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JTA Daily News BulletinARAB-JEWISH PEACE TALKS AT LAUSANNE SHOW NO SIGNS OF PROGRESS AS 40TH DAY REACHED

LAUSANNE, June 3. (JTA) -- With the U.N.-sponsored Lausanne peace conference reaching its 40th day this Sunday, it is admitted here that no important progress has been made in the direction of a permanent solution of the Palestine situation.

The Conciliation Commission itself considers haste to be the worst enemy of peace-making. Claude de Boissanger, the French chairman, said today that September is far too close a target for the expectation of peace. Only an interim report will be available for the September session of the U.N. General Assembly. In his view, the Commission itself and the parties on both sides should prepare to continue the Lausanne talks until November--and beyond, if necessary.

This is the more extreme view on the Commission. The United States representatives do not share it altogether. Mark Ethridge, U.S. member of the Commission, wants to avoid the tactical error committed by the late Count Folke Bernadotte when, as Palestine mediator, he drafted his own recommendations without waiting for the parties concerned to request them.

The American attitude is, therefore, to exhaust all the alternatives and wait for the Israelis and Arabs to ask for positive conciliation proposals by the Commission. Ethridge had hoped that this stage might be reached before he leaves Lausanne within a few days. There is no longer any prospect of that.

These arguments for "peace by exhaustion" would have more point if there were more evidence that the Arab delegations are empowered to make peace, it is argued here. However, only a few days ago Abdol Moneim Bey, head of the Egyptian delegation, declared categorically that he had neither the authority nor the intention of concluding peace with Israel on behalf of Egypt.

The Arabs had come to settle the refugee question, he said. They have signed, together with Israel, the protocol of May 12 which clearly gave priority to the discussion of questions relating to refugees while speculating that following this, the frontier questions should also be considered. The Arab states now take their stand on this protocol and on the partition boundaries of Israel. Everything else they refuse to discuss.

As against that the Israeli representatives submitted proposals on the so-called "Gaza Plan" in full detail to the commission. The Egyptian delegate said yesterday that he would not discuss this, and added that Egypt was not a party to the Gaza Plan. He conceded that for the moment he has no intention of leaving Lausanne.

Israel Is Advised To Hold Separate Peace Talks with Each Arab State

LONDON, June 3. (JTA) -- The only way for Israel to achieve a settlement with the Arabs at the Lausanne peace talks is for it to negotiate separate bi-lateral pacts with each Arab nation because the Arab states feel that it is necessary "to speak in tones which impress other Arabs" at the conference table, the Economist said today. The publication also suggested that progress would be speeded up if the Israelis offered to participate financially in the resettlement of Arab refugees in Syria and Transjordan.

ARAB LEAGUE FEARS ISRAEL MAY DOMINATE MIDDLE EAST ECONOMICALLY WITH U.S. CAPITAL

LONDON, June 3. (JTA) -- Arab League officials are spreading reports that "the Zionists will try to occupy the whole of Palestine" and that Israel plans to attract American capital for local industry in order "to dominate the Middle East economically."

The London Herald, organ of the Labor Party, today carries a report to this effect attributing it directly to Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary-general of the Arab League. The paper urges that Britain pay more attention to developments in the Middle East, and especially to Egypt.

The Manchester Guardian reports today from Cairo that former Egyptian Premier Ismail Sidky Pasha, who advocates a reduction of Egyptian expenditures on military preparations to enable increased outlays for social services within Egypt, is not making much headway in his campaign. Supporters of a large military program, the report says, argue that "the danger of future Zionist aggression" must be taken into consideration.

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS REPORTED SEEKING TERRITORIAL ADJUSTMENTS FROM TRANSJORDAN

LONDON, June 3. (JTA) -- Israel is prepared to recognize a "temporary Kingdom of Jordan administration" over Arab-held Palestine in return for a territorial adjustment to Israel of Transjordan territory, Reuters, quoting a source close to the Israeli-Transjordan armistice commission, reported today from Damascus.

This plan, the British news agency said, was proposed by the Israeli delegation at the Lausanne peace talks to the U.N. Conciliation Commission with the request that it be conveyed to the Arabs.

Specifically, the proposal calls for Transjordan to transfer to Israel a triangular area extending from Hamme, south of Lake Tiberias, to the confluence of the Yarmuk and Jordan Rivers and thence southward to the Jewish settlement of Tirat Zvi. The area is the strategic hinterland of the Rutenberg electric works and possession of it would permit the Jews to build military defenses against its seizure and damage or destruction--which occurred at the beginning of the Palestine invasion. The Hamme area is now occupied by Syrian troops.

U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL OUTLINES "THREE-WAY APPROACH" TO SOLVE ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM

LAKE SUCCESS, June 3. (JTA) -- The problem of the Palestine Arab refugees will be brought before the September session of the U.N. General Assembly, U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie indicated here today at a press conference at which he revealed that the number of displaced Palestine Arabs has doubled since last fall.

Mr. Lie said a "three-way approach" to solve the Arab refugee problem is now being considered: relief projects, resettlement plans which may come out of the Arab-Israeli peace talks now taking place at Lausanne, and the launching of a development program for the economic absorption of the Arab DP's.

Replying to a question, the U.N. Secretary-General said he had no information on the progress of the resettlement issue at the Lausanne parleys, but disclosed that several U.N. technical agencies are now considering the possibility of implementing the United Nations aid program, for the benefit of the Arab refugees.

TWO ZIONIST OFFICIALS IN RUMANIA SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT AND \$500,000 FINE

BUCHAREST, June 3. (JTA) -- Leon Itzhar and Enicu Cohn, representatives in Rumania of the Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod, were today sentenced to four months' imprisonment each and were fined a total of \$500,000 by a Bucharest court which found them guilty of violating currency regulations in connection with fund-raising activities which they conducted in this country in behalf of the Zionist funds.

The defendants will not serve the prison terms since they have already been detained more than four months. Last month the Rumanian Finance Ministry withdrew charges of alleged violations of currency regulations against the two men, but they were still accused on secondary charges of tax evasion. The Zionist officials, who were arrested last October, were released from prison on May 16.

JEWISH SCHOOL IN BUDAPEST HALTS TEACHING OF HEBREW; CHRISTIAN TEACHERS REPLACE JEWS

BUDAPEST, June 3. (JTA) -- Hebrew is no longer being taught at the Tarbut Hebrew school here, which was recently included in the government's school nationalization program. Although all the children attending the school are Jewish, many of the Jewish teachers have been replaced by Christian instructors.

The number of Jewish children who will be afforded an opportunity by the Joint Distribution Committee to spend several weeks at a summer camp during the next few months will be greater than that of last year, it was revealed here. More than 2,000 youngsters will be included in this year's program as compared with some 1,500 who were sent by the J.D.C. to summer rest areas in 1948.

In addition, this year the Orthodox groups will run their own camps. Each child staying in an Orthodox resort will remain approximately four weeks and will receive 2,000 calories daily. The J.D.C., meanwhile, is selecting the children who will be sent to its camps with great care and will allow only those whose parents are in dire economic straits or who require mountain air to be sent to summer resorts.

ORT TRAINING COURSES IN ITALY ENDING AS NUMBER OF JEWISH DP'S IN COUNTRY DECREASES

ROME, June 3. (JTA) -- With the number of displaced Jews in Italy continuing to diminish daily, the ORT vocational training courses established in this country for Jewish refugees are ending as soon as specific seminars are completed. The class set up for masons has already disbanded, as has the course established for leather workers, while other courses are scheduled to terminate within a few days.

During the past eight months, more than 100,000 Jewish refugees en route to Israel have sailed from Italian ports, it was revealed here. At the end of June of last year the percentage of Jewish DP's under International Refugee Organization supervision was 74 percent, while the percentage as of Jan. 31 of this year decreased to 39 percent.

PROTESTANT CHURCH LEADER IN HUNGARY URGES INTER-RELIGIOUS COOPERATION WITH JEWS

BUDAPEST, June 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Ivan Rook, head of the Universal Evangelical Church of Hungary, today visited Lajos Stoekler, president of the Jewish Community here and suggested that Protestants and Jews work together to "fulfill their educational duties to the new social order." Mr. Stoekler assured the Protestant leader of the Jews' desire to cooperate and expressed the hope that religious leaders will find a way to realization of humanitarian goals.

U.N. BODY PLANS ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COURT TO DEAL WITH GENOCIDE CHARGES

LAKE SUCCESS, June 3. (JTA) -- Justice Emil Sandstroem, Chief Justice of the Swedish Supreme Court, and Prof. Ricardo J. Alfaro of Panama were today named by the U.N. International Law Commission to draw up a report on the establishment of an international tribunal to try persons charged with genocide and similar crimes.

Justice Sandstroem was formerly head of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, which brought in the final partition plan for Palestine, while Prof. Alfaro is credited with being one of the persons chiefly responsible for the U.N.'s acceptance of a genocide covenant.

The U.N. Human Rights Commission today deferred a vote on the question of whether to include implementation measures in the body of the proposed international Covenant of Human Rights or whether to cover that question in a separate agreement.

Some of the delegates at the Commission session today expressed the fear that if the covenant and its implementing provisions are placed in separate pacts some nations will sign the weaker of the two documents. However, it is generally agreed that there is need for putting teeth into the covenant in some form or other.

REVISIONIST PARTY OF ARGENTINA HOLDS NATIONAL CONVENTION; HAILS HERUT IN ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, June 3. (JTA) -- The annual national convention of the Revisionist Party of Argentina concluded here after adopting a resolution declaring that it considers the Herut of Israel to be the party which represents the Jabotinsky movement in the Jewish state. At the same time, the party, which was attended by 10 delegates of the Revisionist Party and Betar, reaffirmed its allegiance to the World Zionist Organization.

The delegates pledged their cooperation to the United Campaign, but deplored the Israeli Government's refusal to pay pensions to disabled veterans of the Irgun and Leumi or to the widows and dependent children of Irgunists who died in action. The organization collected 250,000 pesos for the Irgun last year, it was reported, and 100 members of the party emigrated to Israel in the same period. Marcelo Bester was elected president of the party's central committee.

LORD SAMUEL REPORTS ON HIS VISIT TO ISRAEL; REVEALS HE MET WITH TRANSJORDAN KING

LONDON, June 3. (JTA) -- Hope that the Hebrew University of Jerusalem would be able to return to its home on Mt. Scopus was expressed last night by Lord Samuel, who presided at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Hebrew University.

Lord Samuel, first High Commissioner for Palestine under the British Mandate, reported on his recent visit to Israel but said he had not been to the University buildings on Mt. Scopus because it had not been considered desirable for him to apply a second time for permission to pass through the Arab lines. Lord Samuel crossed from Israeli to Arab-held territory to visit King Abdullah.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR EXPERT INVITED BY ISRAELI GOVT. TO REVIEW RECLAMATION PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, June 3. (JTA) -- The Department of the Interior announced today that John L. Savage, chief designing engineer of the Bureau of Reclamation who directed the designing of the Grand Coulee, Hoover and Shasta Dams, has been invited by the Israeli Government to visit Tel Aviv to review reclamation problems confronting the state.

J.A.N.F. INSTITUTE ON OVERSEAS STUDIES WILL CONTINUE ACTIVITIES THROUGH 1950

NEW YORK, June 3. (JTA) -- The board of directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds has voted to extend the activities of the Council's Institute on Overseas Studies through 1950, it was announced here today. The action was taken at the May meeting of the board, following the recommendations of a special committee which reviewed the Institute's accomplishments since its inception in 1947. The committee was headed by Herbert R. Abeles of Newark.

The committee report noted that the Institute had taken an important role in securing refugees from the International Refugee Organization to Jewish agencies for costs of transporting DP's to Israel, reducing multiple campaigns, eliminating mass commodity drives, revision of land purchase policies in Israel, pointing up areas of application in overseas emigration services, and analyzing overseas budgets. Reports of on-the-spot studies made by Harold Glasser, Institute director, and other staff members, also gave communities factual material on which to appraise their responsibilities to European and Israeli needs.

For the balance of 1949, and in 1950, the Institute program will be based on three main phases: 1. To report objectively to communities on the needs, finances, programs, and relationships of overseas agencies; 2. To make suggestions on policies and programs to the overseas organizations; 3. To suggest means by which inter-governmental and governmental agencies can give aid to the Jews needing assistance in Europe and in Israel.

As regards Israel, the Institute will devote itself to studying the appropriate responsibility of the American Jewish communities in the light of the economic trends, the welfare needs and service developments of Israel, foreign governmental loans, private investments and local resources.

Will Study Programs of Agencies Transferring Their Activities to Israel

Other projects connected with Israel will include a study of the general industrial and agricultural development and potentials in Israel's needs for foreign exchange, and studies of the programs of agencies which have traditionally operated in Europe but which are now moving into Israel. The Institute will work closely with the newly-established Commission on Multiple Appeals of the Jewish Agency, and the Government of Israel, to minimize the problem of miscellaneous, multiple appeals.

On the European phase of the Institute's work, it will analyze the continuing need for Jewish philanthropic programs in relation to the exodus of DP's, the economic revival of Western European Jewish communities, the action by East European governments of developing functions and imposing limitations on the work of voluntary agencies, and the departure of large groups of Jews from East European countries to Israel.

"The Institute program, in the light of these trends, will concentrate on keeping Jewish communities factually informed as a basis for local policies and decisions," the statement said. "It will continue efforts to integrate the immigration services of JDC, HIAS, and USNA. Further exploration will be made of the possibilities of IRO undertaking more of its logical responsibilities for the DP's still remaining in Europe." The Institute will also make a special study of the currently expanding work on the political problems of overseas Jewry which is being sponsored by various national Jewish organizations, the announcement declared.

SIXTY-FOUR JEWS GRADUATE FROM U.S. NAVAL, MILITARY AND MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMIES

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 3. (JTA) -- Twenty-eight Jewish midshipmen, members of the 1949 graduating class of the U.S. Naval Academy, each received from the National Jewish Welfare Board a Bible inscribed with his name. The presentation was made by Mrs. Ruben Labovitz, chairman of J.W.B.'s Annapolis Armed Services Committee, during the annual Jewish baccalaureate service conducted at the Kneseth Israel Synagogue by Rabbi Morris D. Rosenblatt, Jewish chaplain at Annapolis.

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GREAT NECK, N.Y., June 3. (JTA) -- Thirteen Jewish graduates of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, who won ensign's commissions at the annual-commencement exercises here, received inscribed Bibles from the National Jewish Welfare Board at a Jewish baccalaureate service preceding the graduation ceremonies. Commander Joshua L. Goldberg, acting district chaplain of the Third Naval District, made the presentations. Rabbi Martin J. Zion, of Temple Beth-El, Great Neck, officiated.

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WEST POINT, N.Y., June 3. (JTA) -- Twenty-three Jewish cadets who were awarded commissions as second lieutenants at the graduating exercises of the U.S. Military Academy here received Bibles from the National Jewish Welfare Board at the baccalaureate service of the Jewish Chapel Squad. Rabbi Julius Mark of Temple Emanu-El, New York, delivered the baccalaureate sermon and Rabbi Marcus Kramer, Jewish chaplain at West Point, officiated.

MIZRACHI LEADERS, BACK FROM ISRAEL, STRESS NEED FOR UNITY AMONG RELIGIOUS ELEMENTS

NEW YORK, June 3. (JTA) -- Leon Gellman, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, and Rabbi Max Kirshblum, executive vice-president, who have just returned from a visit to Israel, declared in a statement issued yesterday that "unless religious forces in Israel unite and amalgamate, religious life in the Holy Land may suffer severe setbacks."

Terming the United Religious Bloc formed during the recent Israeli popular elections merely a "beginning toward real effective union," the Mizrahi leaders declared: "There is no conceivable reason why the four major religious parties in Israel--Mizrachi, Hapoel Hamizrachi, Agudat Israel and Poale Agudas Israel--should not merge into one mass religious grouping." The question of uniting all religious Zionist groups both in Israel and outside the Jewish state will be taken up at the forthcoming world Mizrahi conference scheduled to be held in Jerusalem beginning Aug. 14.

HEROLD GOLDBERG SAILS FOR ISRAEL TO SET UP FACTORY TO PRODUCE CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

NEW YORK, June 3. (JTA) -- Harold J. Goldenberg, vice-president of the Palestine Economic Corporation, sailed today for Israel to establish a factory there for the manufacture of chemicals and plastics.

ARGENTINE JEWISH COMMUNITY HOLDS MEMORIAL MEETING HONORING LATE DR. STEPHEN S. WISE

BUENOS AIRES, June 3. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting honoring the late Dr. Stephen S. Wise arranged by the local office of the World Jewish Congress and the DAIA--central representative body of Argentine Jewry--was held here following the completion of the traditional 30-day mourning period. Argentine Jewish leaders, including Dr. Moises Goldman, honorary president of the DAIA, and Dr. Moises Slinin, president of the Ashkenazi Community, paid tribute to the late world Jewish leader.

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