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U.N. COMMISSION AT LAUSANNE PARLEY PRESSURES ISRAELI ENVOYS ON ARAB REFUGEE ISSUE

LAUSANNE, April 28. (JTA) -- After full though separate conferences, the American, French and Turkish members of the U.N. Conciliation Commission combined today to impress on Israeli representatives that unless they change their present attitude on the refugee question, the Arab states here--Egypt, Lebanon and Syria--will refuse to discuss peace.

A further complication on the opening day of the meetings was Israel's refusal to enter into conversations with the Syrian delegation before Syria signs an armistice with Israel. This seems unlikely at present, as the Syrian delegate--Adnan Atassi,--whom the Commission met this morning, insisted on Syria's territorial demand in northern Palestine before agreeing to an armistice. The demand includes cession to Syria of a port. The Syrians are asking for an outlet to the Mediterranean north of Maherla, which would ultimately make Syria independent of Lebanese ports.

The Syrian armistice delegation also demands some control over the River Jordan by maintaining its present occupation of Israeli territory at Mishmar Hayarden and some additional territory in central Galilee. To this general inflation of opening prices at this conference, which are clearly fixed with an eye on hard bargaining to come, must be added complaints raised yesterday by the Israelis and Arabs who have little confidence in each other's peaceful intentions.

U.N. Commission Has 15 Proposals on Internationalization of Jerusalem

Having heard these reports, Mark Ethridge, U.S. member and chairman of the Commission, said the group would aim at preparing three reports for the September session of the U.N. General Assembly. One would be on the refugees, one on internationalization of Jerusalem--on which they have more than 15 proposals--and one on other outstanding problems such as the future status of Haifa and Lydda.

Discussions so far have centered primarily on the shaping of an agenda for the question of compensation for refugees. The Commissioners would like to see the Israeli Government amend its drastic "absentee owners' law" which, they and the Arab delegates believe, invalidates all Israeli offers hitherto made on compensation or restitution of property taken over by Israel.

On the Israeli side, there is neither the intention nor the mood for concessions on this matter. But more will be heard about it when the Transjordanian delegates arrive this week-end. This will be by far the most impressive group to come here. Headed by Fawzi Mulai Pasha, Minister of Defense, it includes two military commanders and five prominent Palestinian Arabs who are, naturally, most concerned with the future of Arab property in Israel.

Completing their preliminary survey today, the three members of the Conciliation Commission adjourned and probably will meet again Monday to draft an agenda on the basis of what the initial exchanges of views disclosed.

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DR. EYTAN, HEAD OF ISRAELI DELEGATION TO ARAB-JEWISH PARLEY, LEAVES FOR LAUSANNE

TEL AVIV, April 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Walter Eytan, director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry and chief of the Israeli delegation to the U.N.-sponsored Arab-Jewish meeting at Lausanne, today left here for Switzerland.

Official sources here refuse to confirm or deny a report from Transjordan-controlled Banallah that the joint Transjordan-Israeli commission on Jerusalem has interrupted its work until after the Lausanne parley. The Arab report stated that this development followed Israeli rejection of a Transjordanian demand that the Arab demands be accepted "as a whole."

Moche Sharet, Israeli Foreign Minister, told a conference of editors of the Israeli press that the Government of Israel is not prepared to meet representatives of Syria at Lausanne unless a Syrian-Israeli armistice is signed prior to the meeting. He added that the armistice agreement between Israel and Transjordan is being carried out in an orderly fashion and that there is no reason for any doubts on the part of Israel regarding the continuation of this process.

Brig. Gen. William Riley, of the United Nations Palestine Commission, presided today at an extraordinary meeting of the Israeli-Transjordan armistice subcommittee, in Jerusalem, summoned unexpectedly since the next session had been scheduled for Monday. A communique after the session stated that the subcommittee had discussed implementation of an armistice convention for Jerusalem, but delegates of both sides maintained the strictest secrecy.

KNESSET GETS PROPOSAL FOR "ABSORPTION TAX" TO SET UP EMERGENCY IMMIGRANT HOUSING

TEL AVIV, April 28. (JTA) -- The Israeli Knesset was asked today to levy a special "absorption tax" to raise 3,500,000 pounds (approximately \$14,000,000) for the immediate construction of temporary housing for at least 20,000 newly-arrived immigrant families. The proposal, offered by Herschel Frankin, Mapai deputy, also urged that all possible steps be taken to ease the critical housing situation in reception centers for new arrivals in Israel.

Approximately 80 families today established a new Agudat Israel workers' settlement in an abandoned Arab village in southern Israel. Two hundred and fifty additional family units will be settled in the colony within the next few weeks. The settlement extends over 23,000 dunams of fertile lands. It is planned to set up workshops and small factories in the new colony.

LIBYAN JEWS APPEAR BEFORE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE; SEEK TO PRESENT VIEWS ON LIBYA

LAKE SUCCESS, April 28. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Jewish community of Libya today appeared before a screening committee of the United Nations Political Committee to state their views on what should be the future of the former Italian colony. The committee was established to decide which native groups should be heard before the 58-nation Political Committee.

250 JEWS IN TIENTSIN GET LAST-MINUTE PERMITS TO LEAVE CHINA FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- A group of 250 Jews stranded in Tientsin, now occupied by Communist forces, have received last-minute permits to proceed to Israel, RNS headquarters here announced today on the basis of a cable received from the organization's office in Shanghai. The report said the Tientsin Jews were scheduled to leave last Sunday aboard an I.R.O. vessel from the north Chinese port city of Taku-Bad for the Philippines, from where they will proceed to the Jewish state.

BRITISH WAR SECRETARY SAYS ISRAEL MUST BE FORTIFIED ECONOMICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY

LONDON, April 28. (JTA) -- British War Secretary Emanuel Shinwell, addressing a Jewish educational gathering here today, urged British Jews "to fortify the Jews in Israel practically and spiritually." At the same time, he said that "while (we are) proud of our successes, we must not be arrogant."

The Secretary declared that his last association with Jewish education was 50 years ago when he attended a private Jewish Orthodox school. It was in this "Cheder," he said, that he learned that "one should be proud to be a Jew, whether others like it or not."

Israel has emerged from the "shadows of past years," and this is a "great miracle," he asserted. The Jews of Israel, he continued, have demonstrated courage, faith and a capacity to stand up against all opposition. Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie and other prominent Jews attended the gathering, which marked the tenth anniversary of the Jewish secondary school movement in England.

Dr. Joseph Burg, deputy speaker of the Israeli parliament who is now visiting here, today met Speaker Clifton Brown of the House of Commons and discussed various problems of parliamentary procedure. A tea party in honor of Dr. Burg, later tendered in the House of Commons, was attended by the Minister of Health Aneurin Bevan and about forty members of parliament.

AMERICAN JEWS MUST GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO ISRAEL'S RECONSTRUCTION, BLAUSTEIN SAYS

PARIS, April 28. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, left here today for New York following his visit to Israel where he headed an A.J.C. delegation invited by Premier David Ben Gurion to survey conditions in the Jewish state.

In an interview with newsmen here, Blaustein stressed that a gigantic task now faces Israel in the fields of reconstruction, rehabilitation and absorption of immigrants. "My visit to Israel," he declared, "has convinced me that the new born state must have the full support of American Jews. At the same time, I am strengthened in my belief that we must further our efforts to make the position of American Jews and Jewish communities elsewhere secure in pursuance of our objective that Jews shall be able to live all over the world as equal citizens continuing their religious and cultural traditions in peace and dignity."

ISRAEL IS A "GOING CONCERN," BUNCHE SAYS; STRESSES COUNTRY SUFFERS SHORTAGE OF GOODS

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- Acting U.N. Palestine mediator Dr. Ralph J. Bunche declared at a press conference here last night that "Israel is a going concern." Replying to a question as to whether Israel is a "livable state," he said that the new country faces "grave shortages of materials and goods, aggravated by the influx of immigrants and high prices" and added that the "Israelis could use much more currency than they have."

Noting that the Israelis "are better off with hard currency than other states in the Near East," Bunche asserted: "You must remember that there has been a blockade against them which only now is being lifted as a result of the armistice agreements." He stated that "much depends on what policies of Israel will be adopted and on the state-ship they show in cultivating friendly relations with the Arab states which require them to reassure Arab fears."

Addressing the Overseas Press Club yesterday, Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Elath said that Israel's peacetime problems are as grave as those she faced during the war. "It is wrong to feel too optimistic and say we are already out of the woods," he added.

HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA DECIDE TO PREVENT JEWS FROM LEAVING COUNTRIES ILLEGALLY

VIENNA, April 28. (JTA) -- Hungary and Czechoslovakia have decided to take energetic measures to halt the illegal emigration of Jews westward over their frontiers, reliable sources stated today. Frontier precautions and the number of guards along the Czechoslovak and Hungarian frontiers with Austria will be redoubled, the same sources said.

As a consequence of these new precautions, approximately 1,000 Hungarian Jews, who had succeeded in fleeing from Hungary, are now stranded at Bratislava where they had gathered in the hope of smuggling themselves across the frontier to Vienna, which is only 38 miles west.

The Czech authorities have refused to permit this group of 1,000 Jews to cross into Austria, although earlier this week a group of 1,200 had little difficulty boarding busses at Bratislava and driving here. The same officials are reported to be threatening to return them across the Czechoslovak-Hungarian border.

Reliable informants add that the Russians are joining with the Czechoslovak and Hungarian authorities in efforts to halt the illegal refugee traffic by strengthening the roadblocks in their occupation zone of Austria, particularly along the highway leading from the east to Vienna. In addition, the Russian authorities here have refused to permit the transfer of the 1,200 Jews, who arrived earlier, from two camps in their zone of Vienna to the United States sector.

Meanwhile, a group of 850 Jewish refugees has just left the U.S. zone of Austria on the first stage of their trip to Israel. Another 400 Jews will leave Sunday.

FIRST OFFICIAL JEWISH EMIGRANT FROM RUSSIA GOING TO ISRAEL, FRAGUE LEGATION REPORTS

FRAGUE, April 28. (JTA) -- The Israeli legation here announced last night that "the first official Jewish emigrant from the Soviet Union" passed through Czechoslovakia yesterday on his way to Israel. The legation was quoted as saying it had no information on the possibility of further Jewish emigration from Russia.

The legation announced that 15,000 Czechoslovak Jews have applied for Israeli visas while approximately 2,500 Jews have already left this country for the Jewish state. A member of the legation estimated at 10,000 the number of Jews who will remain in Czechoslovakia when all visa applications are cleared.

Reuters reported today that the Israeli Minister to Czechoslovakia and Hungary, Ehud Avriel, was now in Budapest conducting negotiations with the Hungarian Government for emigration of Jews from that country to Israel. The British news agency said that the talks were proceeding slowly, adding that although Hungary does not object in principle to emigration of Jews from the country, the Budapest government is concentrating its discussions on the number of Jews who would be permitted to leave, when they should emigrate and under what conditions.

GERMAN COURT IN SOVIET ZONE ISSUES WARRANT FOR ARREST OF ILSE KOCH; EXTRADITION ASKED

BERLIN, April 28. (JTA) -- A warrant for the arrest of Ilse Koch, notorious German war criminal who is due to be released from an American zone prison later this year, has been issued by a court in Weimar, provincial capital of Thuringia, in the Soviet zone, it was reported here by DENA, U.S.-licensed German news service. Simultaneously, the public prosecutor of Thuringia formally filed a request with the American occupation authorities for the extradition of Ilse Koch, the report added.

N.C.R.A.C. OPENS THREE-DAY SESSION TO FORMULATE POLICY ON BASIC JEWISH ISSUES

ATLANTIC CITY, April 28. (JTA) -- Problems of basic interest to American Jews will be discussed at the plenary session of the National Community Relations Advisory Council which opened here today at the Chelsea Hotel. The session, which will last three days, is being attended by 90 delegates from national Jewish organizations and from 27 local Jewish communities.

The major issues listed for discussion are: 1. The state of Israel and its implications for American Jewry; 2. Relationships between American Jewish groups and organizations of other faiths; 3. What steps may Jewish groups take to prevent the showing of anti-Semitic or dangerous movies and plays without infringing on the principle of free speech; 4. The American policy in Germany and its implications for democracy.

In addition to seeking policy formulation on these matters, the plenary session will explore ways and means of making the coordinating role of the National Community Relations Advisory Council more effective in the coming year. Principal speakers at the session will include Henry Epstein, N.C.R.A.C. chairman; Isaiah Minkoff, executive director of the organization; David Petegorsky, executive director of the American Jewish Congress; Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee; Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and Prof. William Haber, former adviser on Jewish affairs to the American military government in Germany.

JEWISH YOUTH COUNCILS ASSUMING GREATER ROLE IN COMMUNITY LIFE, SURVEY REVEALS

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- Jewish youth and young adult councils throughout the country are assuming a greater role in the life of their local Jewish communities, a survey completed by the National Jewish Welfare Board reveals. Results of the survey are based on 130 replies to a questionnaire sent to 299 Jewish youth and young adult councils. Approximately 70 percent of the councils reporting were created during the past two-and-a-half years.

The most popular types of Council activities, the survey disclosed, are social, educational, cultural, fund-raising, and programs of Jewish content. Jewish youth and young adult councils have sponsored community-wide observances in celebration of Jewish Book Month, Jewish Music Festival and Jewish Youth Week. They have conducted leadership training institutes and seminars, local youth conferences, courses of Jewish studies, Israeli youth conferences, intercultural events, vocational guidance programs, and other activities.

The Councils also provide resources and program aids to their constituent groups and to the local community. Seventeen percent participate in social action programs. Local Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWHA's sponsor most of the Councils reporting. A few are sponsored by the local Jewish community council or welfare fund, and some are sponsored jointly by the Center and the central community organization agency.

The Lajmon's Institute on Jewish Center Programming opened a two-day session here today at the Hotel Commodore under the auspices of the Jewish Center Division of the J.W.B. The institute, which is being attended by 150 Center leaders from all parts of the U.S., was addressed by Louis Kraft, general secretary of the J.W.B.'s national council, and Marvin Lowenthal on programming problems confronting Jewish Centers today.

CONNECTICUT LEGISLATIVE BODY HEARS CIVIC, RELIGIOUS GROUPS ASK BAN ON BIAS IN COLLEGES

HARTFORD, Conn., April 28. (JTA) -- A Connecticut state legislative commission yesterday heard representatives of civic, religious, labor and veterans organizations support passage of a bill barring in this state non-denominational educational institutions that discriminate against applicants because of race, color, creed or national origin.

The legislative body also heard representatives of the four major colleges and universities in the state--Yale, Wesleyan, Trinity and the Connecticut College for Women--deny that they had a quota system or discriminated against Jewish, Negro, Catholic or Italian applicants. Among the organizations favoring legislative action against schools which discriminate were the Jewish War Veterans, the Anti-Defamation League, the Hartford Jewish Federation and a Hartford American Jewish Congress group. One of the witnesses, Rabbi Samuel Sandmel, who serves as the Rilliel Foundation's chaplain for Jewish students at Yale, declared: "I would tell my fellow Jews that Yale doesn't discriminate."

RABBI KRAMER REPORTS TO ACTING SECRETARY OF ARMY ON CONDITION OF JEWS IN GERMANY

WASHINGTON, April 28. (JTA) -- Rabbi Simon G. Kramer, representative of the Synagogue Council of America to the American Military Government in Germany, reported today to Acting Secretary of the Army Voorhies on the status of Jews in Germany. He also gave the Army his impressions of the operations of A.M.G. and denazification. He was installed as president of the New York Board of Rabbis in ceremonies in New York yesterday.

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF UPRISING IN WARSAW GHETTO COMMEMORATED BY JEWS IN GERMANY

MUNICH, April 28. (JTA) -- The sixth anniversary of the uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto was commemorated here this week by the Central Committee of Liberated Jews which arranged for the showing of a special dramatic program in the Munich Playhouse. The Frankfurt and Munich radio stations broadcast programs devoted to the Ghetto fighters. The Frankfurt broadcast was adapted from a script presented on the Eternal Light radio series in the United States.

NEW YORK U.J.A. GETS \$3,750,000 IN PLEDGES AT DINNER HONORING JUDGE PROSKAUER

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- Pledges totalling \$3,750,000 for the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York were announced here last night at a dinner arranged in behalf of the U.J.A. by the Joint Defense Appeal at which Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, was honored. The affair was held at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE DELEGATION LEAVES TO STUDY CONDITIONS OF JEWS IN EUROPE, ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- A five-member Jewish Labor Committee delegation left here today to study Jewish community life in Europe and Israel and to draft plans for the organization's activities in those areas. The delegation includes Adolph Bold, chairman of the J.L.C.; Israel Feinberg, vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union; Louis Hollander, vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; Dr. S. Silverberg, chairman of the Workmen's Circle division of the J.L.C., and Jacob Pat, Committee executive secretary.