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ISRAELI-TRANSJORDAN ARMISTICE COMMISSION MEETS IN JERUSALEM; DISCUSSES AGREEMENT

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA)--The Israeli-Transjordan mixed armistice commission met here for six hours, but United Nations and Jewish sources refused to disclose the subject of discussion. An Arab commission had discussed an agreement covering the demilitarized area near Government House and particularly the status of civilians in that area.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett arrived in Jerusalem this morning and conferred for several hours with Brig. Gen. William E. Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff. It was understood that they talked about the situation of Jerusalem and the work of the mixed commission.

The Arab radio in Ramallah said the commission reached a general agreement which left open only these points: the duration of the compact and the exact demarcation lines limiting civilian movement.

Meanwhile, Israeli Army and police forces today carried out a combined search operation of the Abu Gosh village, near Jerusalem. They were hunting Arab infiltrators from nearby Transjordan-held areas.

TEL AVIV MUNICIPALITY GETS \$81,000,000 LOAN TO CONVERT ITS HARBOR INTO DEEP WATER PORT

TEL AVIV, June 27. (JTA)--The city of Tel Aviv has received a loan of \$1,000,000 pounds (approximately \$81,000,000) from undisclosed sources for the conversion of its port to a deep water harbor, it was revealed here today by Mayor Israel Rokach. Mr. Rokach made the announcement when he presented his annual budget to the municipal council.

The Jewish Agency is unable to cope with the many health problems arising as a result of the large immigration movement, Health Minister Moshe Shapira today told the Knesset. He described conditions in the crowded transient camps as "typically dangerous." Declaring that nurses are badly needed by government hospitals at this time, the Minister issued a call for volunteers. Mr. Shapira disclosed that the government added 500 beds to various hospitals last month, bringing the total under its supervision to 1,300 as contrasted with the 400 which it took over at the end of the Mandatory's regime.

Premier David Ben Gurion and Daniel Frisch, newly elected president of the Zionist Organization of America, met for two hours this morning. They discussed cultural, economic and philanthropic ties between American Jewry and the Jews of Israel.

The Premier stressed Israel's need for investment capital as well as its need for American "know-how." After the interview, Mr. Frisch told newsmen that the Premier is a "man of destiny." He also revealed that he will advocate the extension of Marshall Plan aid to Israel when he returns home.

HUNGARIANS QUIT ISRAELI COMMUNIST PARTY; PROTEST AGAINST HUNGARY'S ANTI-ZIONIST ACTIONS

TEL AVIV, June 27. (JTA)--The Hungarian section of the Israeli Communist Party, one of the largest groups in the movement, withdrew from the party in protest against the conviction in Budapest last week of Hungarian Zionist leaders charged with aiding illegal mass migration of Jews to Israel. This is the second split in the Israeli Communist ranks in the last five months, 25 members having been expelled earlier for "nationalist deviations."

COFFIN OF 200,000 JEWS MURDERED BY NAZIS BURIED IN JERUSALEM; WEIZMANN EULOGIZES VICTIMS

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- A coffin of ashes representing the remains of 200,000 German and Austrian Jews murdered during the war by the Nazis was buried here today following funeral processions held in Tel Aviv, Rehovot--residence of the Israeli President--and Jerusalem.

"Words could not describe the calamity which has befallen German and Austrian Jewry," Dr. Weizmann said. Eulogizing the victims, he added that the grave in which the coffin will repose will serve as a "reminder to all Jews of the happenings of our times and as a warning to Israelis, and to Jews abroad, of the deeds of the enemy."

Prior to being brought to Jerusalem from Rehovot, the coffin was led through the streets of Tel Aviv in a special funeral procession witnessed by thousands of spectators. Traffic was halted in the city as a token of homage to the Nazis' victims.

The casket was met at the entrance to Jerusalem by Joseph Sprinzak, speaker of the Knesset, as well as by members of the Jewish Agency executive, Mayor Daniel Auster and Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel. With a large, restrained crowd in attendance, Minister of Religion Rabbi Judah L. Maimon delivered the principal eulogy. Other tributes were paid to the 200,000 martyrs by Mayor Auster and Dr. Arish Tartakover, of the Hebrew University.

The cortege, numbering some 4,000 persons, slowly passed through Jerusalem's main streets to the Yeshurun Synagogue, where Rabbi Uziel delivered the final eulogy. Following the chanting of the traditional prayer for the dead, "El Moley Rachamin," the entire crowd of 4,000 recited the Kaddish service. The cortege then proceeded to the temporary cemetery in the Sanhedria quarter where the coffin was interred.

UNITED NATIONS BODY ADOPTS IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

LAKE SUCCESS, June 27. (JTA) -- A U.N. Subcommission for the Protection of Minorities today wound up a two-week session which laid a broad foundation for the intervention of the world organization on behalf of groups victimized by discrimination.

The Subcommission opened the way for full participation of major civic bodies in its work when it adopted a resolution inviting non-governmental organizations affiliated with the U.N. to supply the group with facts, figures, opinions and allegations of discrimination practices. It gave the broadest possible definition to minorities, including those of "race, color, sex, language, religion."

The Subcommission broke through specific taboos from the Human Rights Commission and the Economic and Social Council and made a number of decisive recommendations designed to make the U.N. an immediate and effective guardian of minorities in the field of human rights. Prominent among these recommendations is a request that the U.N. Secretariat take immediate steps to set up in each country "national coordinating committees" with the right to submit complaints to the Subcommission.

Another important recommendation provides for the setting up of machinery for receiving and acting upon petitions alleging violations of minority rights. This recommendation called on the Economic and Social Council to modify previous inadequate resolutions in this respect.

The Subcommission proposed that its next meeting be held in January, so that its recommendations could be incorporated in the draft Covenant on Human Rights in time for adoption by the 1950 General Assembly.

ITALIAN POLICE OCCUPY JEWISH DP CAMP IN EFFORT TO HALT INMATES FROM FLEEING CENTER

ROME, June 27. (JTA) -- Italian police today occupied the Jewish displaced persons camp of Trani in an effort to prevent Jewish refugees passing through Italy en route to Israel to escape from the center prior to embarking on Israel-bound vessels.

Meanwhile, it was announced here that 1,000 Jewish displaced persons sailed for the Jewish state during the past two weeks from various Italian ports. The immigrants are mostly from Czechoslovakia and Tripoli.

AUSTRIAN EX-NAZIS APPEAL TO CATHOLIC BISHOPS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST RESTITUTION LAWS

VIENNA, June 27. (JTA) -- The organization of holders of organized property who face loss of that property under the Austrian restitution laws have appealed to Austrian Bishops for aid in fighting these "unjust laws."

The plea, in the form of a letter, asked protection against "exaggerated" Jewish claims. It asserts that the property now held by the former Nazis was purchased in "good faith" and adds that great harm will be wrought in Catholic circles if the measures are enforced.

GENERAL CLAIMS RESTITUTION LAW INVOLVING \$283,000,000 BEING READIED IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, June 27. (JTA) -- A general claims restitution measure, intended to indemnify victims of Nazism to an estimated extent of 850,000,000 deutsche marks (approximately \$283,000,000) is under study by the American military government and is expected to be approved shortly, the New York Times reported today from Frankfurt.

The dispatch said that it is anticipated that Nazi victims who have since emigrated to the United States and other countries will also receive payments, probably in the currency of the lands in which they now reside. The projected law, passed by the U.S. zone Council of States last April, marks the first time that a defeated nation has paid reparations to individual victims, the dispatch added.

It also stated that the projected law differs from the first restitution measure in effect in the U.S. zone in that it provides for payment for abstract damage--such as restrictions of liberty--as well as for stolen cash and other unidentifiable valuables. The first restitution law was restricted to restitutions of real and identifiable property.

FORMER LONDON CONSTABLE WHO SET FIRE TO JEWISH-OWNED STORE GETS FIVE-YEAR JAIL TERM

LONDON, June 27. (JTA) -- Clifford Alexander Weallans, a London constable, who was convicted of having set fire to several Jewish-owned shops last April was today sentenced to five years in prison.

Commenting on the former policeman's statement that he set fire to the premises in revenge for what Jews in Israel did to friends of his who served with him in the Mandatory police force in Palestine, the judge declared: "It is a perfectly wicked thing that innocent people are made to suffer for something with which they had nothing to do."

CONVENTION OF REFORM RABBIS ASKS ISRAEL FOR EQUALITY FOR ALL RELIGIOUS GROUPS

BREITON WOODS, N.H., June 27. (JTA) -- Acting on the suggestion of its outgoing president, Dr. Abraham J. Feldman, the 60th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis today sent a message to the Israeli Government expressing the hope that "when in the new state the relationship between church and state will have been definitely established, the relationship will be one of full liberty and equality for all shades of religious opinion."

The message was sent following a discussion during which statements were made that the Liberal rabbis do not enjoy in Israel the same rights as the Orthodox Rabbinate. Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, of Pittsburgh, pointed out that the present status of relationship between church and state in Israel is not a product of the Jewish state, but is still a remnant of the system introduced by the British during the years when they were the mandatory power in Palestine.

The convention today adopted a resolution calling for the "setting up of a central placement bureau by the Conference in cooperation with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Lay Organization of Reform Judaism, and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform rabbinical seminary, under a professional director." The resolution urges that "all pulpit negotiations, whether initiated by rabbis or congregations, must be channelled through this bureau." Before the establishment of the placement bureau, the plan must be approved by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Pressing Financial Needs of Hebrew Union College Outlined at Convention

The pressing financial needs of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion were made known today to the 300 alumni of the two institutions attending the 60th anniversary convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of H.U.C.-J.I.R., speaking at a meeting of the two alumni societies, said that support of the seminary, which has largely depleted the Julius Rosenfeld-Adolph S. Ochs endowment fund raised some 20 years ago, "is basic to the development of a healthy American Reform Judaism."

Dr. Glueck reported on the great success of the Hebrew Union College's newly-instituted program of Christian fellowships, under which young Christian ministers are given graduate fellowships to study at the H.U.C. "These young Christian ministers," Dr. Glueck said, "are among our best and most devoted students. All of them will eventually return to their own Christian theological seminaries to teach."

Dr. Hertz Reports on Progress in Reform Jewish Education

A report on the progress made by Reform Jewish education was delivered today at the convention of the Conference by Dr. Richard C. Hertz of Chicago, on the basis of a survey made by him of the 351 Reform Jewish religious schools in the United States. Two hundred schools replied to his questionnaire of forty questions.

The proportion of children who take Hebrew in Reform schools has nearly doubled in the past 25 years, Dr. Hertz found. He emphasized that school curricula are heavily weighted on the side of Jewish history. His survey calls attention to "the chaotic condition of the curriculum in Reform Jewish education."

Rabbi David Philipson, of Cincinnati, the dean of the American Reform Rabbinate, collapsed here yesterday at the convention. He was removed to a Boston hospital where he was considered still not out of danger this morning. Dr. Philipson is 87 years old and is the oldest living graduate of Hebrew Union College.

AMERICAN ISRAELI LINE ACQUIRES TWO SHIPS FROM UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION

TEL AVIV, June 27. (JTA) -- The Zim shipping company will soon add two ships to the American Israeli line, with a tonnage of 10,500 each, a director of the Zim company announced today.

By agreement with the United States Maritime Commission, through which the ships are being acquired, the new vessels will carry 50 percent United States loan goods for the next two or three years. The price for carrying loan goods will be ten percent of cargo value. Zim is negotiating for the acquisition of three freighters for the Mediterranean line, one of which would carry fruit.

Negotiations are also under way for a passenger and freight carrier. A total of six to seven million dollars from the Export-Import Bank loan will be spent for shipping. In the next three years it is expected that enough trained Israeli seamen will be available to man the fleet.

REAR ADMIRAL ISQUITH ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN GROUP AIDING ISRAELI SEAFARING

NEW YORK, June 27. (JTA) -- Rear Admiral Solomon S. Isquith, U.S.N. (Ret.), was elected president of the American Zebulun, an organization aiding in the development of the seafaring industry in Israel, it was announced here today.

Admiral Asquith, winner of the Navy Cross, awarded to him for bravery under fire as commanding officer of the USS Utah during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, accepted the post as president of the American Zebulun because of his "interest in helping in the revival of maritime activities and maritime schools in Israel," the announcement added.

"American Zebulun," Admiral Asquith stated, "will give both financial and moral support to the parent body--the Zebulun Seafaring Society in Israel. Many distinguished Americans, leaders in the Zionist movement, have joined American Zebulun to help in establishing maritime schools and to promote the industry in Israel which will provide tens of thousands of immigrants with jobs so sorely needed for a stable economy of the Jewish state," he added.

ISRAELI MINISTER IN LONDON PROPOSES ESTABLISHMENT OF ANGLO-ISRAELI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MANCHESTER, June 27. (JTA) -- Establishment of an Anglo-Israeli Chamber of Commerce in Britain and in Israel was proposed here by Israeli Minister Mordecai Eliash as a means of Anglo-Israeli cooperation.

Addressing a luncheon in his honor at the Manchester Town Hall, under the chairmanship of Lord Mayor Robert Moss, the Israeli Minister referred to reports that Britain's formal recognition of Israel was practically complete, and described these reports as "good news." He urged closer economic cooperation between Israel and Britain, saying this would improve social conditions in both countries.

NETHERLANDS-ISRAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ESTABLISHED IN ROTTERDAM BY COMMERCIAL LEADERS

AMSTERDAM, June 27. (JTA) -- A Netherlands-Israel Chamber of Commerce was established here today at a meeting of Dutch commercial leaders and Israeli representatives held under the chairmanship of the Burgomaster of Amsterdam.

The Burgomaster told the Assembly that the Governments of Israel and the Netherlands had officially approved the establishment of the chamber and H. Garzon, Israeli commercial attaché here, stressed the importance of close commercial ties between the two countries.

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DR. RONGY REVIEWS SITUATION OF JEWISH MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES; MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

NEW YORK, June 27. (JTA) -- The situation of the 650 Jewish men and women who graduated from medical schools each year and their future in the profession has been reviewed by Dr. A.J. Rongy, prominent physician active in Jewish affairs, in a guest column for Dr. S. Margoshes in the Jewish Day.

Looking ahead 25 years, Dr. Rongy predicted that "with but few exceptions" some of the current Jewish medical graduates will become a medical director of any large national industrial corporation; "none will head the medical department of one of our great insurance companies, and that but few will attain important positions on the medical faculties."

In the immediate future, Dr. Rongy pointed out that an estimated 250 of the 650 graduates will seek specialized training and will compete with other young doctors for scarce residencies. Because Jewish doctors are forced by prejudice to seek a practice in the more competitive atmosphere of the large cities they will be channeled to a greater extent into specialized fields, Dr. Rongy declared.

Except for the Jewish hospitals and some of the public institutions, Jews are finding it most difficult to obtain a residence, he asserted. He also said that the Jewish hospitals do not provide sufficient facilities for offering Jewish doctors training in all specialized fields.

As a solution, Dr. Rongy recommended that in order to prevent the relegation of Jewish medical men to the "lowest rungs" of the profession, Jewish hospitals must be reorganized "with a view to establishing as many residencies as may be approved by the Council on Education of the American Medical Association." Pointing out that this move may require extensive staff changes in some hospitals, he warned that "unless this is done very soon, the Jewish medical group throughout the country will be greatly handicapped in their progress and advancement."

MIAMI BEACH APPROVES ORDINANCE OUTLAWING DISPLAY OF DISCRIMINATORY ADVERTISING

MIAMI BEACH, June 27. (JTA) -- The Miami Beach city council has unanimously approved an ordinance making it "unlawful to maintain or display any advertising matter or sign" which discriminates against persons on the grounds of race, religion or creed. An "enabling act" adopted by the state legislature at the suggestion of the Florida region of the Anti-Defamation League made passage of the ordinance possible.

BARON GUY DE ROTHSCHILD ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL CONSISTORY OF FRENCH JEWRY

PARIS, June 27. (JTA) -- Baron Guy de Rothschild was elected yesterday president of the Central Consistory of French Jewry succeeding Judge Leon Weiss, who resigned. The new president received 46 votes of a total of 53 cast. Baron de Rothschild is the son of the late Baron Edouard de Rothschild, who served as president of the consistory from 1912-1939.

60 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN HAIFA FROM FRENCH AND ITALIAN PORTS OF EMBARKATION

HAIFA, June 27. (JTA) -- A group of 400 Jewish immigrants arrived here today from Marseilles aboard the Israeli transport, S.S. Hednah. Another group of 250 DP immigrants disembarked from the Bontas, which they boarded in Italy. A third group of 309 also disembarked here today.

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