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## ISRAELI CABINET MAPS PLANS FOR LAUSANNE CONFERENCE; HEARS REPORT ON RUSSIA

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett arrived in Tel Aviv today from the United States. At the same time, Mrs. Golda Myerson, retiring Israeli Minister to Moscow, returned to take up her post as Minister of Labor.

Both proceeded immediately to a meeting of the Cabinet to discuss the position the Israeli delegation will take at the Lausanne Conference to be held under United Nations Conciliation Commission auspices next week. Mrs. Myerson was also to report on a talk which she had with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei V. Vishinsky before her departure from Moscow.

The Soviet Minister to Tel Aviv, Pavel Yershov, left Israel for Moscow today for a "leave," according to an announcement by the Soviet legation. Feodor Machin, counsellor of the legation, will serve as charge d'affaires during his absence.

## Israelis and Syrians Agree on Agenda for Armistice Talks

An agreement on the agenda of the Israeli-Syrian armistice negotiations was reached today at a three-hour meeting on the Israeli-Syrian border of the delegations of both nations and representatives of the U.N. It was also decided to hold the next joint session Tuesday.

Following the meeting, Lt. Col. Mordecai Makloff, head of the Israeli deputation, told newsmen that Israel had today presented its proposals for the armistice. The Jews, he said, demanded that both sides withdraw to the former international border between Palestine and Syria. The Syrians have thus far refused to agree on this point, Makloff reported, and are consulting Damascus.

Contrary to expectations, Hill 223, a disputed height in Israeli territory which the Syrians seized months ago and from which they have since promised to withdraw, is still in the hands of the Arabs. Today, they asked for another 48-hour extension, to which the Israeli delegation agreed, and it is now expected that the hill positions will be evacuated by Saturday.

## THE ISRAELI SOLDIERS, SIX CIVILIANS KILLED BY ARABS; GOVERNMENT TAKES GRAVE VIEW

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA) -- Nine Israeli soldiers, members of an Army patrol, were killed in an Arab ambush in the Beit Jibrin area last night, an official communique revealed today. The attack was the second within 24 hours made on Israelis from territory controlled by Transjordan.

An earlier communique disclosed that a number of other members of the party were wounded. Israeli troop units have been scouring the area since shortly after the clash. A government spokesman last night declared that an extremely grave view is being taken of the situation.

The Beirut radio, monitored here, today called the first attack a "serious threat to the peace" and called on King Abdullah of Transjordan to ensure a more careful watch of the borders of the territory controlled by his troops. The first attack left six Jewish civilians, members of a hiking party, dead, and five others wounded. The survivors described their assailants as Bedouins.

WEIZMANN MEETS WITH U.N. ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT; ISRAELIS DENY JERUSALEM CONCESSIONS

LAKE SUCCESS, April 21. (JTA) -- Israeli circles today categorically denied that any vital concessions on Jerusalem were made in a conversation which took place yesterday between Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, and Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, President of the U.N. General Assembly. The meeting was held in Dr. Weizmann's suite at the Waldorf Astoria.

A number of questions concerning the relationship between the Jewish state and the United Nations, including the admission of Israel to U.N. membership, were discussed, Dr. Evatt revealed. However, Israeli circles here today emphasized that the policy of the Israeli mission at the U.N. is to let the membership bid take its course in the Political Committee, where it will come up for discussion within a few days.

Meanwhile, the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission, in its second progress report to the U.N. Security Council made public yesterday, revealed that Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion had told the three-member Commission that his country would not accept the internationalization of Jerusalem. But, the Commission report stated, Ben Gurion also said that Israel accepted without reservation international control of the Holy Places in the city. The Arabs, the report disclosed, have agreed to an international regime for Jerusalem if the U.N. guaranteed its stability and permanence.

Following his meeting with Dr. Weizmann, Dr. Evatt told the press that "there is a strong feeling among the delegations that the admission of Israel should be effectuated at the present session instead of being put off until September." He added that "this is bound up with anxiety" expressed by some delegations over previous decisions of the Assembly dealing with Jerusalem and the Holy Places in Palestine.

"Foreign Minister Sharett's statement seems to indicate that Israel will act in accordance with the principles of the U.N. decision and I confirmed that belief as a result of a meeting I had with the President of Israel," Dr. Evatt continued. "It has to be remembered that the Security Council has recommended the admission of Israel and such decisions have been so few and far between that they are bound to have a powerful influence in the Assembly, apart from all other considerations. As far as Australia is concerned, my government believes Israel has come to stay and will loyally carry out U.N. decisions and be a powerful force for peace and justice in the U.N."

TRUMAN WILL MEET WITH WEIZMANN MONDAY; ISRAELI PRESIDENT TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON SUNDAY

WASHINGTON, April 21. (JTA) -- President Truman will meet with Israeli President Dr. Chaim Weizmann in Washington Monday, a White House spokesman announced yesterday. Dr. Weizmann is expected to arrive in Washington late Sunday.

Acting U.N. mediator for Palestine Ralph J. Bunche arrived here yesterday. He is expected to make a personal report on the Middle East situation to President Truman within the next few days. It is also believed that he will call on Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK DELEGATION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; DISCUSSES \$100,000,000 LOAN

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA) -- A three-man delegation representing the U.S. Export-Import Bank has arrived in Tel Aviv for discussions with the Israeli Government dealing with the recently-granted \$100,000,000 loan. They had been invited to come here during the stay in the United States a few weeks ago of Israeli Finance Minister Kliezler Kaplan.

PALESTINE ARABS SEEK DIRECT CONTACT WITH ISRAELI GOVERNMENT; IGNORE KING ABDULLAH

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- Reports here tonight stated that Arabs in the "triangle area," or central front, had approached members of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, asking them to make direct contact on their behalf with the Israeli Government.

The Arabs in that area, which is occupied by Iraqi troops, were represented as wanting to discuss with Israel final armistice lines there as well as future plans covering villages which are to fall under Israeli jurisdiction. They were also said to have requested the contact with the Tel Aviv Government without first applying to King Abdullah of Transjordan, whose troops will soon take over control of the central front.

FIRST MEETING OF SPECIAL ISRAELI-TRANSJORDAN COMMISSION FOR JERUSALEM AREA HELD

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- The first meeting of the special joint Jewish-Arab commission set up under the terms of the Israeli-Transjordan pact to deal with the problem of the Jerusalem area was held here yesterday. The next session is scheduled for Saturday. No United Nations representatives are members of this body.

The Jews proposed that they be given free access to the Mt. of Olives, Mt. Scopus, the Dead Sea, and use of the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road through Arab-held positions in the Latrun area. Other points on the agenda included an Arab request for access to Bethlehem via the Nablus Gate of the Old City and the provision of electric power to the Old City. The Arabs refused to deal with the problem of Jerusalem as a whole until after consultation among the Arab states at the Lausanne conference, which opens next Tuesday.

At the parley, held in a partially-destroyed building in no-man's land, Israel was represented by Lt. Col. Moshe Dayan, commander of Israeli troops in Jerusalem, and Abraham Borgman, while Transjordan was represented by Lt. Col. Mohammed Muweita and Had Bey Muflach, of the Amman Foreign Ministry.

BRITISH TREASURY INFORMS ISRAEL IT IS READY TO DISCUSS FROZEN STERLING BALANCES

LONDON, April 21. (JTA) -- The British Treasury has informed the Israeli Government that it is now ready to open talks on Israel's frozen sterling balances and trade matters. The Treasury has proposed April 28 as a convenient date for opening these talks and, it was learned, a British delegation consisting of officials from the Treasury, the Bank of England and the Board of Trade has been appointed.

The Treasury has won its battle against the Foreign Office, which will not be represented at the negotiations. Only matters directly and immediately affecting trade and finance will be discussed. The Treasury's view is that if Israel is prepared for a settlement, the talks should not take longer than one week, certainly not more than two.

The British Government is preparing plans for the resettlement of Arabs who fled from Palestine during the fighting there and will ask Parliament to authorize a \$4,000,000 loan to Transjordan to finance resettlement projects, the diplomatic correspondent of the Yorkshire Post reported today. Under this plan, the correspondent said, the United States would be expected to make a similar loan to another Arab state.

JEWS AND NON-JEWS MOURN WISE'S DEATH; FUNERAL TODAY; TRUMAN SENDS REPRESENTATIVE

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- President Truman will send a personal representative to attend the funeral services for Rabbi Stephen S. Wise which will take place tomorrow at Carnegie Hall. Interment will be private in the family plot at the Westchester Hills Cemetery of the Free Synagogue in Hastings, N.Y., it was announced today by Dr. Wise's family.

The family continued to receive messages of condolence from persons and organizations throughout the world. President Truman's message to the family read: "A valiant fighter in the cause of righteousness and good will among men is lost through the death of your distinguished father. To you and to all who mourn with you I offer this assurance of deepest sympathy."

The New York Police Department will provide an escort for the cortege from Carnegie Hall to the city line, where state troopers will escort the funeral procession to the cemetery. Thousands of persons yesterday and today filled the Free Synagogue auditorium where Dr. Wise lay in state. Beneath Dr. Wise's head is a satchel of earth from Israel. In accordance with a wish expressed by Dr. Wise shortly before his death, the music at the funeral service will include "El Mole Rachamin," the traditional prayer of mourning.

Israeli Government and Jewish Agency Join in Grief

Among the messages of sympathy received by Dr. Wise's family was one from a spokesman for the Israeli Government in Tel Aviv who said: "We are very sad to learn of the death of this great and good man and outstanding Zionist. We regret most extremely that his failing health prevented his planned visit to Israel to see the fulfillment of his dream."

The American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine issued a statement declaring: "With the passing of Dr. Wise, a great American and a great Jew, the Jewish people have lost a beloved leader and the Zionist movement an outstanding statesman. In the last half century, the impact of his great personality was felt by all aspects of Jewish life. He will remain forgotten by the Jewish people as one of their great sons in an historic period when great leadership was needed."

A statement issued by the American Jewish Congress on the passing of Dr. Wise, who was president of the organization, emphasized that the late Jewish leader was a noble and a fearless fighter for "every worthwhile ideal--extension and enrichment of the democratic system; world peace and justice; freedom for the Jewish people in the Jewish homeland; ending of persecution and discrimination; elimination of corruption in government and civic affairs; and the expansion of knowledge."

Condolence Messages Reach Family from Many Lands

Messages of condolence were issued today by the Jewish National Fund, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, United Jewish Appeal, B'nai B'rith, American Friends of the Hebrew University, American CRT Federation, United Palestine Appeal, Keren Hayesod, Jewish Institute of Religion, National Jewish Welfare Board, American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, National Community Relations Advisory Council, Jewish War Veterans and numerous other Jewish organizations.

Messages expressing grief over Dr. Wise's death were also issued by non-Jewish organizations and personalities including Bishop G. Bronley Oxnam, Governor Thomas E.

Dewey of New York, the Japanese-American Citizens League and many members of Congress.

Messages of condolence were also received from the United Zionist Council of Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress, World Federation of Polish Jews, DAIA--central representative body of Argentine Jewry, B'nai B'rith in Cuba, Jewish Cultural Center of Panama, European executive of the World Jewish Congress, and from many other Jewish organizations in all parts of the world.

#### LEADING AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS PAY TRIBUTE TO DR. WISE; LAUD HIS SERVICE TO HUMANITY

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- Major American newspapers throughout the country published editorial tributes today and yesterday to Dr. Stephen S. Wise, who died on Tuesday at the age of 75. The Yiddish press stressed in editorials that the death of Dr. Wise is a great loss not only to Jews but to all humanity.

The New York Times editorial said that Dr. Wise "was an intense, eloquent and even belligerent crusader for what he believed in. One of his sources of power was that he did not weigh too cautiously the consequences of a given line of action but proceeded on the basis of principle as he saw it," the editorial said.

The New York Herald-Tribune described Dr. Wise as "a natural crusader, whose voice was never silent when there was a liberty in danger or a human cause to be served. On his last birthday, Dr. Wise referred happily to the establishment of Israel as a nation for he had been a leader in the Zionist cause since 1897. One rejoices that he was able to see that great victory won," the paper added.

In an editorial entitled, "A Prince Has Fallen in Israel," the New York Sun declared that Dr. Wise was "one of those intense, indefatigable idealists who, regardless of their calling, are bound to influence the life of the community. He was a pioneer in the Zionist cause. In this fight his vigor and his eloquence proved of lasting value," the Sun said.

The New York World-Telegram asserted that "this city has had few more dynamic figures in its religious and civic life than Dr. Stephen S. Wise. He was a born crusader. He had the very look, manner and speech of a crusader. One of the early pioneers in the birth of the Zionist movement, Dr. Wise rejoiced in the new state of Israel and left no stone unturned to secure its recognition by the United States."

The New York Post Home News said: "The death of Stephen S. Wise leaves a gap in American life. His battles for humanitarianism were not confined to the pulpit. He fought prejudice and bigotry and corruption everywhere. Political reform and religious ardor marched together in his long career. Happily, he lived to see the climax of the struggle in the birth of the state of Israel. The world mourns a leader and a warrior."

The New York Journal-American declared: "Dr. Stephen S. Wise had been for so long a dynamic force in the life of our city that his death brings to all of us, Jew and Christian alike, a sense of loss. He was a fearless man and caution was not in him. Many distinguished Jews differed with him in his views, but none questioned his honesty. His most deeply satisfying sense of fulfillment, he told friends as his life was running to its close, was that he was granted the time to see the establishment of the state of Israel as his people's homeland. It is regrettable that he died without realizing another wish, to visit the new nation."

#### JEWISH NATIONAL FUND FILING LAW SUITS TO RECOVER FORMER JEWISH PROPERTY IN EUROPE

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund's Department for Recovery of Jewish Property in the Diaspora has begun to institute law suits in a number of European countries to regain former Jewish property now held by unlawful owners, it was reported here today.

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM PARLEY OPENS TODAY IN CHICAGO; TRUMAN SENDS GREETINGS

CHICAGO, April 21. (JTA) -- A three-day annual conference of the American Council for Judaism will open here tomorrow at the Drake Hotel with about 200 delegates representing 40 cities throughout the country in attendance. The conference will discuss--and is expected to approve--a new statement of the Council's objectives in the light of the emergence of the state of Israel.

President Truman, in a message of greeting to the gathering, addressed to Lessing J. Rosenwald, president, said: "I have known of your organization for some time and have always regarded its work as an invaluable service for democratic understanding and for cementing the unity of our country. I am particularly impressed by the tasks you have set yourself of advancing the ideals of Judaism, the basis of so large a part of the faiths of the Western world; and of furthering an understanding that in our national loyalties and interests we are all solely and exclusively American. I regard these objectives of yours as an inspiration to all citizens of all faiths and origins; and as worthy of emulation, throughout our beloved country.

"We are a nation built up by immigrants from many lands. Out of our very diverse origin and common purpose there has been forged a dedicated and single-minded national devotion. To have it be otherwise would be destructive of the foundations of our national unity and heritage," the message concluded.

N.Y. BOARD OF EDUCATION, CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS TO SET UP ANTI-BIAS CENTERS

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- The New York City Board of Education and the National Conference of Christians and Jews will establish next September at least eight special centers for the promotion of better relations among the city's religious and racial groups, it was announced here yesterday by Dr. William Jansen, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Everett Clinchy, president of the N.C.C.J., and Deputy Mayor John J. Bennett.

The project will train school and communal leaders needed to reduce intergroup tensions. The centers will be operated by 50 instructors from the city's schools who will receive special training in the Intergroup Relations Division of Teachers College, Columbia University. The program, believed to be the most extensive of its kind ever undertaken, visualizes the eventual establishment of some 20 centers throughout the city.

CITY COLLEGE STUDENTS CALL OFF STRIKE; WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO "RID SCHOOL OF BIGOTRY"

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- The City College student strike for the suspension, pending an open trial, of two instructors charged with anti-Jewish and anti-Semitic bias was "suspended" by its leaders yesterday. In a statement distributed on the campus, the Student Council Strike Committee declared that the strike had had its maximum effect in making the case a "tremendous public issue." The committee pledged further efforts to arouse public and student opinion "until our school is rid of bigotry."

DR. LUDWIG HALBERSTAEDTER, HEAD OF CANCER LABORATORIES IN JERUSALEM, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Ludwig Halberstaedter, internationally-known radiologist and pioneer in the field of cancer therapy and research, died here early today at the age of 73. A resident of Jerusalem for the past 15 years, Dr. Halberstaedter arrived in the United States last December to survey new cancer research and therapy techniques.

Chief of the cancer laboratories of Hebrew University in Jerusalem since 1935, he was the first scientist to bring a supply of radium to Palestine. He was also credited with originating the 1,000,000-volt X-Ray therapy apparatus used in the treatment of cancer. A native of Germany, he fled that country when the Nazis assumed power. Funeral services for him will be held tomorrow morning, Hadassah announced.

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