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ISRAELI DELEGATION AT LAUSANNE PROPOSES AGENDA FOR ARAB-JEWISH PEACE TALKS

LAUSANNE, April 29. (JTA) -- Prospects for the success of the Lausanne peace talks on Palestine improved considerably today following a series of private talks between members of the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission and delegates of the various countries. In particular, the Israeli delegation was able to elaborate on its earlier position in a way which materially lessened previous dissatisfaction of the members of the Commission.

Eliahu Sassoon of the Israeli delegation proposed that the Commission should immediately proceed to holding direct talks between Israel and each Arab state separately, with the participation of the Commission. It is proposed that the first item of these talks should be the frontier question.

In private talks between the French member of the U.N. today, Claude de Bois-sinor, and Saad Amoun, head of the Lebanese delegation, the Lebanese tentatively agreed to this procedure. Israeli-Lebanese talks will, therefore, probably open a second round of exchange of views early next week.

The Israelis have suggested that frontier talks with Egypt should come next. These also do not appear to offer any insurmountable difficulties, as the Israelis have indicated that they make no claim on the Gaza coastal strip held by Egypt. The Egyptians are, however, awaiting the arrival of the head of their delegation, Abdel Monem Bey Mustapha, director-general of Arab affairs in Cairo, before reaching a definite decision.

The Israelis have proposed that after agreement is achieved on the frontiers, the conferring parties shall turn to a discussion of the future of Jerusalem. Only then will they consider the refugee question in the light of earlier agreements and difficulties.

The Israelis still exclude Syria from their proposal for direct talks. The Conciliation Commission has agreed that it would be unreasonable to have peace talks prior to the conclusion of an armistice. Arrangements for talks with Transjordan still await the arrival of the Transjordanian delegation, which is expected today.

Commission members met in private today to work out some kind of agenda along the lines of the Israeli proposals. Meanwhile, considerable pressure has come from Latin America for the Commission to show some results which would help the United States delegation at the U.N. General Assembly to support Israel's application for admission to the United Nations.

U.N. BODY RECOMMENDS SENDING ISRAELI APPLICATION TO AD HOC POLITICAL COMMITTEE

FLUSHING MEADOWS, April 29. (JTA) -- The U.N. General Committee, by a vote of 11-2, today recommended Israel's application for membership in the world body be referred to the Ad Hoc Political Committee. Should the General Assembly approve this recommendation, debate on the Israeli application can begin Monday.

An Israeli spokesman today issued a statement here categorically denying a report from Lausanne published in a New York newspaper that Israel flatly refused to admit Arab refugees.

PRICES ON CONSUMER GOODS, INCLUDING BREAD, TO BE REDUCED IN ISRAEL STARTING TODAY

TEL AVIV, April 29. (JTA) -- Prices on 24 types of consumer goods including bread, will be cut in Israel beginning Sunday, it was announced here today by the food controller, who explained that this was the first step to implement the government-sponsored austerity program.

Addressing a meeting of agricultural leaders, Dov Joseph, Minister for Rationing and Supply, said that the government decided to carry out its austerity program at all costs without taking into account any obstacles that might ensue. Officials of the Ministry of Finance today hinted that the government would not neglect wage controls in its austerity program.

The austerity plan is still the most widely-discussed subject among the Israeli population. Newspaper editorials, both for and against the program, are receiving keen scrutiny and next week's debate on the subject in the Knesset is anxiously awaited.

ISRAELI SOLDIERS EXCHANGE FIRE WITH ARAB LEGION; FIRST INCIDENT SINCE ARMISTICE

JERUSALEM, April 29. (JTA) -- One Israeli soldier was seriously injured and two slightly hurt when fighting broke out in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon between Arab Legionnaires and Israelis near the Old City wall, Israeli military authorities reported today. It was the first incident since the armistice agreement between Israel and Transjordan was signed at Rhodes on April 3.

Each side claimed the other fired first but the incident only ceased when Col. Moshe Dayan, Israeli commander in Jerusalem, and Lt. Col. Abdullah Bey Tel, Transjordan governor of the Old City, ordered their men to stop firing. The number of Arab casualties was not known.

Col. Dayan today conferred with Brig. Gen. William Riley, United Nations chief of staff, at an extraordinary meeting of the joint armistice commission. A suggestion for building a barbed wire fence along the Jerusalem front line was reportedly discussed.

Gen. Riley today invalidated a decision of the armistice commission to divide a neutral, United Nations-controlled area south of Jerusalem. The decision, taken a few days ago, affected the former Government House and the Arab College grounds. Riley told the commission here that he did not recognize it as being competent to dispose of neutral areas.

SYRIANS CONTINUE TO REFUSE ISRAELI REQUEST TO WITHDRAW TO INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY

TEL AVIV, April 29. (JTA) -- Representatives of Syria participating in current Israeli-Syrian armistice negotiations were reported today still adamant in refusing to accept Jewish demands that the Syrians withdraw to the international boundary.

It was decided today to postpone any further meetings between the two negotiating sides for a full week in order to enable both delegations to consult with their governments. The negotiators agreed, however, to exchange about 15 wounded prisoners of war. The transfer will begin on Monday.

ISRAELI PARLIAMENT ADOPTS VETERANS REHABILITATION BILL; BENEFITS TO START NEXT MONTH

TEL AVIV, April 29. (JTA) -- A bill providing for the rehabilitation of veterans of the Israeli armed forces has been adopted here by an overwhelming majority in the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament. The bill will become effective May 15.

The Knesset was informed by Minister of Education Zalman Shazar that he would soon introduce a bill providing for compulsory, free education. David Pinkas, the chairman of the Finance Committee, reported to the body that the Government is planning to submit Israel's first peace-time budget within the next month. In the meantime, he asked that the Knesset extend the present temporary budget for another month.

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT SENDS DELEGATION TO LONDON FOR ECONOMIC TALKS WITH BRITAIN

TEL AVIV, April 29. (JTA) -- An Israeli Government delegation left for London today to conduct economic talks with the British Government on a wide range of trade and financial questions pending between the two countries.

The delegation is headed by David Horowitz, director-general of the Finance Ministry, and includes the Israeli Foreign Exchange Controller, the head of the Trade Section of the Ministry of Trade and Industry and an official of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, the Israeli bank of issue.

ISRAELI TRADE MISSION EXPECTED IN TURKEY; 14,000 TURKISH JEWS LEFT FOR ISRAEL

ISTANBUL, April 29. (JTA) -- The arrival of an Israeli trade mission to Turkey is expected soon, it was reported here today. The mission will negotiate a trade pact between Israel and Turkey, the report said.

It was also indicated here today that Israel is prepared to assign David Aboulafia as its diplomatic representative to Turkey. Aboulafia is a native of Turkey who has resided in Palestine for many years. (In Tel Aviv, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today stated that the Government will shortly appoint immigration officers to be stationed in Turkey for the purpose of regulating the stream of new immigrants coming from that country.)

It was estimated here today that since the start of Jewish emigration from this country some six months ago, about 14,000 Jews have gone to Israel. Nearly 10,000 of these emigrants left the city of Istanbul.

ALL ISRAEL-BOUND JEWISH DPs IN AUSTRIA WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY BY JULY, OFFICIAL SAYS

VIENNA, April 29. (JTA) -- The belief that the vast majority of the Jewish displaced persons now in Austria who wish to immigrate to Israel will be resettled in the Jewish state by July of this year was voiced here by Dr. Kurt Lewin, Israeli resettlement officer.

"Except for the physically and mentally ill, we will take every Jewish DP who expresses a desire to go to Israel," Lewin declared. Noting that most Jewish refugees in this country were located in the U.S. zone, the Israeli official stated that "American authorities are cooperating with us in our efforts to move the displaced persons as quickly as transportation becomes available."

GERMAN MAYOR GETS FOUR-YEAR JAIL TERM FOR PARTICIPATING IN NOVEMBER, 1938, POGROMS

MUNICH, April 29. (JTA) -- Lorenz Zahneisen, former mayor of Bamberg and district chief of the Nazi Party, was sentenced to four years imprisonment for participating in the notorious pogroms of Nov. 10, 1938. Eighteen other defendants in Bamberg received prison sentences ranging from six months to two years.

Police officials in Hanover have arrested the former Gestapo captain, Hans Hermann Wiering, on charges of mass murder of Jews in the Riga ghetto. Wiering was in command of the "Aktion Mord," where during three days an estimated 60,000 Jews were annihilated.

F. Weinig, former Gestapo lieutenant who was found guilty by a court in Kaiserlautern of assaulting a Jewish physician in 1938, was sentenced to three years imprisonment.

JEWISH WRITERS IN RUMANIA ATTACKED FOR LACKING "CONSISTENCY OF PRINCIPLES"

BUCHAREST, April 29. (JTA) -- The charge that Yiddish writers in the country do not reflect closely enough the changes which Rumania's Jewish population has undergone since the end of the war was made here in the current issue of "Contemporanul," Rumania's leading literary journal.

The charge, contained in an article signed by I. Faerstein, notes that at the recent congress of writers in this city, the Yiddish writers pledged to "create literary works in the service of the people, fight without mercy against any nationalist tendency, endeavor to root out all mystical and bigoted tendencies and contribute by their works to the upbuilding of Socialism."

Strongly criticizing contemporary Yiddish writers for lacking "consistency of principles" and "precise ideological position," the article takes issue particularly with two poems written by Jacob Gropper, president of the Yiddish department of the Union of Writers of the Rumanian Popular Republic. In one of these poems--"Sabbath of Consolation"--Gropper depicts the sufferings of the Jews.

Faerstein writes that Gropper is "blinded by his pain...he does not see the democratic fighters, the non-Jewish partisans who fraternize with the suffering Jews." Gropper's other poem--"End of a Calendar, and a Beginning"--which deals with the proclamation of the Rumanian Republic, is criticized for failing to describe the "new attitude of the Jewish masses who had been tortured in the past."

Several poems by a new poet, Sima Sneider, are criticized by Faerstein, who says that the poet's talent "will find just expression only simultaneously with the poet's acquiring a precise ideological position." A novel by Wolf Tambur, "Springtime Without Sun," is criticized because the heroine, "although a Communist, does not show the typical qualities of a member of the party."

AUSTRIAN CONSULATE IN NEW YORK ANNOUNCES DEADLINE FOR PROPERTY DECLARATIONS

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The Austrian Consulate-General here today announced that declarations of Austrian property by individuals residing abroad, or by non-Austrian firms, for the purposes of the "single property" assessment must reach the Finance Department of the Austrian Government in Vienna not later than June 30. The announcement emphasized that "this deadline is final and will not be extended again."

REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBERAL JUDAISM WALK OUT OF MEETING OF BRITISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES

LONDON, April 29. (JTA) -- A split has occurred in the Jewish community here following a sharp difference of opinion between representatives of the Orthodox and Liberal religious groups within the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

The conflict arose over a resolution which would have empowered the president of the board to appoint marriage registrars for Liberal synagogues, with the cooperation of the authorities of such congregations. The motion was defeated on the grounds that the Board of Deputies charter only recognizes Orthodox Judaism and that therefore marriage registrars may be appointed only by ecclesiastical authorities--the Chief Rabbi and the Beth Din.

The Liberals on the Board walked out of the meeting immediately after the vote, and it is believed that they are planning to leave the organization and establish a separate body of their own. The issue is still not clearly crystallized and the Liberals are expected to abstain in the forthcoming elections for members of the Board.

A.F. Brotman, secretary of the Board of Deputies, left here today for New York to consult with leaders of Jewish organizations in the United States on questions dealing with the U.N. Human Rights Commission.

DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN ASSUMES PROVISIONAL PRESIDENCY OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

PARIS, April 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress, has provisionally assumed the presidency of that organization in succession to the late Dr. Stephen S. Wise, it was announced today. Dr. Goldmann will hold office until new elections can be arranged.

Representatives of 41 nations will attend a celebration at the Palais de Chaillot here on May 4 marking the first anniversary of Israel. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the French Zionist Federation, Aid to Israel Central Committee and France-Israel Friendship Committee.

MCGRATH, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL HEAD, INTRODUCES TRUMAN'S CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- An omnibus bill designed to carry out President Truman's promised civil rights program was introduced by Sen. J. Howard McGrath, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, in the Senate late yesterday.

The legislation included provision for the establishment of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission, the setting up of a Presidential Commission on Civil Rights, reorganization of the Justice Department to more effectively enforce civil rights legislation and other measures. The Fair Employment Practices bill is expected to draw the greatest opposition fire.

MEMBERS OF WASHINGTON BRANCH OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN GROUP CRITICIZED FOR RACIAL BIAS

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- The Washington chapter of the American Association of University Women was today accused of racial and religious intolerance by Lucille Furman, an officer of the organization.

Court actions involving the disfranchisement of the chapter have been under way for some time, it was learned. Miss Furman confirmed this and called the branch a "black sheep" of the national organization following protests which arose as a result of a bitterly anti-Semitic speech delivered before the group last week by Rep. Ed Cossett of Texas.

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL MODIFIES ITS NAME; WILL CONTINUE ITS FUNCTIONS

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Emergency Council decided to modify its name at a meeting at which representatives of all Zionist parties in the United States were present. The organization will now function under the name, American Zionist Council.

The meeting, which was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, unanimously adopted the report of the Zionist Scope Committee which negotiated with the Jewish Agency executive regarding the further activities of the Council.

The Council will be composed of five representatives from the Zionist Organization of America, five from Hadassah, four from the Mizrahi Organization of America, four from the Labor Zionists, two from the Revisionists, two from Hashomer Hatzair and two from the Labor Unity Group. A new executive--composed of a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer--will be elected by the Council next month.

JEWISH BODY IN MEXICO INSTITUTES "COMMUNITY DIARY" TO RECORD EVENTS FOR POSTERITY

MEXICO CITY, April 29. (JTA) -- The Central Jewish Committee in Mexico decided to institute a Pinhas, a community diary, in which all major events concerning Jewish life in Mexico will be recorded for posterity.

An exchange of consular officials between Mexico and Israel will soon take place, it was indicated here today in official circles. Negotiations for an exchange of diplomatic representatives will be carried on later.

TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON HEBREW LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN U.S. OPENS TODAY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- A two-day national conference to review the problems of the Hebrew language and Hebrew culture in the United States will open here tomorrow evening under the auspices of the Histadrut Ivrit of America, it was announced by Dr. Alexander Rosenfeld, executive director of the World Hebrew Union.

Principal speakers at the conference will be Israeli Ambassador Elisha Elath and Israeli chief delegate to the United Nations Aubrey S. Eban. Delegates from leading Zionist and national Jewish organizations, as well as Hebrew cultural institutions, will participate in the parley, which will be held at the New School for Social Research.

OVER 700 DISTRICTS OF Z.O.A. BEGIN ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO FORTHCOMING CONVENTION

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- More than 700 districts of the Zionist Organization of America have begun to elect delegates to the organization's 32nd annual convention, to be held here May 27-30, it was reported today by the Z.O.A. Election of delegates to the convention will conclude May 15.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF \$1 PER COMMON SHARE

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- A quarterly dividend of \$1.00 per share of common stock was announced today by the Palestine Economic Corporation, an American development company participating in various enterprises in Israel. This is the 26th \$1.00 dividend paid by the Corporation, it was reported by Julius Simon, president.