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SYRIA-ISRAELI ARMISTICE TALKS RESUMED; NO PROGRESS REPORTED; TO MEET AGAIN ON MONDAY

TEL AVIV, June 28. (JTA) -- Representatives of Syria and Israel today resumed their armistice talks at Mahanaim, on the Syrian-Israeli frontier, but no details of the meeting were made public. It is believed that no progress was made at today's conference. The talks will continue next Monday.

U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION HOLDS LAST MEETING WITH ISRAELI DELEGATION AT LAUSANNE

LAUSANNE, June 28. (JTA) -- The Israeli delegation had its last formal meeting today with the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission prior to its adjournment July 1 to 18.

The Commission sought further answers from the Israelis on the immediate measures they had proposed to the Israeli Government for the alleviation of the lot of certain categories of Arab refugees. Rouven Shiloh, head of the Political Department of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, who arrived last night from Washington, was present at the meeting today.

Prospects for the second part of the Lausanne peace conference, to start July 1, were said to have been considerably improved following today's farewell meeting of the Commission with the Israeli delegation.

It was, in the view of a Commission spokesman, the most constructive and intelligent meeting in the eight weeks of the Lausanne conference. The Israeli delegation handed to the Commission its reply to nine suggestions made by the U.N. conciliators six weeks ago, on immediate measures to assist certain categories of refugees and to safeguard Arab property in Israel.

The reply is considered here the product of second thoughts in Tel Aviv. The original reply rejected most of the requests made by the Commission, although making minor concessions. While no details are available, the Commission spokesman indicated that the reply now seemed constructive and satisfactory on a number of points. He cited in particular answers dealing with the resuming of broken Arab refugee families, the release of Arab balances frozen in Israeli banks and the guarantee of working for minorities.

On the other hand, the Israeli reply made no concession to the U.N. body's request that some 20,000 laborers be permitted to return to the Arab-owned orange groves in order to save them from deterioration. The whole matter has been referred to the general committee which will consider it in detail while the Commission itself is in recess.

Raymond Bare, United States member, will leave for Washington Friday. He is expected to return. The new United States representative, it is understood, will be a governmental official. Claude de Boisanger, the French member, is leaving for Paris. All the Arab delegations, except the Syrians, are staying in Switzerland. The Israelis so far have no instructions to return to Tel Aviv.

A slightly ironical situation has arisen about the purpose of the Commission's recess. The body's explanation was that it felt that the delegations of Israel and the four Arab states, Syria, Egypt, Transjordan and the Lebanon, should go home and consult their governments and come back by July 18 with instructions. It now seems that the only persons going home for instructions will be members of the Commission and not delegates.

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THE DEPARTMENT DECLINES COMMENT ON REPORT THAT ISRAEL MAY FACE WAR AGAIN

WASHINGTON, June 28. (JTA)--The State Department declined comment today on a radio report that Secretary of State Dean Acheson has been advised there is danger that warfare may break out again soon in Israel.

The report was broadcast by radio commentator Drew Pearson who said the information was on Mr. Acheson's desk when he returned from Paris.

KNESSET VOTES \$10,000,000 INTERIM BUDGET; LEFT AND CENTER ATTACK GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS

TEL AVIV, June 28. (JTA)--The Knesset last night voted an interim budget of 3,500,000 pounds (approximately \$10,500,000) for the next month's operations of the government. The amount is one-twelfth of the total sum requested by the government for the 1949-50 fiscal year.

Meanwhile, the debate on the budget, scheduled to last 30 hours this week and next, continued with attacks by Mapai leader Aaron Zisling and General Zionist Dr. Fritz Bernstein on the government's proposals. The left-wing leader charged that the government "lacks a complete plan for the absorption of the immigrants," and demanded nationalization of the land. Dr. Bernstein's main point was that the government's economic policy is hindering the investment of Jewish capital.

ANGLO-ISRAELI TALKS ON MUTUAL FINANCIAL CLAIMS BEGIN FRIDAY; SHARETT TO PRESIDE

TEL AVIV, June 28. (JTA)--Anglo-Israeli financial talks on mutual claims arising from the termination of the British Mandate in Palestine will begin July 1, it was learned here today. Usually reliable sources said British claims amounted to \$8,000,000 and that Israel's counter-claim was believed to be equally high.

Scope of the negotiations has been the subject of notes exchanged between British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. An Israeli statement today said it was agreed to begin negotiations July 1 and that Mr. Sharett will preside. A special office has been established by the Israeli Government to handle the matter, the statement added.

ANGLO-FRENCH MIDDLE EAST MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONTH; TO SERVE ONLY AS "CONTACT"

PARIS, June 28. (JTA)--A French Foreign Office spokesman, commenting on the announced Anglo-French meeting on the Middle East to begin July 5, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that it will not actually be a conference, but rather the first contact between Roland de Margerie, director of the African and Middle East section of the French Foreign Office, and his counterpart in the British Foreign Office.

The Quai D'Orsay spokesman emphasized that the "contact" would take place simultaneously with the conference of British diplomatic representatives to Middle East countries convened by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin.

NEW PROTEST ON APPOINTMENT OF JEW AS GREEK ENVOY TO ISRAEL IS VOICED IN PARLIAMENT

ATHENS, June 28. (JTA)--Another protest against the appointment of Dr. Joseph Malin, a Jew, as Greece's envoy to Israel was made in the Chamber of Deputies today by M. Thivaios, member of Parliament. He asserted that "the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs will now become a branch office of the World Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel," and claimed that the action would be to the disadvantage of "Greece's long friendship with the Arab countries."

SCORES OF ARABS ARRESTED IN RAMLEH FOLLOWING DISCOVERY OF ARMS; 30 HELD NEAR JERUSALEM

TEL AVIV, June 28. (JTA) -- Scores of arrests were made by Israeli Army and police forces yesterday among the Arab residents of the occupied town of Ramleh, it was revealed here today. The arrests followed a hunt for illegally hidden arms, during which a quantity of hand grenades and other weapons were found.

During the combing of Abu Gosh, Arab village on the outskirts of Jerusalem, yesterday, 30 infiltrates from the Transjordan-controlled area of Palestine were captured and a number of smugglers and their contraband were rounded up. The smugglers will be turned over to the police for prosecution, but the infiltrates will be placed in special camps and later exchanged for Jewish prisoners of war in Arab countries.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION HEARS REPORT ON JEWISH LABOR, INDUSTRY IN ISRAEL

GENEVA, June 28. (JTA) -- A report on the achievements of Jewish labor and industry in Israel was presented today to the International Labor Organization, meeting here.

Speaking in behalf of the Histadrut, I. Bershire outlined the role which the establishment of specialized settlements played in the increase in industrial production and services. He also lauded the setting up of a network of Histadrut schools and other cultural institutions as aiding in this development. The Israeli delegate emphasized that Jewish labor in the new state considers the absorption of thousands of newly-arriving immigrants into the life of the country its chief responsibility at the present time.

M. Rozen, representative of the Israeli Manufacturers Association, reviewed the growth of industry from its early beginnings during the mandatory period to the present time. During the war, he asserted, Jewish industry in Palestine rendered important assistance to the Allied war effort. Israel's principal industries, he added, are now concentrated in the fields of textile manufacture, food production, chemical and pharmaceutical products, metal goods and diamond cutting.

The Israeli industrial envoy declared that manufacturers in the Jewish state favor a high standard of living for workers whose purchasing power, he noted, is the "main factor in the country's inland market." Mr. Rozen stated that employers and employees in Israel "enjoy full freedom of association" and said that industry in the Jewish state was seeking to create employment for all. He also stressed the need for private capital investment from overseas to aid in the absorption of large numbers of immigrants.

ISRAEL NAMES CONSULAR OFFICIALS TO AUSTRALIA; YUGOSLAV MINISTER ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 27. (JTA) -- Harry Yehuda Levin was appointed Israeli consul general today to Australia and Gabriel Daron was named as consul, it was announced here today. Both will leave for their new posts in a few weeks.

Yugoslav Minister to Israel Nikolaï Brozina arrived in Tel Aviv this morning, accompanied by First Secretary M. Zisovic.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT CRITICIZED FOR DIVERSION OF REFUGEE CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUNDS TO ARABS

LONDON, June 28. (JTA) -- The diversion of funds intended for European refugee children exclusively by Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin to aid for Arab refugees, only some of whom are children, was criticized here last night at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews by P.M. London, a deputy, who called the diversion a "mean and shabby trick." Mr. London expressed regret that Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, had supported Bevin in this action.

POLESH GOVERNMENT DISSOLVES ZIONIST BODY; 13,000 POLISH JEWS SEEK EXIT VISAS

WARSAW, June 28. (JTA) -- The federation of Zionist groups of Lodz, which was organized shortly after the liberation primarily for the purpose of finding and removing Jewish children from non-Jewish homes and sending them to Israel, has been closed down by the Polish authorities, it was revealed here today.

The official reason for the government's action was that the federation had not registered with the proper governmental agency and was, therefore, illegal. During the past few years, the group has rescued some 500 Jewish children, frequently paying large sums to ransom them. All but about 30 children, who remained in the organization's home in Lodz when it was closed down, have been sent to Israel; the 30 will be cared for by the Jewish Central Committee.

Some 13,000 applications of Polish Jews desiring to emigrate to Israel are now on file with the Ministry of Public Administration. Meanwhile, the situation regarding the issuance of passports by the Ministry improved this month with the handing out of some 300 visas. Up to now the monthly average has been about 120-130.

Fees for passports have been increased 20,000 zlotys--nominally about \$100--and the so-called collective passport, which was extremely cheap, has been abolished. In addition the authorities have ordered that separate passports be issued for children up to 18 who have previously been permitted to travel on their parents' documents. Fees are also levied on passports issued to persons travelling elsewhere than Israel. Although the passports are valid for a year, each person issued one is required to sign a statement that he will leave the country in two months.

Thus far this year, the Central Jewish Committee has issued 6,500 certificates attesting to the fact that the bearers are members of the Jewish community. Such a certificate is necessary before applications may be filed for a passport to Israel.

PLANS FOR COMBATTING RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE IN GERMANY ANNOUNCED IN BERLIN

BERLIN, June 28. (JTA) -- Plans for combatting racial and religious prejudice in ten major German cities and several dozen smaller communities were announced here today by Carl F. Zietlow, special adviser to the U.S. Military Government.

"Catholic bishops, Protestant clergymen, rabbis, theological school professors and laymen of all three faiths have joined with mayors, industrialists, labor union leaders and publishers in setting up groups to promote better human relations within German communities," he said.

Zietlow, who is liaison representative in Germany of the International Council of Christians and Jews, added that by the end of this summer, there would be at least 120 active leaders on committees for inter-faith councils in Munich, Stuttgart, Wiesbaden and Frankfurt, and six new councils would be developed next year in Berlin, Bremen, Nuremberg, Karlsruhe, Kassel and Augsburg.

ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT TO OPEN COLLEGE TO TRAIN YIDDISH TEACHERS FOR STATE SCHOOLS

BUCHAREST, June 28. (JTA) -- A college to train Yiddish teachers in Rumania will soon be established here, it was announced today by the Ministry of Education. The government-supported institution will operate on the same basis as training colleges which prepare teachers of other national minorities. The regular course of instruction will be for four years.

A summer course for Yiddish teachers presently working in Rumanian state schools will be offered at Bacau. Officials of the Education Ministry list the number of students now learning Yiddish in state schools at 6,000.

U.S. REFUSES COMMENT ON SENATE CHARGE OF ANTI-JEWISH FEELING AMONG STAFF MEMBERS

WASHINGTON, June 28. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the International Refugee Organization declined comment today on a charge in a Senate report that "there was considerable anti-Jewish feeling among a number of the staff members." The charge was made in a report on I.R.O. operations released by the Senate committee on expenditures in the Executive Department.

Sen. Owen Brewster of Maine first threw light on the report in a debate on the I.R.O. He quoted a section which stated that a "top-level official, following the position of his government, maintained there should be no further I.R.O. movement of Jews to Palestine until a complete solution and agreement was reached between the Arab countries and the new state of Israel, with U.N. approval."

Such Israeli-Arab agreement has not been reached, Sen. Brewster said, "as a result in substantial measure--if we believe current reports--of the intervention of our own State Department to block the agreement which was reached between Egypt and Israel as to that situation."

The committee report also said: "The subcommittee learned that considerable internal conflict arose in connection with the movement of Jewish displaced persons to Israel." It added that "as staff discussions developed, it became quite clear that there was considerable anti-Jewish feeling among a number of the staff members."

HEBREW RABBIS DEPLORE CELEBRATIONS BY JEWS OF NON-JEWISH RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

BRENTON WOODS, N.H., June 28. (JTA) -- The 60th anniversary convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis concluded here today after electing Dr. Jacob Marcus, of Cincinnati, president of the organization. Dr. Marcus, a professor of Jewish History at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, is the first person outside of the active rabbinate to head the Conference.

Other officers elected were: Dr. Philip S. Bernstein, of Rochester, N.Y., vice-president; Rabbi Phineas Smoller, of Los Angeles, executive director of the western regional office of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; treasurer; Rabbi Sidney L. Regner, of Reading, Pa., financial secretary; and Dr. Isaac E. Margason, of Macon, Ga., administrative secretary.

Prior to its conclusion, the convention adopted a resolution deploring the celebrations by Jews of non-Jewish religious holidays in homes and in communal institutions. The parley also deplored "the use of gambling devices to raise funds for Jewish religious and communal institutions," adding that this practice was "contradictory to our faith and traditions." The convention further adopted a resolution advocating the introduction by the government of a system of compulsory national public health insurance.

TWO JEWISH MEMBERS OF CANADIAN PARLIAMENT REELECTED; QUEBEC ANTI-SEMITES DEFEATED

MONTREAL, June 28. (JTA) -- David Croll, of Toronto, and Maurice Hartt, of Montreal, were reelected today to the Canadian Parliament on the Liberal Party ticket, which swept the country. Adrien Arcand, of Quebec, an anti-Semite who sought a seat in Parliament, was defeated. With the reelection of Croll and Hartt, the number of Jewish members of Parliament remains unchanged.

2,500 JEWISH DISPLACED PERSONS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN UNITED STATES IN JULY

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- Approximately 2,500 Jewish displaced persons will arrive in the United States in July, it was announced today by Isaac L. Asofsky, executive director of HIAS.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE CALLS FOR FEDERAL FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LEGISLATION

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) --- Enactment of a Federal fair employment practice bill was urged yesterday by the American Jewish Committee in a telegram to Rep. John W. Pickell, chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, the Committee announced here today.

The telegram, declaring that "discrimination in employment is immoral, unjust, anti-democratic, uneconomical and a serious handicap to the United States in its foreign relations," was signed by Jacob Kiasenstein, president, Irving M. Engel, chairman of the executive committee, and Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president. Dr. J.C. spokesmen asserted that the experience of state fair employment practices laws in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut has convinced them that a Federal act "would be a significant step in equalizing economic opportunity and eliminating the second-class status of large segments of our population."

YOUNG ISRAEL CONVENTION DECIDES TO ESTABLISH CHAPTERS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

GREENFIELD PARK, N.Y., June 28. (JTA) --- The annual convention of Young Israel concluded here last night after adopting a resolution calling for the establishment of a Young Israel center in Tel Aviv to strengthen the movement in Israel.

Another resolution approved by the convention delegates urged the strengthening of Orthodoxy in the United States by setting up chapters of the organization in various U.S. universities. The convention also decided to join in a proposed investigation of alleged high prices in the sale of kosher meats. Eli Stein was re-elected president of the National Council of Young Israel.

I.S. LABOR GROUP URGES UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS TO SET UP COOPERATIVE PLANTS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) --- The American Trade Union Council today called on all trade unions to organize joint union-employer committees to establish cooperative factories and other projects for the benefit of Israel and the Histadrut.

The call was issued following a meeting of officers and executive board members of local unions held at the Hotel Commodore last night. The declaration also urged all trade unions to arrange immediate campaigns for the Histadrut among its members.

SOUTH AMERICAN ZIONIST CONGRESS IN MONTEVIDEO IS POSTPONED; WAS TO OPEN IN JULY

MONTEVIDEO, June 28. (JTA) --- The South American Zionist Congress, which was scheduled to open here July 9 with 175 delegates from Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, Bolivia, Peru and Paraguay attending, has been postponed, it was announced today. No new date for the parley has as yet been set.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF BARTFORD JEWISH LEDGER MARKED; JEWISH, CIVIC LEADERS ATTEND FETE

BARTFORD, June 28. (JTA) --- The 20th anniversary of the Bartford Jewish Ledger, a local English-Jewish weekly newspaper, was celebrated this week at a dinner attended by prominent civic and Jewish leaders. Representatives of Governor Chester Bowles of Connecticut and Mayor Cyril Coleman of Bartford were the principal speakers. The efforts of Samuel Neusner, publisher, and Dr. Abraham J. Feldman, editor, were highly lauded.

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