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**JTA** *Daily News Bulletin*U.S. DELEGATION AT LAUSANNE WITHDRAWS SUPPORT FOR GAZA PLAN; SEEKS ARAB REFUGEE RETURN

LAUSANNE, June 5. (JTA) -- A striking change in U.S. policy in the U.N. Conciliation Commission has taken place in the last 48 hours since the arrival here of Raymond Hare, deputy director of the Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs in the State Department. It was learned today. As a result of new directives from Washington, Commission sources state, the American delegation has withdrawn its support for the "Gaza Plan" as formulated in letters to the Commission by the Israeli delegation. It was first broached from U.N. quarters and called for ceding the Egypt-held Gaza strip to Israel along with its population of Arab residents and refugees.

(Week-end reports from Lake Success declared that on May 21 the Israeli delegation in Lausanne submitted a proposal offering to admit 230,000 Arab refugees to Israeli territory on condition that the 150-mile Gaza coastal strip be ceded to the Jewish state. Similar reports last week emanating from Lausanne were denied by Israeli authorities in Tel Aviv.)

The Americans have now thrown their weight behind the latest Arab proposals as a token of good faith. They require that prior to any peace settlement the Israeli Government should allow the immediate return of all refugees from western Galilee, Lydda, the Ramleh district, Beersheba and those from the Musrara quarter of Jerusalem--a total estimated at 100,000 to 150,000 Arabs.

At the same time, the U.S. delegation has let it be known that the Commission would interpret any reduction in the status of the Israeli delegation here as equivalent to an Israeli walk-out from the Lausanne peace talks. This is the Commission's response to the departure of half the Israeli delegation last week and to unofficial warnings that it might not be worthwhile for Dr. Walter Eytan, director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry and chief Israeli delegate, to return to Lausanne during the unfruitful phase of the talks.

It is already becoming clear that the conciliation theory advanced by the Commission has been singularly unproductive. The gap between the Israelis and the Arabs is wider today than five weeks ago before the conciliation process was started. The expectation of the Commission that Dr. Eytan would come back from his present visit to Tel Aviv armed with new and more helpful instructions seems to be based more on wishful thinking than on convincing evidence.

The Jerusalem subcommittee is to resume consideration tomorrow of eight separate plans for internationalization of the Holy Places. Three main issues remain: the complicated French plan for part internationalization with tribunals and other complex guarantees, the General Assembly's outright internationalization proposal which is now supported by the United States and Israel's project for the partition of Jerusalem between Transjordan and Israel, with a U.N. commission to supervise the free access of pilgrims and the well-being of the Holy Places.

Israel Did Not Get Note Demanding Return of Arab Refugees, Spokesman Says

TEL AVIV, June 5. (JTA) -- An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman today categorically denied a report that Israel has been handed a note demanding that she admit 230,000 Arab refugees who fled Palestine during the Arab-Israeli fighting last year. (In Washington the State Department declined to confirm or deny a report that it had sent such a note to the Tel Aviv government.)

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TRANSJORDAN AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCE THEY APPREHENDED MURDERERS OF TWO ISRAELI SOLDIERS

JERUSALEM, June 5. (JTA) -- Transjordan authorities today notified the mixed Israeli-Transjordan armistice commission that they have apprehended the murderers of two Israeli soldiers, who were slain last Thursday while being escorted to their own lines. The Israeli Army has demanded a joint board of inquiry.

SHAVUOTH IN JERUSALEM MARRED BY CLASH BETWEEN ISRAELI MP'S AND ULTRA-ORTHODOX GROUP

JERUSALEM, June 5. (JTA) -- Serious clashes took place here yesterday at an improvised road-block between Israeli military police and members of Nturai Kartha, an ultra-Orthodox Jewish group, in which three soldiers and several civilians were injured.

The ultra-Orthodox group set up the road-block to prevent the soldiers from bringing food on Shavuoth to their colleagues a few yards distant at their posts of duty. When the military police began to remove the block, the Nturai Kartha band threw stones and bottles at them. Reinforcements came up and helped the MP's disperse the attackers, several of whom were beaten.

Shavuoth, along with the Sabbath, was celebrated in cities, towns and collective settlements throughout Israel with singing, dancing and celebrations, in which children played a major part. Thousands made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. School and kindergarten children, dressed in white and crowned with garlands of flowers, marched en masse bringing the traditional first fruits of the land--grain, vegetables, fruit, doves, calves and fowl--to the buildings here of the Jewish National Fund. Fully 10,000 children participated in observance of Shavuoth in Tel Aviv alone.

SYRIAN PREMIER AND EX-MUFTI REACH MILITARY PACT; SPECIAL MUFTI REGIMENT TO BE FORMED

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- The ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and Syrian Premier Husni Zayim have reached an agreement on military cooperation, the New York Times reported today from Beirut. The dispatch said that a special regiment of Mufti followers will be formed and attached to the regular Syrian Army.

The report noted that "ostensibly they (the Mufti's troops) are to aid in the event of an Israeli attack on Syria, but they could equally well be used in the event of a dispute with King Abdullah." The new agreement provides that 2,000 picked Palestinians with previous military training will be formed in a special unit, with about one-tenth of them reported to be German-trained. The dispatch added that the Mufti will provide his unit with a full shipload of small arms, which is said to have already been received from Greece.

50 IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN HAIFA FROM TURKEY; HOLIDAY DELAYS LANDING OF SEVERAL HUNDRETS

HAIFA, June 6. (JTA) -- A group of 250 Jewish immigrants from Turkey arrived here today. Several hundred immigrants whose vessels brought them into Haifa's waters yesterday were not able to disembark because of the Shavuoth holiday. Many of the arrivals who paid their first visit to Tel Aviv's bathing beach today were enthusiastically greeted by the thousands of bathers.

(A Rome dispatch reported that 3,000 Jewish displaced persons from Austria and Tripolitania sailed during the week-end for Israel from the port of Bari.)

HOLDERS OF "ARYANIZED" PROPERTY IN AUSTRIA CLASH WITH EX-CONCENTRATION CAMP INMATES

VIENNA, June 5. (JTA) -- New clashes have been occurring in Vienna between holders of "Aryanized" property who tried to hold a meeting to denounce restitution laws which would force them to return such property to former owners. Jewish and non-Jewish former inmates of concentration camps demonstrated against the "Aryanizers" who declared that they had "saved the lives of many Jews" by "buying" their property and thus "enabling the Jews to emigrate."

In one clash, three ex-Nazis suffered minor injuries, preventing the rally from being held. The same day the organization of former concentration camp inmates protested against amnesty legislation for former Nazis in Austria.

BERLIN CHIEF RABBI ACCUSES EVANGELICAL BISHOP OF PROTECTING NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

BERLIN, June 5. (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbi of Berlin, Rabbi Stevens Schwarzschild, accused the Evangelical Bishop of Berlin, Bishop Otto Dibelius, of protecting Nazi war criminals, Reuters reported today.

Rabbi Schwarzschild, in an open letter to Bishop Dibelius published in the Berlin Jewish weekly "Der Weg," said: "You are reported to have written to Baroness Schwerin-von Krosigk, wife of the Nazi Government finance minister now serving a 10-year sentence for war crimes, describing the Nuremberg trials as an act of revenge on the part of the victorious nations. You described the trials as incomprehensible inhumanity. Speaking as a rabbi, may I ask you whether your letter is not incomprehensible ungodliness?"

POSITION OF JEWS IN NORTH ALGERIA BETTER THAN IN MOROCCO, CRT OFFICIAL REPORTS

PARIS, June 5. (JTA) -- The position of Jews in northern Algeria is "indefinitely better" than in Morocco, Dr. David Lvovitch, executive chairman of the World CRT Union, reported today upon his return from a tour of CRT schools in Morocco and Algeria. He was accompanied by Salomon Grumbach, former chairman of the French Council of the Republic and a leader of the CRT movement in France.

Dr. Lvovitch said that 660 students are now enrolled in the Casablanca CRT-Alliance Israelite Universelle trade school established in 1946. No more pupils can be accepted there, he said, until a new training center outside the city is opened. A site for a new building was recently donated by Jules Senouf, president of the CRT in Morocco, while construction of a new girls' school is also planned, he added.

RUMANIAN TOWN MARKS ANNIVERSARY OF DEPORTATION OF ITS JEWISH POPULATION TO AUSCHWITZ

BUCHAREST, June 5. (JTA) -- The town of Targu-Mures, in Transylvania, today marked the fifth anniversary of the deportation of its entire Jewish population to the Auschwitz death camp by the pro-Nazi authorities. The ceremony was sponsored by the Jews of the town.

The chief speaker, Francis Welczer, head of the local branch of the Jewish Democratic Committee, told the huge crowd which gathered in front of a memorial to the victims of fascism that by making all racial discrimination a punishable offense the present Rumanian Government was guaranteeing that such atrocities would never again occur.

C.J.F.W.F. CALLS PARLEY TO REVIEW PROBLEMS FACING SMALL JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN U.S.

CLEVELAND, June 5. (JTA) -- The problems faced by small Jewish communities in meeting local, national, and overseas needs will be the focus of discussion at the Conference of Small Communities sponsored by the East Central Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on June 17-19 at the Whitcomb Hotel in St. Joseph, Mich., it was announced here today. The conference, the first of its kind, will be limited to Jewish communities which do not employ a professional executive but conduct their activities entirely through volunteers.

David J. Ross, program committee chairman, pointed out that "small community leaders are becoming increasingly concerned with the relation of the small community to the national Jewish scene as well as the kind of local central community organization best suited for a well-rounded service program. The time has come when we, as leaders in small communities, want to get together to take inventory of our assets and our programs, to learn from each other, to seek perspectives not only for today but for the constructive years of tomorrow."

Among the questions which will be discussed at the Conference are: budgeting resources to assure support of all valid causes; coping with the problem of multiplicity of appeals; maintaining and developing the interest of young people in accepting responsibilities for Jewish communal life; and developing leadership and insuring widespread community participation in Jewish communal activities.

ISRAELI POPULATION NOW 1,000,000, MRS. MYERSON SAYS ON ARRIVAL IN U.S. FOR UJA DRIVE

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- Israeli Labor Minister Mrs. Golda Myerson, who arrived here by air yesterday to undertake a nationwide speaking tour in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, declared in a statement that the population of Israel has reached the 1,000,000 mark. Of this total, she said, 900,000 are Jews while the remainder are Arabs.

Mrs. Myerson emphasized that there are still 1,500,000 Jews living in Europe and North Africa "who need or want to come to Israel." The Israeli Labor Minister said that the Tel Aviv government has instituted a four-year immigration plan envisaging the doubling of Israel's population by the middle of 1953. Replying to a question, she declared that the Israeli Government would not suspend immigration under any circumstances, despite the present shortage of housing.

"Faced with the alternative of halting the immigration of those who must come to our country, or of solving the housing problem, we are determined to solve the housing problem," she stated. "Not one immigrant shall be denied entrance to Israel because we do not have a house for him." Disclosing that at present more than 60,000 new arrivals are compelled to live in tents or barracks at reception camps because of the critical housing situation, Mrs. Myerson said that the only obstacle in the way of housing was lack of funds. "We have the trained manpower and the land," she stressed. "If the Jewish communities of the United States will furnish the United Jewish Appeal with adequate funds, we can lick the housing problem in a relatively short time, despite the fact that 30,000 new immigrants come in every month."

Mrs. Myerson revealed that 11 women now sit in the 120-member Israeli Knesset. She added that women were playing an equal role with men in developing and building the new state, "as they did during the hostilities."

The number of immigrants who arrived in Israel during the first year of Jewish statehood amounted to over one-half the total number of Jews who succeeded in entering Palestine--with or without official certification--during the 28 years of the British Mandate, Judge Morris Rothenberg, United Palestine Appeal national chairman, disclosed during the week-end in a statement.

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AMBASSADOR ELATH SAILS FOR SIX-WEEK STAY IN JEWISH STATE; MEYER WEISGAL ALSO LEAVES

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Eliahu Elath sailed on the Queen Mary yesterday on route to Israel where he expects to remain about six weeks. Meyer Weisgal, executive director of the American Friends of the Weizmann Institute of Science, also sailed yesterday for Israel to take up his new duties as chairman of the executive council of the Institute.

ENGLISH-JEWISH PUBLISHERS WILL HOLD 1950 CONVENTION IN CINCINNATI; PLAN ANNUAL AWARD

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers, meeting at the Hotel Statler here, selected Dr. Alexander Brin and Dr. Joseph G. Brin of Boston, editors and publishers of the Jewish Advocate to serve on a committee granting an annual award by the Association to the American publisher who has rendered the greatest service during the year for the advancement of American ideals."

The executive committee accepted the invitation of Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of Hebrew Union College, to hold the Association's next convention in February, 1950, in Cincinnati, on the occasion of the observance of the 75th academic year of the College. Members of the executive committee, representing newspapers in eight states, were present at the meeting which was presided over by Philip Slomovitz, president of the Association.

Jack Miller, editor of the Jewish Times of Baltimore, was delegated to meet with the Committee on Post Office Affairs of the U.S. House of Representatives, to present the Association's view in opposition to proposed increases in second class postal rates. It was indicated that the proposed increases in rates would endanger the existence of many weekly newspapers, and the Association has appealed to Congressional leaders to oppose such action.

SUIT TO BAR "OLIVER TWIST" AND "MERCHANT OF VENICE" FROM N.Y. SCHOOLS FILED IN BROOKLYN

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- A taxpayer's suit to exclude two classic works-- "Oliver Twist" and "The Merchant Of Venice"--from New York City's public schools was filed in Brooklyn Supreme Court yesterday by Abraham J. Alexander.

Alexander charged that the books are "avowedly anti-Semitic and anti-religious" and "intensify prejudice and are vehicles to spread intolerance" among pupils of the city's schools. The petition names as respondents the Board of Education, Board of Superintendents and Dr. William Jansen, Superintendent of Schools. A hearing on the petition was set for next week.

MONTEVIDEO JEWS RAISE INITIAL \$125,000 FOR ISRAEL; RED MOGEN DOVID COMMITTEE FORMED

MONTEVIDEO, June 5. (JTA) -- Nearly 250,000 pesos (approximately \$125,000) has been raised toward the 3,000,000-peso goal of the United Israel Campaign proclaimed here several weeks ago, it was revealed today.

Establishment of a committee to raise funds for the Red Mogen Dovid in Israel was made known here this week. Dr. Pascual Nemirovsky was elected president of the local group.

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