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ARAB THREATS TO RENEW WAR TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY ISRAEL; ACCOMPANIED BY WAR PREPARATIONS

TEL AVIV, June 24. (JTA) -- Arab threats to renew the war against Israel are being considered seriously by Israeli authorities, it was learned here. Official circles asserted today that the Arab threats "are not empty" because they are accompanied by military preparations. This activity can only be halted by a peace agreement, and not by pressure on Israel, these same circles insist.

Israeli Army Day will be celebrated on the anniversary of Theodor Herzl's death-July 17--a military high command announcement said today. Military parades will be held in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. The celebration will honor the memory of those who fell in battle last year.

U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION DECIDES TO SUGGEST TWO-WEEK RECESS OF LAUSANNE PARLEY

LONDON, June 24. (JTA) -- The United Nations Conciliation Commission today decided to suggest a two-week recess of the Arab-Israeli peace talks in Lausanne, Reuters reported today from Switzerland. The recess may begin early next week.

The report added that it was understood that a breathing spell would be useful to enable both sides to "think things over." The recess proposal will be submitted to the Arabs tomorrow, a Commission spokesman indicated, and later to the Israelis. He added that the work of the Commission's technical committees, such as the Jerusalem unit, would continue during the recess.

The Economist, British independent weekly, states in its current issue that it is not surprising that both the Israelis and the Arabs have been rebuked by Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General. Neither is it astonishing, the paper adds, that some observers now feel that the Lausanne conference should be adjourned for an interim period, since both sides are hampered today by the fear that concessions will lead to troubles at home.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK DENIES IT WILL CANCEL REMAINDER OF \$100,000,000 LOAN TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 24. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Export-Import Bank today denied a London report that the Bank would cancel further withdrawals from its loan to Israel because of American displeasure at Israel over the Arab refugee question.

He said there was absolutely no foundation to stories that the Bank would withhold the remaining \$49,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 loan. He added that the Bank considered itself to be under firm commitment and that the remainder of the loan has already been earmarked and will be made available to Israel as previously agreed. The loan was negotiated for the purchase in the United States of equipment and materials for housing, agricultural, and industrial development in Israel.

A spokesman for the State Department declared today that unjustified criticism was directed at the American consular service in Jerusalem by Mayor Stanley W. Church of New Rochelle, N.Y., when the latter said yesterday that he and 11 other non-Jews on a study tour of Israel were refused permission to enter the Old City of Jerusalem. The Department said that all possible action has been taken by the consulate to facilitate visits to the Holy City but that such traffic was made difficult by the many restrictions imposed by both Arab and Jewish authorities.

ISRAELI DELEGATION REVIEWS DEVELOPMENTS AT LAUSANNE CONCILIATION CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- Without commenting directly on the progress report which the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission submitted this week to the Security Council, the Israeli delegation today made public its views on the developments at the Arab-Jewish negotiations taking place in Lausanne under the auspices of the Commission.

The statement of the Israeli delegation, issued in New York through the Israeli Office of Information, emphasized that the U.N. General Assembly's resolution of Dec. 11 contained four basic principles. "We must ask what the attitude of Israel and the Arab states respectively has been to each of these," the statement says, adding:

"1. The main recommendation of the Assembly is its call to the governments concerned 'to seek agreement by negotiations with a view to the final settlement of all questions outstanding between them.' This injunction is imperative and unconditional. Israel has ceaselessly offered to comply with it. The Arab states have refused.

"2. The Assembly's resolution expressed the interest of the United Nations in the protection of the Holy Places and for United Nations control of Jerusalem, with a view to their protection. Israel has made proposals for an international regime concerned exclusively with the protection of the Holy Places. This proposal has received much favorable comment in the General Assembly itself, and has formed the subject of a questionnaire by the Conciliation Commission, to which Israel has replied. The Arab states have made no proposals at all. The Arab Government in occupation of the Holy Places has given no undertakings in respect of them, and actually denies Christian and Jews access to some of them. The Arab states have not replied to the Commission's questionnaire.

Israel Says Arabs "Offered to Do Nothing" on Refugee Problem

"3. The Assembly laid down as an integral part of its call for a peace settlement certain principles relating to the repatriation of refugees and the rights of those who do not return. The proposals submitted by Israel at Lausanne satisfy those principles and provide for a fair and just contribution to a solution of this problem. Israel has also agreed to meet the Commission's request with respect to the reuniting of families, compensation for land abandoned and the unfreezing of Arab bank assets. On the other hand, the Arab states which have the sole responsibility for creating this tragic problem by their reckless invasion, have so far offered to do nothing whatever to assist its solution.

"4. The Commission itself is instructed in the Assembly's resolution 'to establish contact between the parties themselves.' In the seven months of its existence it has unfortunately not succeeded in fulfilling that task. It should, however, be made perfectly clear that this failure has been caused by Arab and not Jewish refusal to negotiate a total peace settlement.

"5. The only constructive procedural suggestions for rescuing the Lausanne talks from failure are those put forward by the Israeli delegation--and some of these have been accepted in part by the Conciliation Commission. An objective review of the record will clearly show that Israel has constantly striven for peace and has made many proposals to achieve it, while the Arab delegations have adamantly refused to discuss it," the statement concludes.

(At Lake Success, Israeli U.N. delegate Aubrey S. Eban today met with U.N. mediator Dr. Ralph J. Bunche on the Israeli-Syrian armistice negotiations.)

PARIS, June 24. (JTA) -- Rene Pousquet, former Undersecretary of State for Police in the Vichy Government, who was charged with responsibility for the persecution and death of thousands of French Jews during the war, was deprived of his civil rights for five years today by a Paris court, but the sentence was immediately suspended because the court found that the defendant, although serving as a Vichyite official, had secretly rendered service to the resistance movement.

Denying the charges made against him, Pousquet insisted in court that he saved many Jews during his term in office and that when he took over the administration of the police there were 7,000 Jews in jails and camps, but that he freed 4,000 of them. He declared that he was opposed to racist laws and only obeyed orders from the Interior Ministry.

Referring to his support of the Nazi race laws, he said: "I supported them as a trope supports a hanged man." He also claimed that he refused to prosecute a priest who publicly protested against the order forcing Jews to wear clothes marked with a yellow Star of David.

POSITION OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES REPORTED DETERIORATING

LONDON, June 24. (JTA) -- The "definite deterioration" of the position of Jews in Eastern European countries was reported today to the council of the Anglo-Jewish Association.

H.A. Goodman, political secretary of Agudath Israel, told the council that while there was no danger now of physical violence against the Jews, action was necessary to secure the right of Jews to leave their countries of residence if they so desire, and also to safeguard human and religious rights.

He expressed the belief that little could be accomplished in the case of Rumania which had virtually no links with the west, but said that the situation was somewhat different with regard to Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Goodman castigated the so-called "Jewish Democratic Committees" in Eastern Europe. In Hungary, he said, the government had taken no action in the unauthorized mass emigration of 8,000 Hungarian Jews until these committees intervened. The main danger to the Jewish communities, he added, was in the imposition of unrepresentative leaders on their organizations. These leaders, rather than the governments directly, threaten Jewish existence, he declared.

Leonard Stein, president of the Association, announced that an important meeting of the governing body of the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations--which includes the Alliance Israelite Universelle, American Jewish Committee and Anglo-Jewish Association--will be held here in the latter half of July.

U.N. NOW RECOMMENDS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE FOR MISSING PERSONS DEATH CERTIFICATES

LAKE SUCCESS, June 24. (JTA) -- The establishment of an international office for death declarations is recommended in a draft convention adopted this week by a special U.N. Economic and Social Council subcommittee set up to handle the matter of death certificates for persons missing as a result of the war and religious, racial, and national persecution, it was revealed here today by U.N. headquarters.

The convention, the adoption of which closed the meeting of the body in Geneva, provides that the issuance of such death declarations shall be limited to Europe, Asia and Africa. It also sets up a system of courts which, upon application of next of kin of a missing person, may issue a legally recognized death certificate.

13. MIZRACHI PARLEY CALLS FOR REORGANIZATION OF WORLD ORTHODOX ZIONIST MOVEMENT

ATLANTIC CITY, June 24. (JTA) -- A resolution on the reorganization of the world Mizrahi movement, adopted today at the 49th annual convention of the Mizrahi Organization of America, calls for the establishment of an autonomous World Federation of General Mizrahi. The resolution, introduced by Rabbi Joseph H. Lockstein, noted that the present composition of Hapcal Hamizrachi and General Mizrahi within the world Mizrahi movement was unrealistic.

Hapcal Hamizrachi has its own autonomous world federation, he declared, and its present continued affiliation with the world organization has created an anomalous situation which on the one hand has permitted Hapcal Hamizrachi full autonomy to pursue unilateral action while on the other it gave it the right to restrict the action of the General Mizrahi. Rabbi Lockstein added that if the present situation were allowed to continue, it would cause damage to the general Mizrahi movement and hamper the growth outside Israel and limit its scope and influence in the Jewish state. The resolution is intended to serve as a guide to American Mizrahi delegates who will attend the world Mizrahi parley in Jerusalem in August.

ISRAELI DELEGATE ADVOCATES FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION AT U.N. PARLEY IN SWITZERLAND

GENEVA, June 24. (JTA) -- Z. Berinson, chief Israeli delegate to the United Nations International Labor Organization, declared today that his country would fully support the principle of freedom of emigration so that Jews desiring to go to Israel could leave without restrictions.

The delegate, who delivered part of his address in Hebrew, thanked the conference chairman for the warm welcome accorded to the youngest member of the I.L.O. Stressing that Jewish Palestine has always been deeply interested in the work of the I.L.O., he asserted that "Israel has now taken its place among the family of nations and intends to play its part." He added that the new state's historic mission is to gather in exiles and reported that despite the life-and-death struggle in its first year, a total of 220,000 Jews had arrived.

The Israeli representative expressed regret that some "otherwise friendly countries" had withheld exit permits from Jews. He described measures taken in his country to absorb additional immigrants and to increase their skill and productivity. He said that the labor laws inherited from the Mandatory Power, Britain, were being overhauled, including an improvement of the workmen's compensation law. He remarked that there were new labor laws under preparation covering conciliation and arbitration proceedings and social insurance provisions that the Mandatory had refused to introduce.

In conclusion, Mr. Berinson assured the conference that Israel would pursue a policy of social justice as a foundation of universal peace. He quoted from Isaiah that "they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks."

NAZI PARTY LEADER GETS TEN-YEAR PRISON TERM FOR WARTIME MURDER OF 200 JEWS IN POLAND

MUNICH, June 24. (JTA) -- Theodor Vogt, former Nazi district leader of the Stuttgart-Degerloch area who was charged with killing approximately 200 Jews during the German occupation of Poland, was sentenced to ten years imprisonment in a labor camp by a Ludwigsburg denazification court. Witnesses at the trial testified that the defendant "publicly horsewhipped Jews and treated them with great brutality" while he was an official in Poland.

PRESIDENT PERON AND WIFE ATTEND JEWISH GATHERING IN ARGENTINA; REPUDIATE RACISM

BUENOS AIRES, June 24. (JTA) -- Argentine President Juan Peron, Mrs. Peron and other high officials of the government were guests of honor at a reception arranged here last night by the Organizacion Israelita Argentina for Pablo Manguel, newly-appointed Argentine Minister to Israel. Mr. Manguel is expected to leave for Tel Aviv within a few months to take up his new duties.

President Peron, speaking at the gathering, said: "I feel a deep fondness and great respect towards Israel." Lauding Argentine Jews for their honesty and diligence, Peron voiced the hope that Manguel would become the bridge between Argentina and Israel and that he would aid Israel and ask for Israel's aid if necessary. Peron concluded his remarks with the toast, "Long Live Israel!"

Madame Peron declared that the appointment of a Jew as Argentine Minister to the new state proved that Peron repudiates racism. Responding, the new Minister asserted that the Jewish state "repeated David's deed in defeating Goliath." All major Jewish groups participated in the reception and several Jewish leaders, including the president of the DAIA, central representative Jewish body in Argentina, expressed the thanks of Argentine Jewry to Peron. A message was received from the Israeli Minister to Uruguay, Dr. Joseph Tsur.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ENDORSES CIVIL RIGHTS BILL; MAY PASS IN HOUSE AT THIS SESSION

WASHINGTON, June 24. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today recorded its endorsement of the "Civil Rights Act of 1949," sponsored in the Senate by Sen. J. Edward McGrath, and in the House by Rep. Emanuel Celler.

The Committee's statement was sent to the Senate subcommittee concerned with the omnibus of Civil Rights bills. The Committee stated: "We believe that segregation imposes a badge of inferiority just as clearly as did the infamous Nuremberg laws of the Nazi regime."

Rep. Celler said today, following a talk with President Truman, that he believes the administration's omnibus of Civil Rights bills will pass the House at this session. Mr. Celler said he did not discuss the Israeli situation with the President.

J.D.C. APPOINTS FIRST DIRECTOR FOR IRAN; WILL ORGANIZE AID FOR 90,000 JEWS THERE

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The appointment of Stanley Abramovitch, veteran Joint Distribution Committee welfare worker in Europe, as the J.D.C.'s first director in Iran was announced today by Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Committee.

Mr. Abramovitch, a British citizen, will assume his new duties in Teheran, capital of Iran, within a week. Since 1945 he has supervised J.D.C. relief, resettlement and reconstruction operations in behalf of Jewish displaced persons in the Fahrenwald and Windsheim DP camps in Germany. In Iran, Mr. Abramovitch will inaugurate and expand programs of medical aid, education and general welfare among the 90,000 Jewish men, women and children living in that country.

LEADING WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS CALL FOR RATIFICATION OF U.N. CONVENTION ON GENOCIDE

LAKE SUCCESS, June 24. (JTA) -- Twenty representatives of leading women's organizations throughout the world today presented a joint petition to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie calling on member states of the United Nations to speed up ratification of the convention on genocide which was approved by the U.N. General Assembly.

JEWS COMMUNITY OF CLEVELAND COMPLETES U.J.A. DRIVE; EXCEEDS RESULTS OF LAST YEAR

CLEVELAND, June 24. (JTA) -- The Jewish community here has concluded its 1949 campaign in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal after having raised a total of \$4,848,770--approximately \$25,000 more than was obtained in the 1948 drive, it was announced here by Max Freedman, general chairman of the campaign.

15 CANADIAN JEWISH YOUTH LEADERS LEAVE FOR YEAR OF TRAINING IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- Forty-four Jewish youth leaders from the United States and Canada will fly from here for Israel on Sunday for a year's study and training under scholarships granted them by various Zionist organizations, it was announced today by the Jewish Agency.

The flight will mark the beginning of the first large-scale leadership institute for American Zionist youths, the primary object of which is to train young American Jews for leadership roles in the Zionist youth movement. The institute will also be attended by some 60 students from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Latin America. Upon returning home the students will spend a year in service with the organization which sponsored their scholarships.

MECHAN FOREIGN MINISTER RECEIVES DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN; MEXICO-ISRAEL RELATIONS DISCUSSED

MEXICO CITY, June 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, was received here by Mexican Foreign Minister Manuel Nilo.

They discussed problems concerning the future relationship between Israel and Mexico. Dr. Adolfo Pastlicht, representative of the Jewish Agency in Mexico, accompanied Dr. Goldmann.

NEW JERSEY VETERANS PAY TRIBUTE TO DR. SELMAN WAKSMAN; CITE HIS HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

MILWOOD, N.J., June 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Selman A. Waksman, discoverer of the life-saving drugs streptomycin and neomycin, last night received a gold medal of merit from the New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was described in a citation as a "great citizen who has devoted his time to humanitarian work." Prof. Waksman's decision to give his royalties to Rutgers University for continued research was also highly lauded.

YOUNG ISRAEL CONVENTION OF YOUNG ISRAEL OPENS; PROBLEMS OF RELIGIOUS LIFE TO BE STUDIED

GREENFIELD PARK, N.Y., June 24. (JTA) -- The annual convention of Young Israel opened here today with 500 delegates in attendance. Problems concerning Jewish religious life in the U.S. and Israel will be considered, as will a plan to expand the work of the organization in the Jewish state.

WOLF SACHS, LEADING PSYCHOANALYST OF SOUTH AFRICA, DIES; WAS JEWISH COMMUNAL WORKER

JOHANNESBURG, June 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Wolf Sachs, foremost psychoanalyst in the South of South Africa, writer, lecturer and a leading worker in the Jewish community, died here today. He was 56.

Born in Russia, Dr. Sachs held degrees from the Universities of Leningrad, Berlin and London. He was a member of British and International Psychoanalytical Societies and president of the South African Psychoanalytical Association, which he founded. He was the author of many psychological works and a novel, "Black Ballet."