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ISRAEL PROTESTS TO SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST BRITISH INTENTION TO SHIP ARMS TO ARABS

LAKE SUCCESS, June 13. (JTA) -- Aubrey Eban, head of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations, today submitted a protest to the U.N. Security Council against the announced intention of the British Government to sell arms and ammunition to Arab states despite the fact that the U.N. arms embargo for the Middle East has not been lifted.

Expressing the gratification of the Israeli delegation with the fact that "this intention has in no way been endorsed or supported by the acting U.N. mediator or by any other organ or representatives of the United Nations," the memorandum presented the following observations of the Israeli Government:

"1. By virtue of its predecessor's resolutions on the Palestine question the Security Council has undertaken special responsibilities for the maintenance of peace and security in the Middle East. These responsibilities have on several occasions specifically affected the question of arms supply. In the light of these facts and Article 103 of the Charter my government cannot believe that an individual member of the Security Council possesses a unilateral right to modify and establish United Nations policy.

"2. The Arab states, to which the renewal of arms supplies is thus contemplated, have so far refused to comply with the basic principle of the General Assembly's resolution of December 11th which calls upon the governments concerned 'to seek agreement by negotiations conducted either with the Conciliation Commission or directly with a view to the final settlement of all questions outstanding between them.' Despite this clear injunction the Arab states have so far not agreed even to meet the delegation of Israel under the Commission's auspices.

"3. In the six months which have elapsed since the General Assembly's resolution none of them has made a declaration of willingness to establish relations of peace with Israel. My government sincerely hopes that this attitude will soon change and that the conclusion of agreements in accordance with Paragraph 5 of the aforesaid resolution of the General Assembly will become a serious objective of Arab policy in accordance with the terms of the Charter which clearly defines the duties of member states towards each other. Until such conditions prevail, however, it will be clearly impossible to regard the supply of arms to Arab states as compatible with the purposes and objectives of the Security Council in the Middle East.

"4. My government is deeply convinced that in such circumstances as these the promise of renewed arms supplies to these Arab states may be a blow to the prospects of peace and a gratuitous obstacle to the success of the Lausanne talks at a peculiarly delicate stage.

"5. In taking this view, my government cannot be influenced by the assurances that the dispatch of these arms is intended to assist Arab governments to maintain their internal security, and not to renew hostilities against Israel. The invasion and warfare launched by Arab states in an attempt to destroy Israel last year were not conducted with armaments supplied specifically for that purpose: my government hopes that the need for direct and unprejudiced negotiations between Israel and the Arab states will be regarded by all other governments as a compelling reason for objectivity and restraint."

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ISRAELI PREMIER TOURS NEGEV; VISITS AQABA AREA; CHECKS ON FRONTIERS; INSPECTS TROOPS

TEL AVIV, June 13. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion made a complete tour of the Negev during the week-end, visiting Eilat, situated on the Gulf of Aqaba, as well as other vital points. He checked on the Negev frontiers and reviewed economic plans for the areas bordering on Transjordan and Egypt, respectively. Accompanied by high-ranking military officers and government officials, he inspected troops in various Negev outposts. He last visited the Negev in 1934.

The Israeli Government is now considering plans to turn the historic Acre fortress-prison into an asylum for the insane, it was reported here today. A percentage of Jewish immigrants now arriving in Israel have been mentally affected by their wartime experiences in Nazi concentration camps.

Nathan Friedman-Yellin, Sternist member of the Knesset, has expressed opposition to the proposal. He seeks to have the prison converted into a museum. Many of his followers during the British Mandate period were imprisoned in Acre.

BRITAIN MAY OFFER SMALL ARMS TO ISRAEL; SEEKS TO JUSTIFY SALE OF ARMS TO ARABS

LONDON, June 13. (JTA) -- Britain might be willing to ship Israel the same quantities of small arms which it will soon deliver to Arab states "to insure the internal stability of the regimes of these countries," authoritative British circles today indicated. However, it is considered unlikely that Israel would request such deliveries since it manufactures its own small arms.

These same authoritative quarters insist that shipment of small arms to Arab states does not mean lifting of the U.N. embargo, since the latter move would open the door to the Arab demands for other weapons whose delivery is guaranteed by existing treaties between Britain and these states. These sources also state that they never claimed that Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, U.N. acting mediator for Palestine, had authorized the shipments, but only that he had been consulted.

1,600 JEWISH DP'S SAIL FOR ISRAEL FROM ITALY; TEL AVIV ENVOY TO ROME ARRIVES IN ITALY

ROME, June 13. (JTA) -- A total of 1,600 Jewish displaced persons from Austria and Czechoslovakia sailed for Israel during the week-end from various Italian ports.

Israel's first Minister to Italy, Shlomo Ginosar, arrived here today with his staff and was greeted by representatives of the Italian Foreign Ministry, civil authorities, the Israeli Consul-General in Rome, Arish Oron, and a delegation of Jewish leaders headed by the president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, Dr. Raffaello Centoni.

LATIN AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS ESTABLISH NEGEV SETTLEMENT; SINKING OF "ALTALENA" MARKED

TEL AVIV, June 13. (JTA) -- The first settlement to be established in Israel exclusively by immigrants from Latin America was dedicated today in the Negev. Among the settlers are descendants of Jews who settled in Argentina under the auspice of the Jewish Colonization Association several decades ago.

The first anniversary of the sinking of the Irgun gun-runner, Altalena, was marked on Tel Aviv's beach yesterday by members of the Freedom Party. A ceremony was held near the battered vessel with wreaths lowered into the sea and flags draped at half-mast in memory of those who lost their lives at the time of the ship's foundering.

DR. BRODY, HUNGARIAN JEWISH LEADER, APPOINTED GOVERNMENT ADVISER ON JEWISH AFFAIRS

BUDAPEST, June 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Ernoe Brody, long a recognized leader of Hungarian Jewry, was today appointed by the Education Ministry adviser on Jewish affairs to the government. Dr. Brody is also a member of the parliament, representing the Radical Party in the government coalition.

AUTHORITIES IN GERMANY CONVERT DP CAMP INTO PROCESSING CENTER TO SPUR JEWISH EMIGRATION

MUNICH, June 13. (JTA) -- The Neu-Freimann DP camp near here was today formally dedicated and turned over to Jewish officials as a processing center for DP immigrants from various parts of Europe who are en route to Israel. The camp was named in honor of Col. David Marcus, American Jewish war hero who died near Jerusalem a year ago during the war.

The first 500 DP's departed from the center for Israel this afternoon, shortly after the completion of the formal ceremonies. Israeli officials in Germany, International Refugee Organization officials and representatives of local Jewish organizations and Jewish voluntary relief groups attended the ceremonies. It is expected that the camp will process some 25,000 immigrants this year.

SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER DISCUSSES CHECKING ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA WITH JEWISH LEADER

LONDON, June 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Noah Barou, chairman of the European Council of the World Jewish Congress, was received today in Stockholm by Swedish Foreign Minister Tage Fritjof Erlander and the two discussed measures to check anti-Semitic propaganda which is being spread throughout the world from Sweden.

The Congress today appealed to the British Colonial Office here for aid for some 200 Yemenite Jews who are threatened with return to Yemen from the British protectorate of Aden to which they fled from the Arab state. The W.J.C. acted after receiving an urgent cable from the Aden Emergency Committee. The Colonial Office promised to ask the Aden authorities for an immediate, detailed report on the situation.

NAZI AGENT CHARGED WITH INHUMAN WARTIME TREATMENT OF DUTCH JEWS SENTENCED TO DEATH

AMSTERDAM, June 13. (JTA) -- Ferdinand Frankenstein, a wartime German security service agent operating in the Netherlands, was sentenced to death today by a special tribunal in Arnhem for inhuman treatment of Dutch Jews and other war crimes.

OVER HALF OF JEWS BROUGHT TO HONG KONG FROM NORTH CHINA HAVE ALREADY FLOWN TO ISRAEL

HONG KONG, June 13. (JTA) -- More than half of the 200 Jews brought here by the Joint Distribution Committee from Communist-held Tientsin aboard a J.D.C.-chartered vessel have already been flown to Israel, it was reported today. The Jews were transported to this British protectorate aboard the S.S. Cristobal, which was chartered by A.C. Glassgold, J.D.C. director in Shanghai.

U.N. SUBCOMMISSION ON PROTECTION OF MINORITIES OPENS SESSION AT LAKE SUCCESS

LAKE SUCCESS, June 13. (JTA) -- The United Nations Subcommission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities today opened its second session here. Einar Ekstrand of Sweden was reelected chairman of the body.

U.N. URGED TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL COURTS TO DEAL WITH VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

LAKE SUCCESS, June 13. (JTA) -- A memorandum calling for the establishment of special domestic and international human rights courts to handle complaints concerning violations of human rights, was submitted by the World Jewish Congress today to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights.

The memorandum suggested the establishment of domestic courts within each of the states which signed the U.N. Convention on Human Rights and a higher court for appeals from lower court decisions. The memorandum also proposed an International Court on Human Rights to hear appeals from decisions of the highest domestic courts, and with authority to invoke the assistance of U.N. organs for implementation whenever necessary. It also asked for the rights of petition and court hearing, as complainant or amicus curiae for individual complainants and for organizations granted consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

B'NAI B'RITH ESTABLISHES \$2,000,000 MONSKY FOUNDATION; WILL START FUND-RAISING DRIVE

WASHINGTON, June 13. (JTA) -- Establishment of a \$2,000,000 Henry Monsky Memorial Foundation to sponsor religious, charitable and educational projects designed to "enrich American Jewish life," was announced today by Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith.

The Foundation will be financed through a national fund-raising campaign to be inaugurated with a dinner in Pittsburgh June 19, and followed by similar dinners in major cities throughout the country. The Foundation's first project will be the erection of a B'nai B'rith headquarters building to house the national offices of the organization. Other projects being considered by the board of trustees of the Foundation include establishment of a youth camp with a program emphasizing Jewish cultural activities and an international Hillel Foundation at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem which will serve Jewish students from all parts of the world.

ISRAEL NEEDS \$800,000,000 IN LOANS, AMERICAN LABOR LEADER SAYS; ADVOCATES INVESTMENTS

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel will require \$800,000,000 in private and government loans for large-scale housing and other needs of the tens of thousands of immigrants now pouring into that country, Jacob S. Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, reported today following his return from a seven-week trip to the Middle East and Europe.

The Amalgamated president said that both private investors and government agencies would find Israel "a land of hope and opportunity," and added that loans would be fully protected and guaranteed. Mr. Potofsky predicted that American labor, both the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the American Federation of Labor, will participate "to the fullest extent of their ability."

"Israel is fast demonstrating that it is becoming the citadel of democracy in the Middle East. It behooves the United States Government to take an ever greater interest in the developments in that country, because it will pay incalculable dividends," he declared. The rate of immigrant absorption into Israel, he said, would be equivalent to the admission of 35,000,000 newcomers to the United States.

NEW ISRAELI PORT OPENED AT FISHING VILLAGE OF MISHMORET, NORTH OF NATHANYA

TEL AVIV, June 13. (JTA) -- A new harbor was opened yesterday in the fishing village of Mishmoret, north of Nathanya. Trawlers from Mishmoret were used to bring escaped deportees from the British Cyprus detention camps to Israel.

JEWISH LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES MAY FIND GREATER DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING JOBS, STUDY FINDS

WASHINGTON, June 13. (JTA) -- Jewish law school graduates may experience greater difficulty in obtaining jobs because of large graduating classes which heighten competition, it was reported in a survey made public today by Louis J. Obermayer, chairman of the B'nai B'rith vocational service commission. The survey established that despite the distinct pattern of discrimination in the legal field young Jewish lawyers had little trouble establishing themselves during the immediate postwar years.

The study, which was carried out by the Elmo Roper organization among 50 deans and professors in 33 different law schools throughout the country, disclosed that the field is divided up among so-called Gentile firms, Jewish firms, and "mixed" firms. The professors and deans generally found it useless to send even their best Jewish graduates to a "Gentile" firm, although a few of the educators sometimes do refer top Jewish students to such organizations for employment. The problem is usually solved by the educators by sending a Jewish law school graduate to Jewish or mixed firms only in order to save the job applicant from "embarrassment," the report said.

CANADIAN APPELLATE COURT UPHOLDS RESTRICTIVE COVENANT BARRING SALE OF LAND TO JEWS

TORONTO, June 13. (JTA) -- The Ontario Court of Appeals this week-end upheld a restrictive covenant barring the sale of land at a Lake Huron summer resort near here to Jews or Negroes. Attorneys for the appellants -- Mrs. Annie Noble, the seller, and Bernard Wolfe, the purchaser -- indicated that they will take the matter to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The first decision in a case of this sort, in 1945, completely upheld the right of the owner of such property to sell to a Jew. That decision, by Canadian Justice Keiller Mackay, was utilized by the United States Attorney General in obtaining a decision from the U.S. Supreme Court declaring that restrictive real estate covenants are unenforceable. In this case, Justice Mackay's principle was reversed by a provincial Supreme Court Justice, from whose decision the current appeal was carried.

In a written statement in behalf of the five-man court, which handed down a unanimous decision, Appellate Chief Justice Robertson rejected the arguments of the appellants that the covenant violated Canadian public policy. "To magnify this innocent and modest effort to establish and maintain a place suitable for a pleasant summer residence into an enterprise that offends against some public policy requires a stronger imagination than I possess," Justice Robertson declared. He added: "There is nothing criminal or immoral involved; the public interest is in no way concerned."

Rabbi Abraham Feinberg, chairman of the joint public relations committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, central region, and the B'nai B'rith, commenting on the decision, which he termed as "shocking," stated: "The Court of Appeals excluded the principle of public policy from the restrictive covenant issue, and thus ignored a unique opportunity to affirm the spiritual oneness of Canada. I am convinced that public opinion takes a broader view than the learned judges."

JES. NON-JEWS FORM CSE COMMITTEE IN NETHERLANDS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HEALTH PROGRAMS

AMSTERDAM, June 13. (JTA) -- A new CSE committee for the Netherlands was formed here today and will soon launch a campaign to raise funds for CSE activities in North Africa and Israel. The committee, which includes both Jews and non-Jews, lists prominent scientists, church leaders, physicians and representatives of the Jewish communities of Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague.

PIONEER WOMEN ADOPT \$2,000,000 TWO-YEAR BUDGET; WILL ERECT CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

PHILADELPHIA, June 13. (JTA) -- A two-year quota of \$2,000,000 to aid women and children immigrants reaching Israel was adopted here last night at the 11th annual convention of the Pioneer Women. Mrs. Sara Kahn, one of the leaders of the organization, reported that to date the Pioneer Women maintain in Israel 20 children's homes serving as nurseries and kindergartens for the children of working mothers while an additional eight homes are in the process of construction.

Mrs. Kahn also announced that the Pioneer Women will undertake to erect during the coming year a youth village accommodating 300 boys and girls to be located near Jerusalem as well as a huge agricultural training farm which will be the biggest of its kind yet organized.

Addressing the convention, Israeli Labor Minister Golda Myerson declared: "The Israeli Government does not intend to remain in office one minute if the only solution it can find to its problems is to limit immigration. We do not intend to take Bevin's place. The party that voted for independence, knowing full well that the country faced invasion the next day, will never raise a hand to limit immigration and betray the very thing we fought for."

"One objective of the Labor Zionist movement should be to make United States Jews selfishly interested in Israel. We need not only money, but many thousands of your sons and daughters, if we are to achieve a good Jewish state. We will have it anyway, but to do it with less pain we need these young people."

UNITED ISRAELI CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN ARGENTINA; WAR CONDITIONS NOT OVER, GRUENBAUM WARNS

BUENOS AIRES, June 13. (JTA) -- Itzhak Gruenbaum, former Israeli Minister of Interior, warned here last night that war conditions in the Middle East had not yet ended. He spoke at an outdoor rally attended by 20,000 persons, which officially launched the United Israeli Campaign in this country.

Urging all-out financial support for the absorption in Israel of thousands of immigrants, Gruenbaum pledged that immigration to the Jewish state will not be restricted under any circumstances. He also called for Argentine Jewish youths to settle in Israel as pioneers. Leading Jewish and non-Jewish figures, including members of Parliament, also addressed the meeting.

Dr. Ricardo Dubrovsky, president of the DAIA, central representative Jewish body in the Argentine, pledged the wholehearted support of this country's Jewish community to the Jewish state. Pablo Manguel, newly-appointed Argentine Minister to Israel, was one of the honored guests. Parades through Buenos Aires' streets were held after the rally's close.

Meanwhile, it was announced here today that a group of 19 Jews were arrested last night at the Argentine frontier after attempting to enter the country illegally from Uruguay.

ZUCKER NAMED DIRECTOR OF CLEVELAND JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION; SUCCEEDS GOLDBAMER

CLEVELAND, June 13. (JTA) -- The board of trustees of the Jewish Welfare Federation here today announced the appointment of Henry L. Zucker as acting executive director of the Federation. He will assume the post officially on Oct. 1. Mr. Zucker succeeds Samuel Goldhamer, who has served as executive director for the past 43 years of the Federation's 46 years. Mr. Goldhamer was granted a leave of absence last July and has been named honorary trustee for life of the Federation.

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