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**JTA** *Daily News Bulletin***U.N. MEDIATOR ON PALESTINE MAY TERMINATE HIS SERVICES; CONSIDERS HIS MISSION COMPLETED**

**LAKE SUCCESS, July 22. (JTA) --** The services of Dr. Ralph J. Bunche as U.N. acting Palestine mediator may be terminated next week when the Security Council receives his final report on the armistices concluded between Israel and the Arab states. Dr. Bunche considers his mission completed.

This was announced today by acting U.N. Secretary-General Byron Price at a press conference here. Mr. Price said he could not comment on the possibility that the Council may recruit Dr. Bunche to assist the Conciliation Commission in its efforts at Lausanne to achieve a permanent Arab-Israeli peace. Mr. Price added that it is hoped Dr. Bunche's report will be a stimulus to the Lausanne talks to "reach a final solution."

Mr. Price announced that the newly-appointed U.S. delegate to the Commission, Paul A. Porter, who replaces Mark Ethridge, has already arrived in Lausanne and is participating in the work of the Commission.

**U.N. ANNOUNCES AGENDA OF ITS SEPTEMBER SESSION; OMTS DEBATE ON PALESTINE PEACE**

**LAKE SUCCESS, July 22. (JTA) --** A general settlement of the peace in Palestine is omitted from the provisional agenda of the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly which was released here today. The session opens Sept. 20 at Flushing Meadow.

The agenda reveals that there will be a discussion of the internationalization of Jerusalem, the protection of the Holy Places and assistance to the Palestine Arab refugees. Other items of major interest to Jews on the provisional listing are the conversion of the genocide convention into international law and the conversion of the human rights declaration into an international covenant.

**VATICAN ENVOY ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM; WILL NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL ON CHURCH PROPERTY**

**JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) --** Msgr. Thomas J. MacMahon, of New York, head of the Papal Mission for Palestine and the Catholic Near East Relief Association, today crossed the front lines from the Arab-held Old City of Jerusalem to the modern city. Msgr. MacMahon, who was scheduled to enter Jewish Jerusalem early this week, was delayed.

He is visiting Israel during a tour of the Middle East in behalf of the Vatican and will spend several days at the Franciscan Order in Jerusalem. Before he leaves the Jewish state he will conduct negotiations with the Ministry of Religion about compensation for Church property which was allegedly damaged during the war. He will travel to Galilee via Tel Aviv.

**SYRIAN WAR PRISONERS PREFER TO REMAIN IN ISRAEL; REGISTER REQUEST WITH U.N. OFFICIALS**

**TEL AVIV, July 22. (JTA) --** Twenty-two Syrian prisoners last night refused to return to their homeland when they were brought to the Syrian-Israeli border as part of a group of 79 Arabs who were to be exchanged for 31 Israelis.

The Syrian authorities refused to go through with the exchange when the 22 insisted upon remaining in the Jewish state. They demanded that their complaints be forced to return. The 22 then appeared before U.N. officials and made a declaration that they wished to remain in Israel. At this point the Syrian authorities agreed to the exchange. The 22 were permitted to stay in the Jewish state.

ISRAEL DEFEATED AT RED CROSS CONFERENCE IN MOVE TO GAIN RECOGNITION FOR MOGEN DOVID

GENEVA, July 22. (JTA) -- An Israeli resolution to extend International Red Cross recognition to the emblem of the Red Mogen Dovid was defeated here today at the Red Cross conference here which is redrafting the Geneva Convention for the protection of civilians in wartime. The vote was 22-21, with seven abstentions.

Red Cross president Dr. Paul Ruegger and the Swiss and Syrian delegates argued against recognition, while the French, Argentine and Israeli representatives favored the motion. The Israeli representative pointed to the precedent set in 1929 when the Red Cross extended recognition to the Moslem Red Crescent and the Iranian Lion and added that non-recognition of the Red Mogen Dovid left its institutions and personnel open to being fired upon by the armed forces of the nations surrounding the Jewish state.

The Israelis withdrew a request for a roll call vote on the issue, when the Australian representative charged that the request was made to apply pressure on those who voted negatively or abstained. The Israeli spokesman retorted that pressure was being exerted in this instance but not by Israel. It has been learned here that Britain has been lobbying against recognition of the Jewish emblem. It is considered possible that Israel will sign the new Convention with certain reservations.

JUSTICE DOUGLAS SAYS HE HAS BEEN "CONVERTED TO ZIONISM"; PLEDGES AID TO ISRAEL

HAIFA, July 22. (JTA) -- U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas today revealed here that he was "converted to Zionism" by the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis. "I pledge to continue my sympathies for Israel and to do whatever I can for its welfare," he added.

Justice Douglas made this statement here in an address to a group of young Jewish lawyers. Yesterday, he spoke to a conference of scientists and educators at the Haifa Institute of Technology at which he depicted the waste, devastation and oppression of people which he found in other countries in the Middle East in contrast to the revitalization of the land and the people in Israel.

Emphasizing that he sees Israel emerging as "the great teacher" in the Middle East, he declared: "Here, in Israel, is a force that can give direction and content to the social revolution which is on its way." He contrasted the turning of fertile soil into desert in the Arab countries with the transformation of desert land into fertile soil in Israel, and advised the Institute to send its technicians throughout all the neighboring lands to train students.

"You have in Israel a testing ground for vital projects and for the rejection of the feudal system that has long held the peoples of the Middle East in its grip. The work of Israel has just begun," he declared.

ISRAELI ENVOY TO U.S. RETURNS FROM ISRAEL; SAYS JEWISH STATE MADE "REMARKABLE PROGRESS"

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- Eliahu Elath, Israeli Ambassador to the United States returned here last night from a six-week visit to Israel. "I was impressed by the remarkable progress made since I was last home, 11 months ago," he stated after landing at the airfield here.

"We have been pursuing a policy of coming to an understanding with the Arabs," he told representatives of the press. He expressed agreement with a statement made a few days ago in Washington by Secretary of State Dean Acheson that "no issue in Palestine is not susceptible of solution by peaceful means."

PROSECUTION PRODUCES DOCUMENT PROVING ABETZ AGREED TO DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM FRANCE

PARIS, July 22. (JTA) -- A document read today at the trial of Otto Abetz, Nazi Ambassador to the Vichy Government, established that the defendant, who is charged with complicity in the expulsion of 40,000 Jews from France to their death in Poland, was consulted by the Vichy regime on plans to deport Jews from this country to the Oswiecim death camp.

According to the document, the Nazi envoy agreed to the deportation of the Jews to Oswiecim, with the stipulation that alien Jews in France be deported first, "as a matter of propaganda." After that, he said, the French should be deported. On the day that Abetz was informed that the Hungarian Government "was abandoning its Jews," he notified the Vichy Government: "Now you can put them (the Jews) on the deportation list," the prosecutor charged.

U.N. GETS DOCUMENT CHARGING RUSSIA WITH DEPORTING 400,000 JEWS FROM UKRAINE TO SIBERIA

LAKE SUCCESS, July 22. (JTA) -- The charge that the Soviet Government has embarked on a policy of mass deportations of Jews from the Ukraine and Byelorussia "towards the frozen Archangel and Siberia" is made in a document submitted to United Nations headquarters here by the American Jewish League Against Communism.

The document describes the uprooting of Jews from their homes "on less than 24 hours' notice" and estimates that about 400,000 Jews are affected by the deportations which, the League claims, are still going on. U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie was asked by the League -- "in the name of humanity" -- to use the facilities of the United Nations "to alleviate this infraction of human rights."

CHIEF JEWISH ARMY CHAPLAIN IN POLAND EMIGRATES TO ISRAEL FOR PERMANENT SETTLEMENT

WARSAW, July 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham Kahane, chief Jewish chaplain of the Polish Army and chairman of the Association of Jewish Religious Congregations in this country, will leave for Israel in August to establish his permanent residence there. Rabbi Kahane will escort a group of 12 orphaned Jewish children to the Jewish state for permanent resettlement.

An exhibition of Histadrut activities in Israel has opened here. It was arranged by L. Peterzell, press attache of the Israeli legation. Prominent government officials, labor leaders and journalists attended the opening of the exhibit. No delegate from the Central Committee of Polish Jews, however, accepted the invitation to attend the affair.

J.D.C. SPENT \$400,000,000 DURING THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF EXISTENCE, LEAVITT REPORTS

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee announced today that its total expenditures during its nearly three and a half decades of activity now exceed \$400,000,000.

Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the J.D.C. who made the announcement, stated that the agency's administration committee this week had approved a July budget of \$4,277,000 for aid to distressed Jews overseas, bringing the organization's total expenditures from October, 1914, through July, 1949, to \$404,238,000.

"The more than four hundred million dollars the J.D.C. has spent is the greatest sum ever utilized to alleviate human suffering by a single, voluntarily supported welfare agency," Mr. Leavitt said. "J.D.C. represents the magnificent conviction of the American Jewish community and other communities supporting its work that they are their brother's keeper."

JEWISH AGENCY DENIES ALLEGATIONS THAT DISCRIMINATION IS PRACTICED AGAINST AGUDAH

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive here issued a statement today denying allegations made "in certain American circles" that the Agency in Jerusalem has discriminated against Agudas Israel and its laborite group, Poalei Agudas Israel, in the allocation of funds.

Emphasizing that "no similar charges have been levelled against the Jewish Agency by any Agudah representative in Israel," the statement says that the Jewish Agency, which is the administrator of that portion of the United Jewish Appeal funds allocated to the immigration and absorption program in Israel, has spent the following sums in behalf of Agudath Israel since October, 1948, the beginning of the current budgetary year:

"1. \$1,200,000 on the absorption and housing of members of Agudas Israel and of Poalei Agudas Israel. Another \$600,000 have been allocated for this purpose for the remainder of the budgetary year.

"2. \$231,000 on educational institutions administered by Agudas Israel and Poalei Agudas Israel; \$180,000 spent by the Youth Aliyah Department for Agudah children. An additional \$105,000 have been allocated for this purpose for the remainder of the budgetary year.

"3. \$71,000 spent by the Jewish Agency's Agriculture and Colonization Department on behalf of Poalei Agudas Israel. An additional \$87,000 have been allocated for the remainder of the budgetary year.

"In addition to these major items, other Jewish Agency departments have spent smaller sums on behalf of Agudas Israel and its labor affiliate," the statement declares. "In all, the Agency has expended \$1,500,000 on behalf of the two organizations, and has budgeted another \$750,000 for the remainder of the budgetary year. In the light of the above, all allegations that Agudas Israel and Poalei Agudas Israel are being discriminated against are obviously not based on reality. All new immigrants, whether or not they are members of the Agudah, are given equal treatment." This equality of treatment extends also into the field of education, the statement emphasizes.

U.S., CANADIAN RABBIS ARRIVE IN JERUSALEM; WILL CONFER ON RELIGIOUS LIFE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- A delegation of Orthodox rabbis from the U.S. and Canada arrived here today to confer with the Chief Rabbi and other rabbinical leaders in Israel on problems concerning the Jewish state's religious life and Jewish religious law codes.

A country-wide conference of rabbis will be held here shortly to review the religious ties between Israel and Jewish communities abroad.

ISRAELI AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCE BEIGIN CANNOT SPEAK ABROAD ON BEHALF OF JEWISH STATE

TEL AVIV, July 22. (JTA) -- Israeli authorities officially announced today that Menachem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party who is now on a visit to Argentina, is not authorized to bind the Israeli Government in his meetings with heads of foreign states. The announcement was issued as a result of reports which appeared in Hebrew newspapers here in connection with the recent meeting which Mr. Beigin had with President Peron of Argentina.

UNITED JEWISH CAMPAIGN IN ARGENTINA GUARANTEES 3,000,000 PESOS TO NON-ZIONIST GROUPS

BUENOS AIRES, July 22. (JTA) -- The sum of 3,000,000 pesos will be received by "Ayuda" this year from the United Jewish Campaign in Argentina, whatever the results of the drive may be, it was reported here today by the office of the Joint Distribution Committee. "Ayuda" is the financial arm of the J.D.C., World Jewish Congress, HIAS, OET AND OSE in Argentina. The J.D.C. is its main beneficiary.

Meanwhile, the central committee of the United Jewish Campaign revealed that up to date 20 percent of the drive's goal has already been raised. The campaign was officially launched last month.

Z.O.A. ISSUES CALL FOR OBSERVANCE OF 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF MAX NORDAU

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- The 100th anniversary of the birth of Max Nordau, one of Zionism's most illustrious pioneers and thinkers, will be celebrated during the month of August by the 700 branches of the Zionist Organization of America throughout the country, Benjamin G. Browdy, acting Z.O.A. president announced today. Special programs commemorating the anniversary of "the unofficial leader of the Zionist movement," which falls on July 29th, are now in preparation.

In a call urging American Jewry to participate in the Nordau centenary celebration, Mr. Browdy said: "The man who worked side by side with Herzl to formulate and initiate the movement for a Jewish state was the author of a plan 50 years ago--the Max Nordau Plan--which Israel's independence today has made a desperate reality. The Nordau Plan called for the emigration of 1,000,000 Jews a year to Palestine. At that time Palestine was not ready. Today Israel is absorbing hundreds of thousands of new immigrants."

STATE DEPARTMENT BUILDING CULTURAL TIES BETWEEN U.S. JEWS AND ISRAEL, J.W.B. REPORTS

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- The State Department is aiding in building cultural ties between American Jewry and the Jewish community in Israel, the National Jewish Welfare Board reported today, in announcing that two one-hour packaged programs of Jewish music recorded in the United States by the "Voice of America" had been sent to Israel and re-broadcast there by "Kol Israel," the official Israeli broadcasting station.

One of the "Voice of America" recorded programs sent to Israel included: "Shelomo" by Bloch, as performed during Jewish Music Festival Week by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, with Leonard Rose as soloist and Leopold Stokowski as conductor; and "Concertino" by A.W. Binder, performed by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Karl Krueger. Taken from the air, this includes a talk in English by Mr. Krueger, and in Hebrew, as translated by the "Voice of America," about the composer and about the Jewish Music Festival sponsored by the J.W.B.

The second recorded program included: "Violin Concerto in E Minor" by Brush, "Hebrew Songs" by Barini, "Hebrew Melody" and "Hebrew Dance" by Joseph Achron, all played by Benno Rabinoff; "Hebrew Capriccioso" by Aisberg, performed by the Kinor Sinfonietta, conducted by Siegfried Landau; "Palestine March," arranged by Siegfried Landau and played by the Kinor Sinfonietta; "Hebrew Songs" by Cantor Edgar Mills and "Dance of the Beggars" from Joel Engel's "Dybbuk," performed by the Kinor Sinfonietta.

AMERICAN RED MOGÉN DOVID SHIPS 27 AMBULANCES TO ISRAEL; SEVEN OTHERS SENT EARLIER

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- Twenty-seven ambulances were shipped this week to Israel for the use of the Red Mogén David. Earlier, the organization shipped seven ambulances to Tel Aviv aboard the Israeli vessel S.S. Haifa.

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