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ISRAELI DELEGATE TO U.N. DISCUSSES "COMPLEX PROBLEMS" IN STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TWO HOURS

WASHINGTON, June 17. (JTA) -- Aubrey S. Eban, Israeli delegate to the United Nations, said today that he had discussed "the most complex problems" with Acting Secretary of State James E. Webb for almost two hours.

Mr. Eban declined specific comment, explaining he viewed the discussion as "confidential." He said that "a general discussion of all problems" was held and that the discussion was "full, frank, and friendly." Mark Ethridge, who resigned officially yesterday as American representative on the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission, was present at the meeting.

Mr. Eban was accompanied by Israeli Charge d'Affaires Uriel Heyd and Reuben Shiloah, special assistant to Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

ARAB DELEGATIONS AT LAUSANNE PEACE PARLEY AVOID DISCUSSION OF TERRITORIAL ADJUSTMENT

LAUSANNE, June 17. (JTA) -- Delegations of the four Arab countries neighboring on Israel disavowed themselves today from dealing with the question of territorial adjustment in Palestine which had been scheduled for discussion with the United Nations Conciliation Commission.

The delegations of Syria, Transjordan, Egypt and Lebanon informed the Commission that while they recognized that they were bound by the U.N. General Assembly resolution of May 12 to discuss territorial questions, they wanted first to raise an issue that is "more urgent" to them. They asked what had happened to two Arab memoranda submitted to the Commission on compensation measures for the Arab refugees and on the repatriation of Arabs to Israel.

The Commission informed the Arab states that Israel had made no formal reply. The ensuing discussion took up all available time and the territorial subject was not broached. The Arabs evidently intend to keep to this approach and thus postpone indefinitely discussion of the next topic on the agenda. The Commission will meet privately early next week in order to consider the Israeli proposals for changes in the Commission's procedure.

The Commission today agreed upon the terms of reference to govern its technical committee, which will depart for the Middle East tomorrow. The technical committee was instructed to establish the number of genuine Arab refugees from the Palestine fighting, their places of origin and their means of subsistence. In addition, the committee is to report on the number of refugees who want to return to Israel and is to propose practical undertakings for immediate "work relief" for them.

In Israel, the special U.N. committee is to investigate the practical possibilities of Arab repatriation and resettlement and survey the present condition of Arab-owned properties. A Commission spokesman said today that the technical committee was expected to make a report between six and eight weeks hence but had also been instructed to make interim reports before it draws up its final conclusions. Herbert Gandy, representing the United States on the committee, and Jean Lucas, its French member, will leave Lausanne tomorrow and will join forces at Beirut with Rifi Zorlu, the Turkish delegate.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF ISRAEL AND SYRIA MEET IN NO-MAN'S LAND ON ARMISTICE PROBLEMS

HAIFA, June 17. (JTA) -- Israeli and Syrian armistice delegations met today in a tent in no-man's land in Northern Galilee to resume armistice talks broken off a month ago.

Today the delegation discussed a new proposal from acting United Nations Palestine mediator, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, in an atmosphere which the leader of the Israeli delegation called "friendly." Dr. Bunche has suggested demilitarization of disputed areas in northern Palestine, which would mean the withdrawal of Syrian troops.

The Israeli delegation was reported to be standing on the decision outlined earlier by Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett that no armistice would be signed so long as Syrian troops remained on Israeli soil. The two delegations are to meet again next Tuesday.

ISRAELI WOMEN DEMAND EQUALITY UNDER INCOME TAX LAW; ASK TO FILE SEPARATE RETURNS

TEL AVIV, June 17. (JTA) -- An Israeli women's delegation today approached members of the Knesset with a demand for equal rights for women in relation to the new income tax law. The women insisted upon the right of married women to file separate income tax returns, a feature which is not included in the law.

They pointed out to the deputies that a married woman who files a joint return with her husband pays an inordinate amount of taxes. This state of affairs, they warned, would force married nurses and teachers to leave their jobs at a time when they are vitally needed in the national economy. The delegation won the support of the Mapam, but failed to enlist the aid of the Mapai and the Religious Front.

DRUSES IN ISRAEL SEEK SEPARATION FROM MOSLEM RELIGION; ASK FOR INDEPENDENT STATUS

TEL AVIV, June 17. (JTA) -- The community of Druses in Israel, numbering about 20,000 men, women and children, has asked the Israeli Ministry of Religion to accord it an independent religious status.

The Druses are a Moslem sect whose tenets and practices differ in many ways from the predominant Moslem teachings. They migrated from the southern Caucasus about a half century ago, and a large number of them settled in Lebanon and in northern Palestine, where they have established many villages around Haifa, Acre and Safad.

For the first time since their migration to the Levant, they have been permitted to hold their religious services by the state of Israel. In asking an independent status now, the Druses are apparently seeking legal separation from the Moslem religion.

DR. HERZL'S REMAINS WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM VIENNA TO JERUSALEM IN AUGUST

TEL AVIV, June 17. (JTA) -- Jewish Agency officials announced tonight that the date for the removal of the remains of Theodor Herzl, founder of modern Zionism, from the outskirts of Vienna to Jerusalem, has been definitely set for August 10.

The remains will be reburied immediately without eulogies, but with special prayers, the announcement stated. Agency officials added that details would soon be announced of a worldwide competition for a design of a mausoleum to cover the new resting place.

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ETHRIDGE SUGGESTS LAUSANNE TALKS BE RECESSED; ADVISES ISRAEL TO CHANGE ITS POSITION

WASHINGTON, June 17. (JTA) -- Mark Ethridge, retiring American representative on the United Nations Conciliation Commission, said today that it might not be a bad idea to recess the Lausanne peace talks so that the Israeli delegation can go home for new instructions. "It's a real stalemate now," he stated, "they are running around in circles and are not getting any closer to each other."

At a press conference, he suggested that if the Lausanne talks were recessed and if Israel came up with new proposals a solution may be reached in time for the Commission to report to the General Assembly in September. Asked about the meeting of Israeli U.N. delegate Aubrey S. Eban with Acting Secretary of State James E. Webb today, Ethridge said, "I hope Eban rushed out and advised the Israeli Government to come up with new proposals." He declared that he foresaw only a tortuous way out if Israel does not alter its present stand. If Israel does "change," he said, he was relatively sure that peace could be achieved.

Ethridge disclosed that he had given Israel a figure on the number of Arab refugees it should repatriate. He said this figure was not as large as the number of Arabs Israel would agree to take if she got the Gaza coastal strip. Amplifying his statement further, he said he was not even sure if the State Department would accept the figure. He insisted that as far as he knew the United States has never officially given Israel a binding figure on the number of Arab refugees. Mr. Ethridge asserted that Israel could break the Lausanne deadlock if it would state the number of refugees it is willing to take.

AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL ELECTS PRAESIDIUM TO SUCCEED DR. SILVER AS CHAIRMAN

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council announced today that a praesidium of four has been elected to succeed Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as chairman of the Council. The praesidium is composed of Benjamin G. Browdy, of the Zionist Organization of America; Mrs. Judith Epstein, of Hadassah; Beruch Zuckerman, of the Labor Zionist Organization of America; and Rabbi Joseph H. Lockstein, of the Mizrachi Organization of America.

The praesidium will serve until September of the current year, at which time the permanent leadership of the Council will be chosen. Dr. Silver was elected honorary chairman by a unanimous vote, and a resolution expressing the gratitude of the Council for "the eminent service rendered to the Zionist cause" by the distinguished Zionist leader was unanimously adopted by the Council. Dr. Silver had previously declined to be a candidate for the chairmanship during the next term.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ADOPTS RESOLUTION GIVING INDIVIDUALS RIGHT TO PETITION U.N.

LAKE SUCCESS, June 17. (JTA) -- The U.N. Human Rights Commission, by a 10-4 vote, today adopted a resolution which may make it possible for individuals, in addition to sovereign states, to invoke the protection of the world organization against violations of human rights. The plan follows the same lines of a proposal submitted earlier by Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith, on behalf of the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations.

Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, representing the World Jewish Congress, made a strong plea at the Commission today for the right of individuals who have grievances against their government to petition the U.N. directly. He maintained that if the Commission confines the right of petition to states, it would not, in his view, achieve the protection of human rights. Voting against the resolution were the U.S.S.R., Ukraine, Yugoslavia and Iran.

Jews Continue to Flee from Hungary; About 50 Hungarian Jews Reach Vienna Daily

VIENNA, June 17. (JTA) -- Although the Hungarian authorities have just about hermetically sealed the Austro-Hungarian frontier, Jewish refugees from the East continue to cross the border, a check disclosed today.

Between 40 and 50 Hungarian Jews daily succeed in reaching this capital, authorities stated. Most of those attempting the hazardous crossing at night are youths. Since the Hungarian side of the frontier is guarded at strategic points by machine-gun posts, barbed wire and searchlights, getting over the border is no inconsiderable undertaking.

A less dangerous but more circuitous route is by way of Czechoslovakia. But in recent days the Prague authorities have also redoubled their precautions against the illegal exit of eastern refugees particularly Hungarians. The figure of 40 or 50 refugees now arriving is nothing, of course, compared with the weekly arrivals of as many as 3,000 a month or more ago, before the Hungarian authorities made the frontier almost escape-proof.

Leaders in Hungary Told to Adjust Themselves to Changes in Jewish Communal Life

BUDAPEST, June 17. (JTA) -- Hungarian Jewish leaders were told today that while the Jewish community of Hungary will have full religious freedom, the principle of a free church in a free state embodied in the new Hungarian constitution will require greater financial sacrifice by Hungarian Jews if they wish to maintain their religious and cultural institutions.

Addressing the annual general meeting of the Pest Jewish community, Lajos Stockler, its president, warned that religious education in Hungary will also have to undergo changes. He added that delegates to the community organization representing now-dissolved Zionist organizations, and constituting one-third of the membership, would have to give new pledges to work "along community lines." (All Zionist organizations in Hungary were "voluntarily" dissolved last year.)

According to Mr. Stockler, Hungarian Jewish organizations will continue to work with foreign Jewish organizations but not with "hostile groups who are joining the enemy camp." It was announced today that Dr. Endre Gellert, inspector of Jewish schools who was responsible for their Hebrew programs, has resigned. This was taken to indicate that the teaching of Hebrew will be discontinued here.

Three Rumanian War Criminals Who Tortured Jews Sentenced to Solitary Confinement

BUCHAREST, June 17. (JTA) -- Three Rumanian war criminals found guilty by a Bucharest criminal court of "savage tortures" against the Jewish population of Bessarabia and other towns during the war were sentenced today to solitary confinement for terms ranging from three to 12 years.

New Chief Rabbi Appointed in Bulgaria; Pledges to Support Fight Against "Warmongers"

SOFIA, June 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Acher Hananel, a rabbi in this city, has been appointed Chief Rabbi of Bulgaria to replace Rabbi Daniel Zion who left for Israel. Accepting his appointment, the new Chief Rabbi declared: "We shall fully support the fight against warmongers. We are convinced that if the peoples of the world are firmly ranged on the side of peace, there will be no war."

CATHOLIC COLLEGE IN PENNSYLVANIA APPOINTS RABBI AS HEAD OF ITS MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT

ERIE, Pa., June 17. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abraham B. Shoulson, of this city, has been appointed head of a new department of Hebrew and Middle East studies, at Gannon College here, a Catholic institution. The department was inaugurated, according to a college announcement, because "the state of Israel is now a fact and more and more emphasis must be given to Hebrew as a modern language."

The announcement also pointed out that the "course of events has demonstrated the Middle East will play an important role in the future of the family of nations in and outside the United Nations councils." Rabbi Shoulson, who was named a full professor, is a native of Jerusalem and has four brothers also serving as rabbis in various sections of the United States.

CHAIR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE SET UP AT BRANDEIS; MRS. ROOSEVELT NAMED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WALTHAM, Mass., June 17. (JTA) -- Establishment of the Max Richter Chair of Political Science at Brandeis University was announced here today by Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president. A trust fund estimated to be in excess of \$150,000 will be presented to the University for the new Chair, named in honor of the late New York philanthropist and industrialist.

George Alpert, president of the Board of Trustees, announced today that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has been elected to the University's Board. At the same time it was announced that Benjamin Friedman, all-American quarterback at the University of Michigan, has been appointed director of the University's athletic activities.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY CONFERS 70 DEGREES; AWARDS SIX HONORARY DEGREES TO SCHOLARS

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- Seventy degrees and six honorary degrees were conferred today at the 18th annual commencement exercises of Yeshiva University. The honorary degrees were awarded to Dr. James E. Conant, president of Harvard University; Dr. J. Willis Miller, president of the University of Florida; Dr. Benjamin Fine, education editor of the New York Times; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee; Rabbi Jacob Levinson, Jewish educator and Talmudic scholar; and Dr. Leo Jung, professor of ethics at Yeshiva.

Five rabbinical degrees were awarded at the graduation exercises. At the same time, 49 graduates of Yeshiva's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences received B.A. degrees and 16 graduates of the Teachers Institute were awarded teachers diplomas.

ST. LOUIS NEGRO DONATES TRACT OF LAND TO JEWISH BOY SCOUTS FOR USE AS SUMMER CAMP

ST. LOUIS, June 17. (JTA) -- A boy scout troop attached to the YMHA in this city will have a new country camp this summer thanks to the generosity of a St. Louis Negro, H.D. Robinson, who made the 20-acre site of land available to the Jewish scouts in gratitude for the "treatment received from so many white people, especially the Jews."

(The National Jewish Welfare Board announced in New York that more than 45,000 youngsters this summer will attend 198 summer country and day camps sponsored by the regional sections of the J.W.B. Approximately 14,000 of the children will go to 34 country camps maintained by Jewish community centers.)

DR. BERNARD BAMBERGER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Bernard J. Bamberger was elected president of the Synagogue Council of America at the organization's plenary session last night. He succeeds Dr. Robert Gordis.

JEWISH GROUPS APPEAL AGAINST NEW YORK SUNDAY LAW; SEEK EXEMPTION FOR SABBATH OBSERVERS

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress announced today that it was filing an appeal against the conviction of two proprietors of kosher butcher shops in this city who were found guilty of violating the city's Sunday Law by selling meat on Sunday. The butchers are Orthodox Jews who keep their shops closed on Saturday. The appeal is supported by the N.Y. Board of Rabbis, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the National Council of Young Israel.

The A.J.C. attorneys who filed the appeal--which they said they would take to the Supreme Court if necessary--pointed out that the "Sunday Law is discriminatory because it makes no exception for Orthodox Jews who observe Saturday as the Sabbath." The two Jews convicted of violating the Sunday Law--Samuel Friedman and Samuel Prasman--are scheduled to be sentenced June 22.

ONLY 17 PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN BUENOS AIRES AREA ATTEND JEWISH SCHOOLS, PARLEY HEARS

BUENOS AIRES, June 17. (JTA) -- More than 7,200 Jewish children in Buenos Aires and its suburbs attend some kind of Jewish school, it was revealed here at a convention of Jewish teachers. The annual budget for Jewish education in this area--which includes 49 schools--is approximately \$675,000. Some 230 persons are engaged in teaching in Jewish schools here.

Jewish educators in this country have expressed disappointment at the low rate of attendance, since only 17 percent of the eligible children attend Jewish schools. The teachers point out, however, that the proportion of children who drop out after brief attendance at a Jewish school is even higher. A Hebrew and Yiddish teachers seminary here, which occupies an important place in educational circles in Buenos Aires, this month graduated 59 instructors, many of whom proceeded to Israel to complete their studies.

MONTEVIDEO JEWISH MERCHANTS DONATE BUILDING FOR USE OF ISRAELI LEGATION IN URUGUAY

MONTEVIDEO, June 17. (JTA) -- A group of 30 Jewish merchants here have donated a building to the Israeli mission to Uruguay for the use of the Israel legation. Located in one of the finest sections of the city, the edifice has all accommodations required by the Jewish state's legation.

ISRAELI CHIEF RABBI HERZOG ARRIVES IN LONDON; LARGE CROWD TURNS OUT TO GREET HIM

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- Israeli Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Halevi Herzog arrived here this morning and was greeted by a large crowd of well-wishers, including British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie, Israeli Minister to Britain Dr. Mordecai Eliahu and numerous Zionist leaders. He is en route home to Jerusalem from the U.S. where he undertook a speaking tour in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

MOISES TOFF, ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR, SAILS FOR ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- Moises A. Toff, director of the Latin American Division of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, sailed for Argentina today aboard the S.S. Brazil. He will visit Jewish communities in various South American countries, including Brazil and Uruguay.