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JTA *Daily News Bulletin*ISRAELI-SYRIAN ARMISTICE PACT STILL NOT CONCLUDED; HOPES HIGH FOR EARLY SIGNING

TEL AVIV, July 13. (JTA) -- Despite optimistic prospects that the Israeli-Syrian armistice agreement would be concluded today, a 12-hour session between negotiators for both countries ended early this morning without any immediate results. The next negotiating session has not yet been set, but is expected to be held within a few days. Circles close to the Israeli armistice delegation believe that there is a good chance the pact will be signed at an early date.

It was reported here today, but without confirmation, that the Syrians, who previously demanded demilitarization of the town of Zemmeh, have agreed to allow this claim to be discussed later by the mixed armistice commission which is to be established under provisions of the armistice agreement.

It was also reported that an agreement has been reached between Catholic and Israeli religious authorities for the formation of a joint commission to investigate war damages of the Church of the Dormition on Mount Zion in Jerusalem. The church was in a frontline position during the Arab-Israeli war and the Israeli authorities are prepared to repair whatever damages the Church may have suffered. Israeli and Catholic representatives will meet July 18 to discuss the question of reparations.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, addressing an anniversary meeting marking the first year of liberation for the famous Negov settlement of Negbe, declared that "the struggle for the Negov has not yet ended and we have to be ready for further campaigns - perhaps even fighting."

AGREEMENT ON RENEWAL OF 1950 U.J.A. DRIVE REACHED, DR. GOLDSTEIN REPORTS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, told a press conference here today that agreement has already been reached between the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee in the U.S. for renewal of the United Jewish Appeal for 1950, although the question of the percentage distribution of moneys collected by the U.J.A. has not yet been discussed.

Dr. Goldstein predicted that the 1949 U.J.A. campaign will raise twenty percent less than was realized in the previous year. He attributed this primarily to "the worsening general economic situation in the United States." The result of the 1949 drive, he said, would have been even poorer were it not for Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A., and a "group of zealous workers around him."

Special stimulation was given to the campaign by President Chaim Weizmann, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, Labor Minister Golda Myerson, and Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog during their visits to the U.S., Dr. Goldstein reported.

One of the problems which the U.J.A. will face next year is the increasing multiplicity of fund-raising activities conducted in the U.S. in the name of various projects in Israel, the Agency official declared. Within a fortnight, a conference will be held in Israel to seek a solution to this problem, he revealed. Participating in the conference will be representatives of the Israeli Government, the Jewish Agency and other interested groups in Israel and from abroad, he said.

"American Jews," Dr. Goldstein continued, "appreciate the fact that Israel needs investment of private capital in addition to gift dollars. In my judgment, there is a favorable prospect for the selling of Amidor debentures in the United

States." He emphasized that American technical skill and experience in labor and management are of less importance for Israel than American capital which, he said, is available and should be eagerly welcomed. He stressed that he is very optimistic about the economic future of Israel, if this consideration will be borne in mind by those who formulate the nation's policy.

U.S. AND ISRAEL AT ODDS ON ARAB DP'S, JERUSALEM AND COMPENSATION, DR. GOLDMANN SAYS

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- The United States and Israel are at odds today on three issues, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, said here today. They do not see eye to eye on the Arab refugee question, the principle of compensation for territory occupied by Israel beyond the borders laid down in the U.N. partition plan and the future of Jerusalem, he told a news parley.

Dr. Goldmann stated that influential Catholic circles in the U.S. are pressing for internationalization of Jerusalem. All three issues, he said, may come to a head at the September meeting of the U.N. General Assembly unless a "miracle happens at Lausanne" where the U.N. Conciliation Commission will resume efforts next week to secure Arab-Israeli agreement to a peace treaty.

The tendency in the State Department now, Dr. Goldmann asserted, is to devise a common policy with the British and French Foreign Offices on Middle East policy. He pointed out, however, that this does not mean that full Anglo-American agreement exists on all details.

KNESSET REJECTS GOVERNMENT BILL TO PROLONG EMERGENCY DEFENSE REGULATIONS BY 34-26 VOTE

TEL AVIV, July 13. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government suffered a setback in the Knesset today when the government-sponsored bill for prolongation of the emergency defense regulations was rejected and returned to the judicial commission. The Religious Bloc, which normally supports the government, voted with the opposition against the bill which was returned by a vote of 34 to 26.

THREE ARAB DELEGATES WALK OUT WHEN ISRAELI ENVOY REPORTS TO WORLD EDUCATIONAL PARLEY

GENEVA, July 12. (JTA) -- Representatives of Egypt, Syria and Lebanon staged a walk-out today when A. Ben Yehuda, representatives of Israel at the International Conference on Public Education, rose to review the development of education in the Jewish state. Delegates from all other Moslem countries, however, remained in their seats.

After describing the efforts which the Israeli Government undertook to provide education to the children of Arabs resident in the new state, Mr. Ben Yehuda asserted that the greatest educational achievement in Israel lay in the revival of the Hebrew language, while the chief problem in the field of education was the introduction of compulsory free schooling and the training of qualified teachers for the expanding population. The Israeli delegate's report was received with keen interest and was followed by animated discussion.

SO. AFRICAN DELEGATES TO PARIS CRT PARLEY RELEASED BY SAUDI ARABIAN AUTHORITIES

PARIS, July 13. (JTA) -- Two South African delegates to the second postwar congress of the World CRT Union, who were detained in Saudi Arabia after their plane was forced to land in that country because of engine trouble, have been released and are expected to arrive here late tonight, it was announced today by a spokesman for the CRT conference. The delegates are Rabbi M.C. Weiler and Dr. A. Schnapend.

ZIONISTS URGED BY PRO-ARAB BRITISH GENERAL TO RENOUNCE "BILTMORE PROGRAM"

LONDON, May 13. (JTA) -- Brig. Gen. Sir Edward Spears, a foremost critic of Zionism and supporter of Arab claims against the Jews in Israel, called on the Zionist movement today to renounce officially the "Biltmore Program" as a measure to allay Arab fears of Jewish expansionism.

The Biltmore Program was adopted at a convention of Zionist leaders at the Biltmore Hotel in New York in 1942 and was addressed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann and David Ben Gurion. It provided for the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in all of Palestine as the postwar aim of the Zionist movement.

In a letter to the London Times, Gen. Spears, former British High Commissioner in Syria, asserted that the Arabs expect the cry of "more living space for the Jews" to arise again. He warned that while fears of Israeli expansion exist, there can be no peace in the Middle East. Referring to the programs of some Zionist groups as still claiming all of Palestine and Transjordan, Gen. Spears asked: "Are the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency prepared to declare publicly that they have abandoned this part of the Biltmore program?"

The Tel Aviv correspondent of the London Times says in an article that Israel is "a lonely little country" which is preoccupied mainly with its own defense because "the battlefronts have been silenced by armistice agreements, but all over the Middle East Arabs can be found who dream schemes of revenge." Even moderate Arab leaders refuse to negotiate peace with Israel and to become partners in an alliance of which Israel is a member, he reports.

Reviewing the internal conditions of life in Israel, the correspondent acknowledges that the Jewish state emerged from the first year of its existence as "a robust young democracy." However, he says that economic difficulties, especially a financial slump in the United States, could bankrupt Israel. He adds that anti-British feelings still prevail among Jews in Israel. "This hatred, often vicious, insidious and venomous, shows no sign of abatement," he states.

OIL REFINERIES IN HAIFA MAY REOPEN IN OCTOBER; QUESTION IS DISCUSSED IN COMMONS

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- The British-owned Consolidated Refineries in Haifa will probably reopen in October, according to reports current in financial circles here today. The reopening of the refineries, closed since May, 1948, except for small-scale operations, it was reported, would be the result of intricate negotiations now under way to secure the reopening of the pipeline pumping crude oil from the Iraq fields to the Haifa refinery.

Christopher Mayhew, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons yesterday that the British Government is continuing its representations to Iraq for resumption of the flow of crude oil. It is estimated that if the Haifa refineries were working at full capacity, their output would reduce by one-quarter Britain's dollar expenditure for oil products.

FRENCH, YUGOSLAV MINISTERS PRESENT CREDENTIALS TO WEIZMANN; 800 NEW IMMIGRANTS LAND

TEL AVIV, July 13. (JTA) -- The French and Yugoslav Ministers to Israel today presented their credentials to President Dr. Chaim Weizmann. Meanwhile, a contingent of 600 Jews from Yugoslavia arrived in Haifa today aboard the M.S. Radnik, while an additional 200 immigrants reached the Jewish state from Turkey.

BRITISH MINISTER LAUDS CONTRIBUTIONS OF JEWISH REFUGEES TO ATOMIC ENERGY DISCOVERIES

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- Jewish refugees in England were landed here last night by the Minister for Civil Aviation, Lord Pakenham, for work they contributed to atomic energy, penicillin and radar discoveries, as well as for the commercial and industrial skill which some have displayed.

Denouncing anti-Semitism as an "ultimate offense against decency," the Minister asserted that the British Government intends "to make sure that all liberties should continue and be enjoyed by the British Jew as much as by his fellow citizen of Gentile persuasions." He spoke at the 75th anniversary dinner of the Anglo-Jewish Association held at the Grosvenor House.

The British people, he said, are conscious of their responsibility toward the Jewish people and consider it important that all rights and full and equal citizenship should be extended to Jews. At the same time they are interested in seeing to it that there is no separation of thought between Jews and non-Jews. Nor must there be any special protection for the Jewish community, although it is understandable that many Jews feel insecure owing to their past experiences, he pointed out.

Says Jews Have Done "A Great Deal" for Human Civilization

Paying high tribute to Jews who "have done and always will do a great deal for human civilization," Lord Pakenham said: "Every Christian must stand in deep reverence before the Jewish cultural and spiritual achievements." He emphasized that the government greatly appreciates the work of the Anglo-Jewish Association and the "spirit of moderation and restraint" in which the Association conducts its work.

The British Minister welcomed the presence at the dinner of Dr. Mordecai Eliash, Israeli Minister to London. "I am glad to see the affairs of the state of Israel in excellent hands," he declared. "We all must face the fact that during the last few years events have strained relations. Our policy has always been to secure stability in the Middle East. As far as Israel contributes to this aim, its efforts will be watched with great sympathy."

Responding, Dr. Eliash said: "The long and happy years of relations between Israel and Britain will not be forgotten. Many of us appreciate the apprenticeship under British tutelage. We realize that healing takes longer than inflicting wounds. We hope that the process of healing will proceed now with greater speed."

Hundreds of prominent personalities were among the guests who attended the dinner. Principal speakers included Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie, Leonard Stein, Leonard Montefiore, Lord Justice Cohen, Lord Nathan and others.

U.S. MILITARY GOVERNOR IS URGED TO FACILITATE LIQUIDATION OF JEWISH DP CAMPS

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal reported today that the Jewish Agency addressed an appeal to John J. McCloy, U.S. Military Governor in Germany and High Commissioner-designate for the occupied Reich, urging him to aid in speeding the closing of the Jewish DP camps in Germany and to safeguard the restitution rights of Nazi victims.

The deadline set for the liquidation of all Jewish DP camps in the American zone of Germany is Sept. 8, 1949. There are still about 20,000 displaced Jews in the camps in the U.S. zone, most of whom are destined for Israel or the United States, in addition to a "hard core" of 4,500 ill, aged and otherwise incapacitated persons and their families for whom definite emigration arrangements have not yet been made. There are another 15,000 Jewish DP's living outside of camps who also await emigration.

GRT PROGRAMS IN CERTAIN AREAS MAY GET MARSHALL PLAN AID, WORLD PARLEY IN PARIS HEARS

PARIS, July 13. (JTA) -- The possibility that GRT programs conducted in certain areas may be financed in part through the Marshall Plan was revealed here today at the second postwar congress of the World GRT Union. Dr. David Iovovitch and Eliahu Eliashar were among the GRT leaders who addressed today's session.

The more than 100 delegates from 23 countries attending the parley were urged to adopt a five-point program providing for: 1. Increased fund-raising in behalf of the GRT; 2. Expanded efforts to secure governmental and intergovernmental subventions for the organization; 3. Efforts which would bring about the inclusion of GRT in countries receiving E.C.A. aid; 4. Transfer of heirless property to local GRT branches; and 5. Creation of a reconstruction fund.

Mr. Eliashar, who is a Sephardic member of the Knesset, reported to the delegates on the current situation of Jews in Arab countries. He emphasized the danger which would face these Jews if fighting in the Palestine area were resumed. Most Jews who arrive in Israel from North Africa and Middle East areas must be given extensive training for life in the new state, he said.

The present problems of the 30-35,000 Jews from Moslem countries now in Israel could have been avoided had these immigrants received vocational and other training prior to their arrival in the Jewish state, Mr. Eliashar declared. Emphasizing the importance of GRT's programs in Israel, the Knesset deputy pointed up that young immigrants in the Jewish state "need the GRT's specialized schools."

RUMANIAN OFFICIAL REPORTS DIFFICULTIES IN PROMOTING YIDDISH EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

BUCHAREST, July 13. (JTA) -- The difficulties faced by the Ministry of Education in promoting the teaching of Yiddish in Rumania's state schools are emphasized in a report made public here today by Mrs. Polca Barasch, Inspector-General for Yiddish Education.

The editing of new Yiddish textbooks, the report pointed out, was hampered by the fact that no Yiddish typists or linotype operators could be found, making it necessary to first train such personnel before publication of the books could be undertaken. Up to now seven Yiddish textbooks have been printed. They are being used in Rumanian state schools and are on sale in all bookshops, the report declared.

The inspector-general listed as another hardship which had to be overcome at the beginning of the school year the fact that not all the Yiddish teachers who could be employed utilized the same Yiddish spelling. Courses were organized to train these teachers in the phonetic spelling in use in the Soviet Union, she added.

At present there are three all-Yiddish elementary schools in Bucharest, Timisoara and Jassy, and Yiddish courses were begun during the year in 40 schools throughout the country which have large numbers of Jewish students, the report stated. Seven thousand pupils took these courses, while 90 Yiddish teachers were on the government payroll by the end of the year.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES HEARS TESTIMONY ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, July 13. (JTA) -- Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, executive director of the American Jewish League Against Communism, told the House Committee on Un-American Activities today that a "deliberate Communist conspiracy to inflame religious and racial minorities here against the United States" exists.

Rabbi Schultz also charged that Soviet leaders are now arousing anti-Semitism in Russia in order to transfer the hatred of the Russian people from the Soviet regime to the Jews.

EXPANSION OF CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ARGENTINE JEWISH COLONISTS URGED BY DR. GOTTSCHALK

Buenos Aires, July 13. (JTA) -- The need for developing greater cultural activities in the settlements of the Jewish Colonization Association in Argentina was emphasized by Dr. Max Gottschalk, member of the J.C.A. administrative council, who is now visiting here.

Speaking at a press conference, Dr. Gottschalk lauded the efficiency of the 3,500 Jewish colonists living on J.C.A. land. He said he found that life in the small agricultural centers was "rather hard." Many colonists could not afford to hire any help because of the increase in the cost of labor and also because of the new laws covering labor.

With regard to the conflict that has arisen recently between the colonists and the J.C.A. administration, Dr. Gottschalk said that this dispute could be settled "in a spirit of understanding." He said he would submit a report to this effect to the central headquarters of the J.C.A. in London.

JEWISH COMMUNISTS IN URUGUAY LAUNCH ANTI-ISRAEL CAMPAIGN; AIMS TO HIT FUND-RAISING DRIVE

Montevideo, July 13. (JTA) -- The local Jewish Communist newspaper has begun a propaganda campaign against Israel, apparently with the aim of harming the recently-proclaimed 3,000,000-peso drive for Israel. The drive has already passed one-third of the announced goal.

JERSEY CITY MAYOR PLEDGES COOPERATION IN EXCUSING JEWISH STUDENTS ON RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

Jersey City, N.J., July 13. (JTA) -- Newly-elected Mayor John Kenny of this city told a delegation of Jewish leaders of this community that he would cooperate in a program to permit students of the Jewish faith to absent themselves from school on religious holidays without being penalized. The delegation urged that examinations should not be held on Jewish religious holidays and that students staying away from classes on religious holidays not be marked absent.

ORTHODOX, CONSERVATIVE, REFORM RABBIS AND LAY LEADERS FORM JOINT GROUP IN ESSEX COUNTY

Newark, N.J., July 13. (JTA) -- Formation of an Essex County organization encompassing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbinical and lay leaders was announced here at a meeting attended by delegates of 21 synagogues. The new group endorsed a program to increase membership in the country's synagogues by the High Holy Days in September. Plans for promotion of religious activities in the area were also discussed.

FRANCH JEWISH LEADERS HOLD RECEPTION IN HONOR OF ISRAELI CHIEF RABBI

Paris, July 13. (JTA) -- A reception in honor of Israeli Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Halevi Herzog was held here under the auspices of the Central Consistory of Jews of France. Among those who attended were Chief Rabbi I. Schwartz of France, Adolphe Ogan, vice-chairman of the Consistory, and Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, president of the Mizrahi Organization of France. Dr. Herzog urged the guests at the reception to form a union of Jewish religious groups in France as well as a common religious fund.

MOSES SURCHIN, PRESIDENT OF HEBREW CULTURE FUND OF CANADA, DIES IN MONTREAL

Montreal, July 13. (JTA) -- Moses Surchin, president of the Hebrew Culture Fund of Canada, died here following a brief illness. After arriving in Quebec from Europe in 1919, Mr. Surchin became a Hebrew teacher and later moved to this city where he was an active Jewish communal leader.

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