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ARABS ACCEPT U.N. PARTITION DECISION AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS AT LAUSANNE PARLEY

LAUSANNE, May 24. (JTA) -- The four Arab delegations attending the U.N.-sponsored Arab-Jewish peace talks here today notified the U.N. Conciliation Commission that they would accept fully the U.N. General Assembly's Palestine partition plan as the basis for the negotiations. At the same time, they insisted on the return of Arab refugees to Israeli-occupied areas of Palestine.

The Arabs also submitted a memorandum outlining their interpretation of the Commission's "working paper" which was handed to them May 12. They declared that in view of their acceptance of the partition frontiers, they were interpreting the eight-point refugee program which the Commission submitted to the Israelis as applying only to areas ceded to the Jewish state by the U.N. resolution. It does not apply, the memorandum stated, to the Arabs who fled those areas assigned to a Palestine Arab state which have since been occupied by the Israeli Army.

In such areas, the memorandum demanded, the Arabs should be allowed to return to their homes without restrictions. The areas specifically named were: Western and Central Galilee; the Lydda-Ramleh district' and the Beersheba vicinity.

At a press conference today, following submission of the memorandum, an Arab spokesman estimated that the number of refugees who would be returned to their homes under this proposal would number about 300,000. However, later, in a private conversation, Mulki Pasha, Transjordan Defense Minister, estimated the number to be about 500,000.

Mulki Pasha also declared that he had extreme difficulty in convincing the other Arab delegations to go along with this proposal and that if the Israelis did not make some sort of a conciliatory reply he would leave Lausanne. He indicated that he would wait a week for the Israeli response.

Meanwhile, Dr. Walter Eytan of the Israeli delegation confirmed today that there will be no change in Israeli policy at Lausanne. He added that, on the contrary, he informed the Commission that with the present Israeli immigration rate which exceeded 5,000 one day last week, the prospect of any Arabs returning to Israel becomes dimmer as a settlement is delayed. In six months' time, Israel will probably be unable to accept a single Arab if the present rate of Jewish immigration is maintained, he warned.

U.N. COMPROMISE PROPOSAL WILL BE PRESENTED TO SYRIA AND ISRAEL WITHIN 48 HOURS

LAKE SUCCESS, May 24. (JTA) -- A United Nations compromise proposal which Syria and Israel can get together on an armistice will be forwarded to the two governments in the next 48 hours, it was disclosed here today by U.N. chief of truce staff, Brig. Gen. William E. Riley, at a press conference at U.N. headquarters.

Gen. Riley said he will return to the Near East next Tuesday. If the formula is approved by the two governments, Riley said, the meeting of the armistice delegations will resume. In any event Riley saw no real danger of a flare-up leading to a real war in Palestine.

Gen. Riley revealed that he had reduced the original truce staff from 525 to 175 members and was making further reductions daily. He was confident that permanent peace could be won long before the armistice commissions complete their work. The N. Y. Times reported that the one-year period allotted to them.

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TURKISH VESSEL CARRYING 535 ISRAEL-BOUND JEWS SENDS SOS CALL; RESCUE SHIP DISPATCHED

ISTANBUL, May 24. (JTA) -- A Turkish vessel carrying 535 immigrants, including 170 children, to Israel is in danger and has sent out an SOS, Reuters reported today from Haifa. The report added that a rescue ship had been dispatched from Haifa to answer the distress call.

The Turkish vessel, which gave her position as off the Cyprus coast, said she was not seaworthy and had a limited water supply left. If the craft is not repairable, the rescue vessel will bring the immigrants to Israel. It is understood, Reuters said, that the Turkish Jews had left without notifying the Jewish Agency.

ISRAELI HEALTH MINISTRY ASKS FOR \$6,000,000 GRANT FROM CURRENT GOVERNMENT BUDGET

TEL AVIV, May 24. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Health has asked the government for a 2,000,000-pound--approximately \$6,000,000--allocation in its current budget, in addition to an emergency grant of 600,000 pounds for urgently-needed hospital beds throughout the country.

Reporting to the Israeli Knesset today, Health Minister Moshe Shapira reviewed plans for increasing the present hospital capacity by 1,000 beds, but stressed that even this measure would not meet the present needs and would leave a nation-wide shortage of 5,500 hospital beds. Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan will negotiate with the Jewish Agency and Hadassah to get them to participate in this program, Shapira said.

Shapira, who is also Minister of Immigration, reported that prompt action by Israeli authorities prevented the outbreak of typhoid in Acre and smallpox in the Nazareth area.

MR. HERZOG INVITES U.S. RABBIS TO PARTICIPATE IN WORLD RABBINICAL PARLEY IN ISRAEL

ATLANTIC CITY, May 24. (JTA) -- Israeli Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Halevi Herzog, addressing the Rabbinical Council of America convention here last night, extended an invitation to the Orthodox Rabbinate in America to send a delegation of rabbinical scholars to Israel to participate in a world rabbinical conference scheduled to be convened in Jerusalem some time next year.

Dr. Herzog also urged delegates to the convention to join forces with the religious bloc in Israel to "fulfill prophetic destiny by establishing a unique democratic state based on original Biblical concepts. Distinction between theocracy and democracy," he declared, "is meaningless since the purest form of democracy can only be achieved in a state that is the expression of the basic Torah principle, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself.'"

1,700 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN HAIFA IN SINGLE DAY ABOARD ISRAELI TRANSPORT

HAIFA, May 24. (JTA) -- A contingent of 1,700 refugee Jewish immigrants arrived here yesterday aboard the Israeli transport S.S. Atzmaut (Independence).

CINCINNATI ARCHBISHOP CONTRIBUTES \$1,000 TO LOCAL JEWISH WELFARE FUND; LAUDS JEWS

CINCINNATI, May 24. (JTA) -- A \$1,000 contribution to the Jewish Welfare Fund was received today from the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cincinnati, who wrote: "This is only a token of my great concern and devotion to the Jewish people. The sad story of their persecution and ruthless destruction during the war years can never be told."

ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION DISCUSSES POSITION OF JEWS IN EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

LONDON, May 24. (JTA) -- The situation of the Jews in East European countries was discussed here today at a meeting of the council of the Anglo-Jewish Association. Rowland Landman, chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the association, refuted assertions that Jews in these countries are living under conditions of "unprecedented tyranny." However, he added that there are undoubtedly cases where Jews have not been accorded full religious freedom in countries behind the "iron curtain."

Landman expressed confidence that matters concerning the social and religious activities of the Jews in countries behind the iron curtain would be settled through the work of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, on which East European countries are represented.

Concern about the future of the Evelyn de Rothschild school, located in Jerusalem, was voiced at the meeting. L.C. Beber, chairman of the Association's school committee, pointed out that the school student and faculty bodies had not yet been able to return to their own premises, nor was it established yet whether the institution will be included in Israeli territory, an international or the Arab zone.

POLISH JEWISH DP'S IN BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY TO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT AID

LONDON, May 24. (JTA) -- An ordinance making Polish Jewish DP's now living in the British zone of Germany eligible under the "armenrecht" (poor persons law) will be promulgated soon according to an announcement by the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad. Jewish refugees from Poland living in the British zone have previously been denied benefits accruing under this law, since German courts maintained that Poland did not extend the same privilege to German nationals living in Poland.

The Committee reported that its legal advisor, who made representations in behalf of the displaced Jews to the German courts, argued that the principle of reciprocity should not be applied to these refugees since they had no ties to their country of origin, adding that they should be treated as German nationals. Reaction to the Committee's representations was favorable, the organization said.

W.J.C. ASKS U.S. COMMANDER IN AUSTRIA TO VETO BILL GRANTING AMNESTY TO NAZIS

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress has urged Lt. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, U.S. commander in Austria, to withhold approval of a pending bill in the Austrian parliament which would grant amnesty to thousands of former Nazis, including some groups of SS personnel, from all consequences of the denazification law, it was revealed today by the Congress. The bill cannot become law without the consent of the Allied Commission.

The request was made in a letter, signed by Dr. Robert S. Marcus, political director of the W.J.C., who declared that the proposed blanket amnesty for SS groups and their reinstatement to full rights of Austrian citizenship was "contrary to the judgment of the International Military Tribunal in the case of Goering et al."

The W.J.C. also warned that the restoration of full political rights for these Nazi groups would result in the strengthening of the undemocratic elements in Austrian life, a result contrary to the expressed aims of the Allied Commission in the agreement of June 28, 1946.

MAYOR TO LEAD DELEGATION TO BRITISH HOME SECRETARY TO DISCUSS ATTACKS ON JEWS

LONDON, May 24. (JTA) -- A delegation led by the newly-elected mayor of the borough of Hackney, Capt. A. Linfoot, will be received by Home Secretary James Chuter Ede in connection with recent attacks on Jews in Hackney, it was revealed here today.

MAJOR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS ASK CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION'S NEW DP IMMIGRATION BILL

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn and chairman Emanuel Celler of the House Judiciary Committee, were today urged by major national and local Jewish organizations to make three specific changes in the bill to amend the Displaced Persons Act, recently reported out by the House Judiciary Committee.

The request was made in letters sent in behalf of the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and 27 community councils in all parts of the country. Among the changes urged by the Jewish organizations were:

1. Elimination of any mortgaging of future quotas. At present H.R. 4567 would charge DP visas against future quotas up to 25 percent of such quotas during the next five years and up to 50 percent during subsequent years;
2. That the language of the so-called Volksdeutsche provision, which allocates 50 percent of the regular German quota "exclusively to persons of German ethnic origin" be changed to remove the racist connotations of the words "German ethnic origin." It is not proposed to deprive the Volksdeutsche of any relief, but to remove from the law a principle of racial selection which the Jewish organizations call repugnant to the American tradition;
3. That the benefits of the act should not be extended to any special group not defined in the Act as comprising displaced persons.

TRUMAN PAYS TRIBUTE TO BLAUSTEIN; VICE-PRESIDENT BARKLEY ADDRESSES DINNER

BALTIMORE, May 24. (JTA) -- Vice-President Alben W. Barkley was the principal speaker at a dinner tendered here to Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, on Sunday, attended by 600 prominent Jews and non-Jews. The guests included Governor Lane, Mayor D'Alesandro, members of the U.S. Senate and members of the U.S. mission to the United Nations.

President Truman sent a personal message of greetings to Mr. Blaustein, lauding his activities "in the cause of charity and philanthropy, in the field of education and in the promotion of international justice and good will." Vice President Barkley, in his speech, paid tribute to Mr. Blaustein and to the work of the American Jewish Committee in protecting fundamental human rights.

Mr. Blaustein reported on his trip to Israel. He emphasized that "one of the most encouraging things about Israel is that the people earnestly solicit constructive criticism and ideas." Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion, he said, is particularly anxious to receive constructive ideas. He added that "the administration of the new Government of Israel is functioning smoothly," but that it still has to overcome many difficulties. Simon E. Sobeloff spoke at the dinner on behalf of the Baltimore Jewish community.

JEWISH GROUPS FILE BRIEF WITH SUPREME COURT ON DENIAL OF ADMISSION OF NEGRO TO SCHOOL

WASHINGTON, May 24. (JTA) -- Asking the Supreme Court to consider the case of Herman Marion Sweatt, a Negro who was refused admission to the University of Texas Law School, the American Jewish Committee, Anti-Defamation League, and the National Citizens' Council on Civil Rights today submitted a brief as "friends of the court" on a petition for writ of certiorari.

The organizations contended that the "separate but equal" principle of providing segregated facilities for Negroes in southern states constitutes a clear violation of the guarantee of "equal protection of the laws" in the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution.

ONLY 10 PERCENT OF JUVENILE DELINQUENTS IN N.Y. ARE JEWISH, WOMEN'S PARLEY HEARS

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Justice Justine Wise Polier, addressing a forum organized by national Jewish women's organizations here last night, asserted that only ten percent of the juvenile delinquents in New York City are Jewish. Mrs. Polier, daughter of the late Dr. Stephen S. Wise, is Justice of the Domestic Relations Court in this city.

Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis University, told the meeting that American Jews adopted a "humble, fear-and-trembling attitude every time a Jew was accused of being a Communist or criminal." He deplored the "apologetic attitude" of American Jews and pleaded for a "more affirmative attitude" now that Israel was established. "We Jews are entitled to our share of criminals," he added.

"The greatest change in Jewish life in this past year has been psychological," Dr. Sachar said. "The stereotype of pity and casualty has been transformed into courage and self-reliance. This change has been effected by the extraordinary events in Israel when a little group of derelicts took a Star of David from their sleeve, out of its context of degradation, and put it on a flag to lead them to a new independent life."

A resolution declaring that it was American Jewry's obligation to "assume a share" in the cost of absorbing immigrants into Israel by "supporting the overall fund-raising agency of the United Jewish Appeal," was adopted unanimously by the gathering. The groups represented at the parley also resolved to "continue their respective tasks directed towards strengthening the institutions of democracy at home, assisting the new state of Israel to stabilize its economy and supplying the means whereby Israel may fulfill its historic task of welcoming every Jew who needs or wants to make his home there."

SPEAKSMEN FOR JEWISH GROUPS ASK CONGRESSIONAL BODY FOR STRONG FEPC LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, May 24. (JTA) -- Ben Kaufman, a World War I Congressional Medal of Honor winner, today told a House subcommittee holding hearings on fair employment practices legislation that enactment of such legislation is necessary for national security. Kaufman, executive director of the Jewish War Veterans, told the subcommittee that an FEPC "can be as important to our country's security as the North Atlantic Pact and the European Recovery Program."

Will Meslow, general counsel of the American Jewish Congress, told the subcommittee that a fair employment practices law without enforcement provisions would be "counterfeit." He cited FEPC acts in Indiana and Wisconsin as instances of "masterful inactivity" owing to a lack of proper enforcement features. Meslow added that discrimination cannot be eliminated "by giving out goodwill blotters and appealing to man's humanitarian instincts."

J.D.C. REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT WEIZMANN WITH FIRST TALMUDIC VOLUME PRINTED IN GERMANY

TEL AVIV, May 24. (JTA) -- Joint Distribution Committee representatives, accompanied by a delegation of rabbis from the Rabbinical Committee of Germany, visited President Chaim Weizmann today and presented him with the first copy of the Talmud (tractate for Sabbath) printed in Germany by the J.D.C. with the active assistance of Gen. Lucius D. Clay, former U.S. Commander in Germany. Copies of the Talmudic volume will also be presented to President Truman and Israeli Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog.

AMERICAN AUTHOR FINDS ISRAEL "ADVANCE POST" IN PIONEERING EFFORTS OF HUMANITY

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- The state of Israel is "an advance post of the pioneering efforts of humanity," according to Thomas Sugrue, American author who just returned from a five-month tour of the Jewish state. Sugrue, who has been confined to a wheelchair for the past decade, literally travelled from Dan to Beersheba in search of material for a new book.

The Irishman from Connecticut, in a newspaper interview, defined the new state as "an attempt mentally, spiritually and socially to break into a higher sphere of living." Pointing to the history of the Jews during the past 2,000 years, Sugrue asserted that as a result of their constant wanderings about the world "they were able to bring back with them from their exile the best in techniques, in sciences, in social theory, in ethics and philosophy - abstract riches to which they themselves had contributed heavily."

The author, who had talked with all sorts of Israeli citizens, including Premier David Ben Gurion and farmers, workers, professionals and housewives, declared that he "found them easier to be with than any people I have known. They are gentle, modest, friendly, intelligent, curious, cultured, but above all, happy - in love with their farms and wanting only to remain with them, and to make them again a land flowing in milk and honey."

ARAB LEGION BARS AMERICAN CHRISTIAN STUDY GROUP FROM VISITING JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Members of an American Christian Palestine Committee study group now visiting Israel were not permitted to visit the Old City of Jerusalem, despite strong protestations to the United Nations, the New York headquarters of the Committee reported today on the basis of a cable received from its executive secretary, Rev. Karl Baehr, a member of the study group.

Now under the control of Arab Legion forces, the Old City sector contains many Christian shrines and Holy Places. The cable revealed that members of the group--including clergymen, educators and writers--have visited various Christian educational institutions, orphanages and monasteries in the Jewish state.

JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY TENDERS RECEPTION FOR JACOB LANDAU; MAYOR LAUDS J.T.A.

JERUSALEM, May 24. (JTA) -- The municipality of Jerusalem today tendered a reception to Jacob Landau, managing director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency who is now visiting Israel.

The affair was attended by members of the municipal council, representatives of various Zionist groups, leaders of local organizations and other prominent Jerusalemites. Mayor Daniel Auster spoke on the role of the J.T.A. in Jewish public life throughout the world. Mr. Landau reviewed the development of the new Agency since its establishment.

BORIS SMOLAR, J.T.A. EDITOR, HONORED BY NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- The National Conference of Christians and Jews today presented an award to Boris Smolar, editor-in-chief of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "in recognition of outstanding assistance in the furtherance of brotherhood." The document was signed by President Truman, honorary president of the N.C.C.J.; Nelson A. Rockefeller, national chairman; Everett R. Clinchy, president; T.E. Braniff, C.E. Wilson and Roger W. Strauss, co-chairmen.