out."

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Evatt expressed regret at the death of Count Folke Bernadotte and emphasized that the work of the late mediator in Palestine had been ably continued by Dr. Ralph J. Bunche.

That the admission of Israel to U.N. membership at this session is considered a certainty was indicated by the fact that seating space was arranged at the Assembly between Iraq and Lebanon delegations for Israeli representatives who will take their place at the Assembly immediately after Israel's application for admission is favorably voted upon. The U.N. steering committee adjourned tonight without considering the Israeli application, but will meet again tomorrow morning.

In his opening address today Assembly president Evatt praised the achievements of the Paris part of the session in the field of human rights. "They resulted in the adoption, without dissent, of the great Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the Convention on Genocide," he said. "The New York meetings can take further constructive action towards securing genuine observance of human rights throughout the world."

IRANIAN RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL EXPECTED; CONCILIATION COMMISSION TO SEE BEN GURION

TEL AVIV, April 5. (JTA) -- The Iranian Consul-General in Jerusalem today called on Dr. Walter Eytan, director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, and it is expected here that recognition of Israel by Iran may be announced soon.

Earlier, Eytan replied to a protest received from the U.N. Conciliation Commission against Israel's decision to transfer several of its government departments from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. He denied that the move was in violation of the Dec. 11, 1948, U.N. resolution under whose provisions the Commission is operating. He also criticized the U.N. body for releasing its charges to the press prior to officially notifying the Israeli Government of its views.

Commission members are expected to return here from Beirut on Thursday when they will confer with Premier David Ben Gurion. (Acting U.N. Palestine mediator Ralph J. Bunche is expected to go to Beirut tomorrow before returning to the United States, it was reported from Rhodes.)

It is believed that the chief object of the Commission members' conference with Ben Gurion is to explore Israel's attitude towards a proposed general peace parley in some neutral place, presumably Geneva. (Reuters reported from Beirut today that all Arab states with the exception of Iraq notified the Conciliation Commission that they are willing to participate in a proposed "exchange of views" parley with Israel.)

Knesseth Approves Transjordan Pact; Votes Confidence in Government

The Israeli Knesseth late last night--by a 64-15 vote--defeated a motion of non-confidence in the government. The motion was supported only by the Herath and Fighters deputies. A subsequent motion introduced by the Mapam to cancel the Israeli-Transjordan armistice agreement was also defeated by a 68-19 vote.

Premier David Ben Gurion, following a heated debate, replied to opposition criticism by stating that if the Israeli Army wanted to, it could have conquered all of western Palestine. If that had happened, he added, the Jewish state would have had an Arab majority since most Palestine Arabs live in that sector.

JERMS LOOKING FORWARD TO NORMAL ANGLO-ISRAELI RELATIONS, ENVOY SAYS ON ARRIVAL IN LONDON

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- Israel is looking forward to the establishment of normal, friendly relations with Britain, Mordecai Eliaah, first Israeli Minister to London, said on his arrival here today to take up his duties.

Greeted at Hothrow airport by representatives of the British Foreign Office, members of the Israeli mission in London and prominent British Zionist leaders, Eliaah pledged himself, during a brief reception at the airport, to do all in his power toward achieving this.

The Israeli envoy paid tribute to Britain's traditional friendship toward small nations and said his country desired to live in peace with its neighbors and work with them on common regional tasks.

He pointed out that many problems of trade, finance and communications as well as other unsettled questions, left when Britain surrendered the Palestine mandate last May, required attention and expressed the hope that these issues could be discussed in London and Tel Aviv in a cooperative spirit. He promised that the British representative soon to arrive in Tel Aviv would receive a cordial welcome from the Government and people of Israel.

NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY FOR EXCHANGE OF TURKISH AND ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES

ISTANBUL, April 5. (JTA) -- Negotiations are under way for an exchange of diplomatic representatives between Israel and Turkey, which last week extended recognition to the Jewish state, it was learned here today. It is understood that the Turkish Government has indicated a willingness to send its representatives to Tel Aviv this month.

Meanwhile, the announcement of the extension of diplomatic status by the Turkish Government, which burst on an unsuspecting public, is being welcomed in all quarters here. Turkish political circles and the Turkish press have joined the Jewish community in hailing the move. The press greeted recognition as a step in the direction of strengthening relations between the two nations and as an aid to Turkey in the role on the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission. The Jewish community celebrated the occasion by holding special thanksgiving services in all synagogues last Saturday.

In response to queries in the press and elsewhere as to the reasons for the great migration of Turkish Jews to Israel, Henri Soriano, president of the Jewish community here, told newsmen that economic conditions were chiefly responsible for this mass movement. He pointed out that most of the emigrants were young men and women who desired to build a future for themselves in the new state.

ISRAELI AUTHORITIES ON LOCKOUT FOR ARRIVAL OF STANLEY; OFFICIALS INSPECT MT. SCOPUS AREA

TEL AVIV, April 5. (JTA) -- Israeli authorities were alerted today for the expected illegal arrival of Sidney Stanley, Polish Jew who was recently involved in an alleged financial scandal in British governmental circles. An American businessman named Stillman was detained this morning when he was mistakenly identified as Stanley, whom the Israeli Government has refused a visa and who is missing from England. He has been reported en route to Israel.

In Jerusalem, a joint Hebrew University-Hebrew University Hospital delegation paid a visit to the Mt. Scopus area for the first time since the strategic height was evacuated last year. They surveyed conditions preparatory to resumption of operations of both institutions.

EVIDENCE OF REVIVAL OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN PERU DISTURBING 3,000-MEMBER JEWISH COMMUNITY

LIMA, April 5. (JTA) -- Evidences of a revival of anti-Semitism in Peru since the establishment of the military dictatorship of Gen. Manuel Odría are causing much concern to this country's Jewish community of 3,000 souls.

The most disquieting symptom is the publication in the newspaper *Adelante*, (Forward) of openly anti-Jewish articles. *Adelante* is considered a quasi-official publication and is frequently described as a government mouthpiece. Following the outlawing of the Aprista Party and its publications, the proprietors of *Adelante* were permitted to appropriate the property of the Aprista daily, *La Tribuna*.

Since the establishment of the new regime, three issues have appeared of a new magazine, *El Temple*, which is violently anti-Jewish in character. Jewish leaders here have also protested to the Lima broadcasting station against anti-Jewish references in its programs.

While the anti-Jewish campaign here has not reached large proportions, the fact that anti-Jewish propaganda is now published in the press and carried on the radio is a disturbing factor. The government itself, it is known, has instructed its consuls abroad not to issue immigration visas to Jews who are to be regarded as "desirable." It can be stated on high authority that of the 2,072 displaced persons transported to Peru by the International Refugee Organization, not one was Jewish. These DP's were selected for immigration by a Peruvian selection commission in Italy.

ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLICATION IN ARGENTINA ATTACKS JEWS; REPEATS CHARGES OF DUAL LOYALTY

BUENOS AIRES, April 5. (JTA) -- The official publication of the pro-fascist and anti-Semitic organization, *Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista*, in its current issue, published an attack on Jews in this country, repeating its customary charge that Argentine Jews do not consider themselves "Argentines, but they wish to have all the rights of Argentine citizens."

The publication--*Alianza*--cites as an example of alleged Jewish dual loyalty the case of Israeli Foreign Ministry official Moises Toff who "did not renounce his Argentine citizenship." The paper also maintains that the presence of a Jewish Agency office in Buenos Aires "is a danger to Argentine sovereignty." *Alianza* also published a vicious caricature of Israeli President Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

ENCHAINED WHO DENOUNCED JEWISH RESISTANCE LEADERS TO NAZIS RECEIVES DEATH SENTENCE

PARIS, April 5. (JTA) -- Marcheret Deu, who in July, 1944, denounced leaders of the Jewish resistance organization "Combat" to the Gestapo, was sentenced to death today by a Seine court. Most of the Jewish resistance leaders were subsequently deported and executed.

Deu succeeded in winning the confidence of the resistance leaders by posing as a British intelligence agent. Two of the Jews--Rabbis L. Kapel and R. Lazarus--managed to escape from the train carrying them to death camps in Poland and later returned to France to denounce Deu to the French authorities.

I.R.O. GENERAL COUNCIL ALLOCATES \$9,000,000 TO PAY TRANSPORTATION OF DP'S TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 5. (JTA) -- A budget allocation of \$9,000,000 for the transportation of Jewish refugees to Israel was approved today by the general council of the International Refugee Organization (I.R.O.) at Geneva, it was learned here. Of the \$9,000,000, \$4,000,000 was previously voted by the Council. The Joint Distribution Committee and other Jewish organizations have been pressing for I.R.O. payment of travel costs for Jewish refugees bound for Israel.

TRUMAN TO RECEIVE ANNUAL A.D.L. DEMOCRACY AWARD TODAY IN WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY

WASHINGTON, April 5. (JTA) -- President Truman will receive the annual award of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith tomorrow morning in a ceremony at the White House. The award--America's Democratic Legacy medalion--is presented annually to persons who have made "distinguished contributions toward the enrichment of America's democratic legacy."

President Truman is the sole recipient of this year's award. The presentation will be made by N.Y. State Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink, A.D.L. chairman, and a delegation of A.D.L. officials.

S.S. HAIFA SAILS ON FIRST VOYAGE FOR ISRAEL; CARGO INCLUDES EQUIPMENT FOR NEW PLANTS

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Equipment for establishment of two factories was shipped to Israel aboard the S.S. Haifa, the Israel American Line's flagship, it was announced here by Gideon Strauss, Israeli Consul for Commercial Affairs in this city. The Haifa left Sunday on its first voyage to Israel.

One of the new factories to be established in the Jewish state is a pipe fitting plant which S.M. Melton, of Columbus, Ohio, is setting up, while the other will be a rayon-weaving factory which Jacob Epstein, of Paterson, N.J., is establishing. Also included in the Haifa cargo are textile machinery, bakery equipment, razor blade machinery and structural steel for prefabricated houses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REPORTS SLUMP IN ISRAELI DIAMOND INDUSTRY; SALES TO U.S. OFF

WASHINGTON, April 5. (JTA) -- A slump in the Israeli diamond industry, owing to falling sales in the United States, has been reported by the Office of International Trade, Department of Commerce.

The Department of Commerce said today that it has learned from the United States embassy at Tel Aviv that members of the Israeli diamond industry are reported making extensions of time for turning in dollars earned, or subsidies from their government.

8 JEWISH DISPLACED PERSONS ARRIVE IN BOSTON; IMMIGRANTS AIDED BY HIAS AND U.S.N.A.

BOSTON, April 5. (JTA) -- A total of 198 Jewish immigrants arrived here today aboard the S.S. Marine Flasher which brought 549 displaced persons to these shores for permanent resettlement. HIAS sponsored 115 of the DP's while 83 were aided by the United Service for New Americans. The S.S. General Black is due to arrive in New York tomorrow with a contingent of 204 Jewish refugees among a total of 826 DP passengers.

TRANSJORDAN PACT HERALDS REOPENING OF HADASSAH HOSPITAL IN JERUSALEM, PRESIDENT SAYS

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- The Israeli-Transjordan armistice agreement heralds the reopening of the Hadassah Hospital located on the hill outside Jerusalem," a statement issued today by Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, president of Hadassah, said today. Physicians, nurses and patients had been denied access to the Mt. Scopus hospital for more than a year, the statement added.

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

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- The executive council of the Brooklyn region of the Zionist Organization of America--largest Z.O.A. region in the country, with a membership of approximately 25,000--last night endorsed the candidacy of Daniel Frisch for the presidency of the Z.O.A. A vote of 59 to four was recorded in favor of Frisch's candidacy.

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