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## CRISIS OVER U.S. REQUESTS TO ISRAEL WILL PASS SOON, SHARETT ASSURES PARLIAMENT

TEL AVIV, June 21. (JTA) -- The crisis which has developed over the requests presented by the U.S. State Department to Israel for the admission of Arab refugees and for territorial adjustments will soon pass, as did four similar crises which developed since the victory of the Israeli Army.

This opinion was expressed in the Knesset last night by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett at the conclusion of the general debate on Israel's foreign policy. He refuted claims made by opposition speakers that the government's foreign policy had failed repeatedly.

He also criticized the conviction by a Hungarian court of six Zionist leaders on charges of aiding illegal emigration of Israel-bound Jews from Hungarian territory. Pointing out that Israel cannot interfere in the internal affairs of another sovereign state, Mr. Sharett said this particular problem was worldwide in scope. He added that this is but one of many obstructions to Jewish immigration which exist in the world today. He insisted that any obstruction to Jewish migration constitutes a contravention of the right of Jews to self-determination.

He declared that it was a mistake to separate Israel from Zionism because Zionism was the "lifblood" of Israel and immigration was its "heart." The Foreign Minister told Parliament that he was shocked by the statement of the Hungarian court that the migration of Jews from Hungary to Israel constituted assistance to "Anglo-American imperialism."

### Israel Favors Plebiscite on Future of Palestine Arab State

Turning to the issue of an independent Arab state in Palestine, the Foreign Minister said that although Israel favored the establishment of such a state it was unprepared to go to war to guarantee it, and that, he insisted, was the only way to secure the establishment of the Arab state. He revealed that Israel intended to suggest to the U.N. Conciliation Commission that a plebiscite be held to permit the residents of the area to determine their own political future.

Mr. Sharett also denied that Dr. Walter Eytan, head of the Israeli delegation to the Lausanne peace talks, had proposed the establishment of Haifa as a free port. He expressed regret that the Conciliation Commission, which is currently conducting the Lausanne parley, was "one-sided" in its composition--without a Soviet representative--but revealed that Israel had been informed that the Soviet Union would not be represented only hours before the announcement of the appointment of the three members.

He rejected a demand by Menahem Beigin, head of the Herut, that Israel refuse to recognize the Anglo-Transjordan Treaty. He rejected the plea of the two Arab members of the Knesset that Arab refugees be permitted to return to Israel, but promised that the process of admitting members of families who remained in Israel would be speeded up.

Mr. Sharett attacked Shmuel Mikunis, Israel Communist leader, for the latter's speech in Bucharest during which he opposed Jewish immigration to Israel under its present "undemocratic regime." The minister said that if Israel were ruled in the manner that Mr. Mikunis considers ideal, the Communist leader would not be allowed to make anti-government speeches in foreign lands.

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ISRAELI GOVERNMENT APPROVES COMPULSORY EDUCATION BILL; KNESSET OPENS DEBATE ON JAFFA

TEL AVIV, June 21. (JTA) -- The government will submit to the Knesset Israel's first compulsory education legislation within the next few days, Education Minister Zelman Shazar announced in Parliament today. The plan has already been approved by the government coalition and is in its final drafting stages.

The bill will provide for the establishment of a compulsory educational system up to the age of 14 in annual stages during the next four years, Minister Shazar said. During the first year of the plan's operation, the first six years of elementary school will be compulsory. During the subsequent three years, additional classes will be added until two years of kindergarten and the entire elementary course of instruction will be compulsory.

Debate began today on a government plan calling for the Tel Aviv municipality to take over and incorporate Jaffa into the Israeli capital. The plan was presented as the government's solution of the administration problem which will be raised next month when the Army is scheduled to withdraw from the former Arab seaport.

Mapan has presented a substitute plan which calls for the election of a Jaffa city council by the 50,000 inhabitants, only 3,000 of whom are still Arabs. The left-wing proposal also calls for arbitration by the Ministry of Interior of any conflicts and disputes between the projected municipality of Jaffa and Tel Aviv.

U.N. COMMISSION IN LAUSANNE ACCEPTS PART OF ISRAELI PROPOSAL; WILL SET UP STUDY UNITS

LAUSANNE, June 21. (JTA) -- The United Nations Conciliation Commission on Palestine today informed Dr. Walter Eytan, chief of the Israeli mission here, that it would consider setting up two "working parties" composed of members of the Commission and Israeli and Arab representatives to speed up the procedure. One of the working parties would concentrate on the refugee problem and the second on territorial questions.

Dr. Eytan, on his recent return from Tel Aviv, had proposed to the Commission three other "working parties" as well in an effort to bring the Israelis and Arabs face to face in an attempt to reach agreement. Members of the Commission said they did not think the time ripe for the other working parties and expressed belief that the Arabs might not yet be ready to agree to participate.

Earlier, Dr. Eytan told the Commission that Israel firmly opposed adjournment of the Lausanne peace talks, now entering their eighth week. Heads of the Lebanese and Jordan delegations also urged continuation of the conference. For the past two weeks the Israeli and Arab missions have been urging the Commission to put peace proposals before both sides, on its own initiative. A Commission spokesman said, however, that the Commission had no authority from the United Nations General Assembly to offer peace terms.

A spokesman for the four Arab delegations -- Syria, Egypt, Lebanon and Trans-Jordan -- outlined today the latest Arab proposal for Jerusalem. He backed, for three of them, the trusteeship plan submitted to the U.N. General Assembly two years ago. This plan, he emphasized, was supported by all the Arab states except Transjordan, which supported the partition of Jerusalem, giving the Old City and part of the New City to Arab rule.

BRITAIN AND ISRAEL WILL DISCUSS CLAIMS AND COUNTERCLAIMS AT PARLEY IN TEL AVIV

LONDON, June 21. (JTA) -- Discussion of claims and counterclaims between Britain and Israel will begin at Tel Aviv in a few weeks, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the House of Commons today.

Replying to questions, Cripps said it was not proposed to make any further sterling releases to Israel until negotiations had been held at Tel Aviv. A release of 7,000,000 pounds--about \$28,000,000--from the blocked Israeli balance was arranged at a joint conference in London some weeks ago. He said no counterclaims were made by the British Government against Israel at that time.

ISRAELI AND SYRIAN ARMISTICE NEGOTIATORS MEET AGAIN; DISCUSSIONS REMAIN GENERAL

TEL AVIV, June 21. (JTA) -- A meeting between Israeli and Syrian armistice negotiators took place today in "no-man's land" near Mahanayim with the regular delegations of both sides participating in the talks and with Col. Moshe Dayan, Jerusalem area commander of the Israeli Army, serving as an observer.

Also participating in today's parleys were Brig. Gen. William Riley and Henri Vigier, of the mediator's staff, who flew to Mahanayim from Damascus. Discussions were reportedly on a "general basis" and no details were divulged. The next meeting was set for Tuesday.

The mixed armistice commission today agreed to permit Arabs from the Arab Legion-held triangle to harvest crops in Israel after assurance that the killer of two Israeli soldiers recently slain would be tried with United Nations representatives acting as observers.

AMERICAN AND FRANCE MEMBERS OF U.N. BODY ARRIVE IN JERUSALEM; WILL STUDY REFUGEE PROBLEM

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- Herbert Cundy of the United States, and Jean Lucas of France, members of the technical committee on Arab refugees for the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission, arrived at U.N. headquarters in Government House here from Lausanne, late last night. The Turkish member, Rıdhal Zorlu, is expected here Friday.

The technical committee has been ordered to make an on-the-spot survey of Arab refugees in the Middle East. Their report will form the basis for the Conciliation Commission's findings on this subject.

BRITISH COLONIAL OFFICE GIVES ASSURANCE YEMENITE REFUGEES WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO ADEN

LONDON, June 21. (JTA) -- The British Colonial Office assured today S.S. Silverman, Member of Parliament, that none of the Yemenite Jewish refugees who fled from Yemen to the British protectorate of Aden will be sent back to Yemen.

Dr. Silverman, on behalf of the World Jewish Congress, intervened with the Colonial Office following receipt of a plea from the Jewish Emergency Committee in Aden that some hundreds of Yemenite Jews were in danger of repatriation.

According to the Colonial Office, there are now 900 refugees in the camp at Dala. Difficulties arose when several hundred arrived en route to Israel instead of only 200 as the authorities had been advised. They will all be permitted to remain until their transfer to Israel or other destinations can be arranged. Representatives of the Emergency Committee will be permitted to visit the camp to investigate conditions.

ISRAELI CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK SAYS ARAB STATES SEEK TO RENEW WAR AGAINST ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- "Arab states, as well as various leaders of Palestine Arabs, continue to blazen forth their determination to renew the war against Israel at the earliest opportunity," Arthur Lourie, Israeli Consul General in New York, told the National Assembly for Labor Israel here last night, addressing the 750 delegates at Hotel New Yorker.

"It seems to them in no measure inconsistent that they should simultaneously demand that Israel take back hundreds of thousands of Arabs, presumably to await and to participate in the renewed onslaught. Israel is prepared to do its share within the framework of a general peace settlement with the other countries of the Middle East in effectuating a settlement of the refugee problem."

Mr. Lourie also revealed that the enemies of Israel, who failed last year to persuade the U.N. General Assembly to accept the Bernadotte Plan, have not given up. The offensive on behalf of the mutilation of Israel by cutting out of our small territory, the Negev, is once again under way, though at present covertly and without fanfare, he asserted. "In the game of power politics, the fact that the Arabs have already more deserts than they know what to do with and that the Negev will be developed, if developed at all, only by the Jews, is irrelevant." For the moment these plans are maturing behind an attack on another front in which the case of the Arab refugees is being made a political pawn, he said.

Robert Nathan, noted economist, told the Assembly that if Israel is to bring in 750,000 immigrants in the next four years, it will need a minimum investment of at least \$2,000,000,000 to absorb these people. He stressed that the Israeli Government "must accelerate and emphasize and put greater stress on bringing in private capital." Those who are ideologically opposed to private capital will be very unhappy, he said, but it must be realized that ideology has no place in a country where 750,000 people must be absorbed.

Other speakers included Bayim Greenberg, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency; Baruch Zuckerman, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America; Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan; Dr. Horace M. Kallen; Dr. Samuel M. Blumenfield; Rabbi Samuel Wohl; and Mrs. Bert Goldstein, president of the Pioneer Women.

JACOB POTOFSKY DISCUSSES ISRAELI PROBLEMS WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN IN WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, June 21. (JTA) -- Jacob Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, called on President Truman today and later said that they discussed "general topics" relating to his recent visit to Israel as a guest of the Histadrut.

He said that he was not a Zionist but that he saw Israel "without colored glasses" and his impressions were "very favorable." Mr. Potofsky described the Israeli housing problem. Asked about union plans to help finance Israeli housing, Mr. Potofsky said that such business was "up to the board."

ISRAEL BECOMES MEMBER OF UNITED NATIONS WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

LAKE SUCCESS, June 21. (JTA) -- Israel today became a member of the World Health Organization. This is the third specialized agency of the U.N. which Israel has joined since its admission to the international body in May.

PROBLEMS OF SMALL JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN U.S. DISCUSSED AT THREE-DAY CONFERENCE

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., June 21. (JTA) -- Problems concerning Jewish communal activities in small towns in the United States were discussed here at a three-day conference of representatives of Jewish communities in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana arranged by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The conference--the first of its kind--adopted the following recommendations:

1. That the Committee on Stable and Unified Fund-Raising of the C.J.F.W.F. continue its study of problems related to national Jewish fund-raising, multiplicity of campaigns and excessive promotional programs.
2. That the small communities give further thought to the role of the central Jewish community organization with regard to problems of fund-raising, allocations, Jewish education, cultural activities, community relations and social welfare.
3. That the small communities consider seriously new methods of inter-community cooperation for joint communal problems and that the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds continue to furnish communities with factual information on the programs and budgets of all organizations which depend upon them for support.

Fifty Small Communities Raise \$3,800,000 for Philanthropic Work

It was revealed at the conference that some 50 small Jewish communities raised \$3,800,000 last year for national and overseas causes. Keynoting the conference, Rabbi Harry Brigg, of Grand Rapids, Mich., stated that "the time is indeed ripe for the small community to assert itself on the American Jewish scene." He added that the recent huge fund-raising campaigns "have helped to mature the small community with respect to its responsibilities toward Jewish survival."

Herman Morton, president of the Jewish Federation of Southern Illinois, an organization embracing some 60 communities, spoke of the structure and program of that organization as an example of successful inter-community cooperation for Jewish education and other communal needs. The role of the small community as a partner with the national agencies and the large cities in meeting the responsibilities for national and overseas needs was emphasized in a discussion led by Benjamin B. Rosenberg, director of field service for the C.J.F.W.F.

The importance of a sound budgeting and allocation process as one of the major means by which communities can achieve participation in policy-making of national agencies was pointed up by William Avrunin, associate director of the Detroit Jewish Welfare Federation. Other discussants included David J. Ross, Benton Harbor, Mich., Henry Feferman, South Bend, Ind., and Herbert Rosenbloom, Gary, Ind.

J.W.B. CALLS SEVEN-STATE PARLEY TO REVIEW PROGRAMS FOR JEWISH SERVICE PERSONNEL

ATLANTA, June 21. (JTA) -- Members of the National Jewish Welfare Board's armed services committees in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee are scheduled to attend a two-day meeting here this week to review the present activities of the local groups in behalf of Jewish members and to review the present activities of the local groups in behalf of Jewish members of the armed forces, it was announced today by Gen. Eugene Oberdorfer, J.W.B. chairman of the Third Army area.

CANADA ADMITTED 11,000 JEWISH DP'S IN TWO YEARS, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REPORTS

MONTREAL, June 21. (JTA) -- Canada has accepted more than 11,000 displaced Jews during the past two years, Col. David Croll, Jewish M.P., revealed during an address here.

This makes Canada second only to Israel in the number of Jewish DP's it has accepted for resettlement, Col. Croll declared. Government statistics released in Ottawa recently disclosed that over 71,000 DP's of all nationalities and faiths have been accepted by the Dominion since April, 1947.

J.D.C. HELPED 20,000 JEWISH REFUGEES TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL, OTHER COUNTRIES DURING MAY

PARIS, June 21. (JTA) -- A total of 20,599 Jewish refugees from Europe, Africa and Asia migrated to Israel and other lands of resettlement during the month of May with the assistance of the Joint Distribution Committee, it was announced here today by the J.D.C.

Of the total, 18,449 Jewish men, women and children were transported to Israel by the J.D.C. while 1,800 reached the United States; 115 went to Canada, 55 to Australia and 120 to South American countries. In the last 13 months, the J.D.C. has helped over 190,000 Jewish emigrants to reach Israel alone, the statement said.

BRITISH ENVOY TO ISRAEL PRESENTS AWARDS TO THREE JEWS WHO RESCUED BRITISH SAILORS

TEL AVIV, June 21. (JTA) -- British Minister to Israel Alexander Knox Helm today presented three Israeli citizens with life-saving certificates for bravery displayed when they participated in the rescue of British sailors from the ship Ampleworth, which foundered off the coast of Tel Aviv in January, 1947.

ISRAEL CORPORATION OF AMERICA TO INVEST \$250,000 IN HOUSING PROGRAMS IN JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- The Israel Corporation of America announced today the signing of an agreement with the Jewish Agency providing for the investment by the former of \$250,000 in housing programs in Israel for newly-arriving immigrants. The money will be invested either through the purchase by the Israel Corporation of debentures of Amidar--the national housing company in Israel--or otherwise.

DR. JONAH WISE AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORATE BY JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Jonah B. Wise, a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal since its inception, has been awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters by the Jewish Theological Seminary. In a citation accompanying the award, Dr. Wise's contributions to the development in the U.S. Jewish community of an "awareness of the necessity for large-scale voluntary fund-raising to meet the needs of our brethren in Europe, North Africa and Asia," were noted.

DR. NOAH NARDI, LEADING JEWISH EDUCATOR, NAMED RESEARCH HEAD OF ISRAELI MINISTRY

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Noah Nardi, educator and psychologist and consultant to the Jewish Education Committee of this city, has been appointed head of the Department of Research and Experimentation of the Ministry of Education of Israel, it was announced here today. The appointment was made by Education Minister Zalman Shazar. A graduate of Teachers College of Jerusalem, Dr. Nardi was a leading educator in Palestine prior to coming to the United States. He is the author of "Zionism and Education in Palestine" and "Education in Palestine."

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