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U.N. OFFICIALS TO GO TO DAMASCUS TODAY TO PERSUADE SYRIANS TO EVACUATE DISPUTED HILL

TEL AVIV, April 10. (JTA) -- Acting U.N. mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche's top military and civilian aides, respectively--Brig. Gen. William Riley and Henri Vigier--were expected to leave here tomorrow for Syria to attempt to persuade the Syrians to evacuate the disputed hill "223" which they occupied last August in defiance of the U.N.'s truce resolution and from which they have not withdrawn despite a specific decision on the matter handed down by the United Nations.

Riley and Vigier conferred today with Dr. Walter Eytan, director-general of the Foreign Ministry, who emphasized the importance which the Tel Aviv government places on the carrying out of this U.N. decision. The U.N. officials--who raised the question of the height in Damascus yesterday--promised to ask the Syrians to reconsider the matter so that the Israeli-Syrian negotiation session scheduled to be held Tuesday take place without any delay.

(Reuters reported from Damascus yesterday that Col. Husni Zaim, Syrian army chief who seized power last week, warned Israel "to beware of the Syrian Army." The news agency quoted Zaim as stating the Syrians would not negotiate an armistice with the Jewish state "under threat of arms." Reuters quoted Zaim as declaring: "This is not the same Syrian Army as five months ago. If the Jews enter into battle with us, they will be very much surprised. If they don't believe this, let them try to disprove it.")

PLAN FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM BEING DRAFTED BY U.N. CONCILIATION BODY

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem committee of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine is now drafting a plan for internationalization of the Holy City which will probably be ready for submission to the Commission-sponsored "exchange of views" parley between Arabs and Jews somewhere in Switzerland, Commission spokesman Hamilton Fisher said at a press conference today.

Fisher emphasized that the proposed meeting--to whose invitation the Israeli Government will reply Tuesday--will not be a roundtable or peace conference. He pointed out that all the Arab states with the exception of Iraq agreed in principle to participate in the parley. Iraq, he said, explained she saw no point in attending any meeting so long as the Palestine Arab refugee question remained unsettled.

Meanwhile, the first meeting of the joint Israeli-Transjordan armistice commission set up under the terms of the recently-concluded armistice agreement was held here today. The Israeli delegation to the commission includes Col. Moshe Dayan while Lt. Col. Sidki Jundi represents the Amman government. Procedural matters were taken up at today's session. The next meeting was set for April 18.

It was reported here during the week-end that Arab inhabitants of the towns of Qalqilya and Fulkarm in the Arab triangle area awarded to King Abdullah are leaving because they fear being too close to the Israeli armed forces. The Transjordan authorities have warned the inhabitants of these towns that they will not be given any food or assistance if they leave their homes.

5,794 IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL DURING WEEK-END, INCLUDING NEARLY 4,000 FROM BALKANS

HAIFA, April 10. (JTA) -- A total of 5,794 Jewish immigrants arrived in Israel yesterday and today. Four hundred of the new arrivals landed here this morning from North Africa while 469--most of them from Greece--reached the Jewish state yesterday aboard the S.S. Tampa. The largest contingent came aboard the S.S. Bulgaria which brought 3,850 Jews from Bulgaria and Rumania. Over 1,000 immigrants from western Europe landed in Israel yesterday aboard two vessels.

Meanwhile, 1,000,000 gift food parcels, as well as machinery and an ambulance, arrived here yesterday aboard the S.S. Isle Patmos. The cargo, collected by the B'nai B'rith Grand Lodge in the U.S. for distribution among Israeli war veterans, was accepted by the Haifa district of B'nai B'rith.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE APPRECIATES ISRAEL'S NEEDS, BLAUSTEIN DECLARES IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, April 10. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee appreciates Israel's needs which must be met to enable her to carry out the tasks of rehabilitation and absorption of new immigrants, Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee and spokesman for an A.J.C. delegation now visiting Israel at the invitation of Premier David Ben Gurion, said today at a press conference.

The A.J.C. will do everything possible to aid the United Jewish Appeal campaign and to assist in the investment of private capital in Israel, Blaustein added. The Committee deputation earlier visited several immigrant reception centers and members of the delegation reported that they were very favorably impressed with Israel's achievements in this field, adding that large-scale housing programs were the Jewish state's primary need.

Blaustein and other members of the Committee delegation yesterday met with Ben Gurion, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan and Immigration Minister Moshe Shapira and discussed the current needs of the Jewish state.

Harry Greenstein, advisor on Jewish affairs to Gen. Lucius D. Clay, military governor of the U.S. zone of Germany, and to Lt. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, American commander in Austria, arrived in Israel yesterday "to meet the Israeli officials concerned and review with them as well as to see at first hand the extent to which Israel is absorbing and can absorb the Jews who want to come here."

Only 50,000 displaced Jews remained in Germany and Austria as of April 1, Blaustein said. Greenstein voiced the hope that the Jewish DP camps would be emptied by December, except for 5,000 physically disabled persons concerning whom negotiations are in progress with the International Refugee Organization.

(Reuters reported from Tel Aviv today that Israeli military police wearing gas masks threw gas bombs to drive out more than 100 former policemen from the headquarters of the Criminal Investigation Department. The policemen--who were dismissed during a recent inquiry of Israeli Government officials who served during the British Mandate period--were staging a sitdown strike in protest against their firings.)

ANNIVERSARY OF PROCLAMATION OF ISRAEL COMPARABLE TO L'AG B'OMER, CHIEF RABBINATE ORDERS

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA) -- The Israeli Chief Rabbinate today ordered that the anniversary of the proclamation of Israeli statehood--which falls on the 5th day of Iyar--be considered henceforth comparable to the festival of L'ag B'omer. Wedding ceremonies, which are not permissible during the seven-week period between Passover and Shavuoth except on L'ag B'omer, may now be performed on the anniversary of Israel's proclamation of statehood, the rabbinate's order said.

ISRAELI MISSION IN MOSCOW HOLDS RECEPTION FOR MRS. MYERSON; STALIN PRIZES AWARDED TO JEWS

MOSCOW, April 10. (JTA) -- The Israeli mission here last night gave a reception to Moscow's diplomatic colony in honor of Mrs. Golda Myerson, retiring Israeli Minister to the Soviet Union who is scheduled to return soon to Tel Aviv to take up her duties as Minister of Labor in the new Israeli Cabinet.

Among the 200 guests who attended the reception in the mission's new headquarters were Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Fedor Gusev, Gen. Saayev, liaison officer of the Soviet armed forces and Soviet Foreign Ministry officials in charge of Near East affairs. Foy D. Kohler, U.S. charge d'affaires here, also attended. The British Embassy was not represented although London's Ambassador and his staff had been invited.

The winners of the annual Stalin prizes for outstanding work last year in science and in the arts include a number of Jews, it was reported here today. Among these are Prof. G.A. Grinberg and Prof. Leonid V. Kantarovich, each of whom received 100,000-ruble awards.

A prize of 100,000 rubles was also conferred on a group headed by Abram Roca for creation of the film, "Court of Honor." This group includes A.P. Stein, screenwriter, and A.V. Halperin, cameraman. Other Jewish recipients of the Stalin prizes this year are Samuel Marshak, poet; Edward Tise, movie photographer; two film directors named Katsman and Reisman; Mark Reizen, opera singer; M.A. Minkus, architect; and four inventors--Lev Zakheim, Samuel Zilberglit, Isaac Faibisovich and Iosif Addlander.

ADEN TO HELP YEMENITE REFUGEES TO GO TO ISRAEL, BRODETSKY ANNOUNCES IN LONDON

LONDON, April 10. (JTA) -- Aden will help Jewish refugees from Yemen to proceed to Israel, provided adequate assistance is forthcoming from Jewish organizations, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, announced today at a board meeting. He based his announcement on a communication received from the Colonial Office.

Brodetsky reported that the situation of the Jews in Yemen continued to be "very unsatisfactory." He also voiced disappointment over the government's refusal to compensate the victims of last year's Aden riots.

A report submitted to the Board by its defense committee revealed that Fascist-sponsored meetings in Britain are now poorly attended. In an election last week of the Kensington County Council, it was noted, two Fascist candidates drew a total of 600 votes as compared with the 21,000 cast for winning Conservative candidates.

SPANISH EMBASSY IN U.S. PUBLISHES PAMPHLET REVIEWING AID EXTENDED TO SEPHARDIC JEWS

WASHINGTON, April 10. (JTA) -- The Spanish Embassy here has published a pamphlet designed to prove that Gen. Francisco Franco's regime treats the Jews of Spain well, it was learned here today. Entitled, "Spain and the Sephardic Jews," the brochure emphasizes that the expulsion of Spain's Jews during the 15th century was for religious and not for racial reasons.

Since the period of the Spanish Inquisition, the Embassy leaflet declared, the Spanish Government has from time to time intervened in behalf of Sephardic Jews living outside Spanish territory. Until Franco assumed control of Spain in 1939, the pamphlet noted, "Spain's protection of the Sephardic Jews was more potential than actual." Sephardic Jews living in Vichy France were offered protection by Spanish consuls in France, the leaflet stated, recalling that in 1942 the Madrid consul-general in Paris reported that he "had been able to get the Sephardi exempted from the expulsion to wear the Star of David."

81,149 IMMIGRANTS ENTERED ISRAEL IN FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1949, MORGENTHAU REPORTS

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- A total of 81,149 Jewish immigrants entered Israel in the first three months of 1949, it was announced during the week-end by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal in conjunction with a Passover message in which he described the current influx of immigrants into the Jewish state as "a stirring re-enactment" of the ancient Exodus from Egypt.

Morgenthau said that cabled reports received from the headquarters of the Jewish Agency in Israel disclose that the population of the reception centers in Israel for new immigrants had reached 44,620 as of April 2 and was still rising. The reports said that the capacity of the 25 existing transit camps has been exhausted and ten more "tent cities" are being established to house the overflow of those arriving during April and May.

Revealing that 31,944 immigrants had been received in the Jewish state during March, Morgenthau said that immigration was running well ahead of the anticipated 25,000 per month, creating a critical financial situation for the Palestine agencies of the United Jewish Appeal. "More than 40,000 new immigrants in Israel are at this moment living in crowded reception centers," Morgenthau pointed out. "Many thousands of them are living in tents. They are living under the open sky because of the lack of funds to provide them with decent housing."

U.P.A. Spent Over \$165,000,000 in 1948, Judge Rothenberg Reveals

United Palestine Appeal agencies expended more than \$165,000,000 in 1948 for an over-all program of immigration, rehabilitation and resettlement, Judge Morris Rothenberg, U.P.A. acting national chairman, announced in a Passover statement. Judge Rothenberg also disclosed that one of the U.P.A.'s constituent bodies--the Jewish Agency for Palestine--was currently operating at a deficit of \$1,000,000 a week, due to the vast influx of newcomers to Israel.

The funds spent in 1948, Judge Rothenberg said, made possible the reception and initiation of resettlement for 133,000 Jews who entered Israel last year. As part of the program of absorbing new immigrants in a productive framework, more than 75 settlements were founded throughout the country while approximately 100,000 dunams of land were acquired, he added.

SOS COLLECTED OVER 26,300 POUNDS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES DURING PAST THREE YEARS

NEW YORK, April 10, (JTA) -- More than 26,300,000 pounds of relief-in-kind gifts were collected for Europe's needy Jews during the past three years in SOS drives in more than 1,000 American communities, it was disclosed in a special report released today by Mrs. Isaac Gilman and Albert M. Kahn, national co-chairmen of the SOS (Supplies for Overseas Survivors) Collection of the Joint Distribution Committee.

The report reviews SOS operations from January 1, 1946 to March 31, 1949, and was prepared for a special meeting to be held April 12 under the auspices of the officers and executive committee of the J.D.C. More than 14,000,000 pounds of food and 11,000,000 pounds of clothing were collected by SOS volunteers during the past 39 months, the report noted. Gifts from more than 1,050 American communities included 75,000 complete layettes, 1,000,000 vitamin and drug capsules, \$100,000 worth of dental supplies, more than 170,000 toys, tens of thousands of religious articles and books, as well as numerous comfort items and other supplies.

HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE DRAFTS COMPROMISE AMENDMENT TO DP LAW; PROVIDES ADMISSION FOR 400,000

WASHINGTON, April 10. (JTA) -- A House Judiciary subcommittee has tentatively agreed on a compromise amendment to the Displaced Persons Act which would permit 300,000 DP's to enter the United States and which would also grant the President the right to admit an additional 100,000 refugee immigrants, it was reported here over the week-end.

Sources close to the subcommittee voiced the belief that the compromise proposal would be acceptable to the Administration which earlier had asked for authority to admit 400,000 displaced persons to the U.S. and for extension of the present DP immigration law from two to four years.

OVER 2,500 N.Y. CITY COLLEGE STUDENTS VOTE TO STRIKE AGAINST TEACHERS CHARGED WITH BIAS

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- More than 2,500 students at City College here were expected to strike tomorrow in protest against two faculty members whom they charge with practicing discrimination. The decision to conduct a protest strike was taken at a week-end meeting. The two teachers are Prof. William Knickerbocker, chairman of the Romance Languages Department, and William Davis, an economics instructor. Leaders of the protest said they would throw a picket line around the college until action was taken on their demand that Knickerbocker and Davis be suspended.

TWO-DAY PARLEY ON MIDDLE EAST OPENS TODAY AT DROPSIE; JEWS AND CHRISTIANS PARTICIPATE

PHILADELPHIA, April 10. (JTA) -- A two-day "Conference on Modern Middle East Studies" will be held at the Dropsie College tomorrow and Tuesday, by Dropsie's newly-established Institute for Israel and the Middle East, it was announced by Dr. Abraham A. Newman, president. Participants will include both Christian and Jewish authorities in this field.

Speakers at the opening session, at which Dr. Newman will preside, are Harvey P. Hall, editor of the Middle East Journal, Dr. Cyrus H. Gordon, professor of Assyriology and Egyptology at The Dropsie College, and Prof. Edwin Samuel, visiting professor of Middle East Government and Administration at Dropsie.

EDWARD NORMAN, HEAD OF U.S. FUND FOR PALESTINIAN INSTITUTIONS, LEAVES FOR ISRAELI SURVEY

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- Edward A. Norman, president of the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions, flew to Israel yesterday to survey the activities of the 99 cultural, educational, social welfare and religious institutions in Israel benefiting from the Fund's 1949 campaign for \$2,318,000. Norman will also consult with leaders of the Jewish Agency and the Government of Israel on the development of intercultural relations between the United States and Israel.

FRANK MARSHALL NAMED HEAD OF MIDWEST REGION OF U.S. JEWISH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

NEW YORK, APRIL 10. (JTA) -- Frank G. Marshall, president of the Board of Jewish Education of Chicago, has been named president of the newly-formed Midwestern States Region of the American Association for Jewish Education, it was announced today by Michael A. Stavitsky, president of the Association. The states included in the new region are Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin, South Dakota, North Dakota and Nebraska.

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