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### ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE EXPECTED IN TWO MONTHS; LAUSANNE TALKS ENTER "CONSTRUCTIVE PERIOD"

LAUSANNE, July 29. (JTA) -- An Arab-Israeli agreement at the conference here sponsored by the United Nations Conciliation Commission on Palestine appears nearer today than at any time in the long and tangled history of the relations between the two disputing groups. After the Commission met today with the Arab delegates, it appeared that the "constructive period" of the conference had begun at last.

Progress is coming in a series of apparently small steps forward. It is hoped they will bring about a full settlement by the time the United Nations General Assembly meets next September in New York. That is the view expressed by almost all the delegates and members of the Commission. In fact, Paul Porter, the new chief United States representative on the U.N. body, feels so strongly that the back of the Palestine problem will be broken by then that he has proposed that the Commission adjourn to New York at that time, and there complete any of its unfinished business.

Moreover, progress has also been made by the new Commission technical committees in the course of the last two days. After obtaining Arab agreement to the Israeli proposal for the reunion of broken families, the committee concerned is now considering the unfreezing of blocked Arab funds in Israeli banks. Here, too, essential progress toward settlement has been recorded. It is by means of such technical agreements that final settlement will be forged, in the opinion of the Commission.

### There Is No Longer Any Danger of Arab Attacks on Israel, Gen. Riley Says

Major Gen. William E. Riley, U.N. chief of staff for Palestine, who has spent two days here and who today met with the full Commission prior to his scheduled return to Jerusalem tomorrow, informed that body and the Israeli delegation that, in his view, there is no longer any danger of new Arab attacks on Israel; and that none of the Arab armies are at present capable of mounting attacks even if the inclination still existed.

Gen. Riley is returning to Jerusalem where the local situation is causing some anxiety in view of a change in Transjordan policy and the internal situation within Transjordan itself. These changes have led to the withdrawal of almost the entire Transjordan force stationed in Jerusalem. However, any incident provoked under these circumstances might create a fait accompli in the way of total Israeli occupation of all of Jerusalem on the eve of the U.N. General Assembly meeting.

Reuben Shiloah, head of the Israeli delegation here, had informal talks yesterday with each of the three members of the U.N. Conciliation Commission. It was later indicated that Israel is ready to discuss the question of Arab refugees and would be prepared to submit precise figures on the number of refugees who would be repatriated. The Commission, therefore, feels that for the moment the refugee issue is no longer the most difficult on the agenda and is concentrating on preparing its report on the future of Jerusalem for the U.N. General Assembly.

This has been somewhat complicated by a change in Transjordan's position. Transjordan has informed the Commission that it no longer supports partition of Jerusalem and now agrees with the other Arab states on full internationalization of the city. This Transjordan change-over is not taken seriously by the Israeli delegation which holds to partition as the only possible solution.

U.N. HEADQUARTERS GETS OPTIMISTIC REPORT FROM LAUSANNE ON RESUMED ARAB-ISRAELI TALKS

LAKE SUCCESS, July 29. (JTA) -- The United Nations headquarters here today received a cabled report from the U.N. Conciliation Commission at Lausanne indicating that there is reason to assume that the resumed Arab-Israeli peace talks will now be culminated successfully.

"The Arab and Israeli delegations have given express assurances regarding their intention to collaborate with the Commission with a view to the definitive settlement of the Palestine problem and to establishment of a just and permanent peace in Palestine," the cabled report said.

STATE DEPARTMENT MUM ON ISRAEL'S OFFER TO READMIT ARABS; FIGURES KEPT SECRET

WASHINGTON, July 29. (JTA) -- State Department officials today refused to comment on a report from Tel Aviv that the Israeli Government has given the Department an exact figure for the number of Arab refugees which it is willing to readmit into its territory as part of a general peace settlement.

(In Tel Aviv, a Foreign Ministry spokesman refused to either confirm or deny the report that the Israeli Government had indicated to the United States the number of Arabs it was prepared to readmit.)

Although the actual figure set by the Israeli Government is a secret, the report said that it was considerably below the 250,000 refugees which the United States would like to see the Jewish state accept. It is also believed to be much higher than the number of refugees whom Israel originally agreed to accept because it would reunite broken families.

STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUES DATA ON NUMBER OF APPLICANTS FOR U.S. VISAS IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, July 29. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the State Department denied today that the Department has received "urgent" requests from American consulates in Israel for diplomatic and administrative reinforcements to process an alleged flood of Israeli applicants for emigration to the United States.

The Department said it has no record of 10,000 active Israeli applications for American visas, a figure which was mentioned in reports from Israel earlier this week. One consular official who returned from Israel a few days ago said that a figure of 3,000 would be more nearly accurate and that most of this number was made up of Jewish refugees from Shanghai who were resettled in Israel.

At the same time, the State Department revealed that a total of 335 U.S. immigration visas were issued in Haifa to Jews between July 1, 1948, and June 30, 1949. The number of approved applications registered at the Haifa consulate, however, was much greater. Approved applications registered at Haifa from January 1 of this year to April 28 are subdivided into countries of birth of applicants. The listing includes: Austrian, 913 regular quota and 15 non-quota preference cases; Czechoslovakia, 524 and 12; Danzig, 24; Iran, 11; Latvia, 60 and 2; Palestine (native born) 1,464 and 43; Poland, 2,846 and 74; and Syria, 70 and 6. It could not be immediately determined here if the figure of 1,464 native born Palestinians were all Jews.

In the first six months of 1949 a total of 341 visas, including both tourists' temporary entry permits and immigration visas, were issued at the Haifa consulate. A check of statistics received here from Tel Aviv during the first three months of 1949 indicates that 362 visas were issued in that city--all of the non-immigration variety to admit students and others, including tourists, for temporary visits.

ISRAELI MINISTER OF EDUCATION HONORED IN NAZARETH BY ARABS; ADDRESSES TEACHERS

JERUSALEM, July 29. (JTA) -- The Arab population of Nazareth yesterday gave a warm welcome to the Israeli Minister of Education, Zalman Shazar, who came to the city to address a specially arranged course for Jewish and Arab teachers. The course is designed to encourage an interchange of views and experiences between Jewish and Arab teachers in Israel.

In connection with the Minister's visit to Nazareth, it was reported here today that the course which he is to address is attended by 52 Jews teaching Arabic in Jewish schools and 72 Arab teachers who are teaching Hebrew in Arab schools. The Mayor of Nazareth gave a reception in honor of Minister Shazar.

A census of Palestine Arab refugees is provided for under a plan to be submitted in a few days to the United Nations Conciliation Commission, now meeting in Lausanne. The proposal, it was learned today, will be offered by the technical refugee committee of the Commission, with headquarters here.

The proposed census would establish the precise number of the refugees, the extent of their abandoned property in Israel, and their last vocations. It would be carried out by Red Cross groups, the American Friends Service Committee and by Arab personnel "familiar with the language and the mentality of the refugees." Officials admitted that preparation of the census report, after the counting had been completed, would take many months.

HISTADRUT COUNCIL ASKS FOR SETTLING OF 200,000 JEWS ON ISRAELI FARM LAND IN FOUR YEARS

TEL AVIV, July 29. (JTA) -- A resolution asking for the settlement of 200,000 Jews on farm lands within the next four years was adopted last night at a meeting of the Agricultural Council of the Histadrut.

The resolution pointed out that this would require a nationwide expansion of agricultural facilities, establishment of at least 500 new farm settlements, and an investment of approximately \$300,000,000. Other resolutions emphasized the importance of educating and encouraging new immigrants to engage in farming.

REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAELI MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION STUDIES LABOR LAWS IN ENGLAND

LONDON, July 29. (JTA) -- Shlomo Meerovitch, director of the labor department of the Israeli Manufacturers Association, who attended the International Labor Organization conference at Geneva as an Israeli delegate, arrived here today to study industrial conditions and labor legislation.

He will visit the Birmingham and Midlands industrial areas and confer here next week with high officials of the British Ministry of Labor. Mr. Meerovitch will spend 14 days in England and then proceed to the United States for similar studies.

FAVORABLE ATTITUDE BY STATE OF ISRAEL TOWARD LIBERAL JUDAISM ASKED BY RELIGIOUS GROUP

LONDON, July 29. (JTA) -- The hope that Israel will "look favorably" on Liberal Judaism and its institutions, especially its schools, was expressed in a resolution adopted at the sixth international conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism which was today presented to Dr. Mordecai Eliash, Israeli Minister to Britain, by a delegation from the Union.

The delegation told the Minister that they were greatly interested in Israel and its cultural and religious development. They added that they hoped that a way would be found to guarantee religious freedom and that conscience of worship would be granted as a right to all shades of Jewish religious opinion. Dr. Eliash received the delegation sympathetically and promised to submit its message to Tel Aviv.

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EGYPT RELEASES FIFTY PROMINENT JEWS FROM INTERNMENT; RETURNS CONFISCATED PROPERTY

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- Fifty prominent Egyptian Jews, who were interned for "security" reasons by the Egyptian Government May, 1948, when the new state of Israel was constituted, were released and given permission to immigrate to Israel, according to a cable received today by the American Jewish Committee.

The release of these fifty Egyptian Jews from their internment at El Tor, on the Red Sea, by the Egyptian Government for alleged Zionist activities, culminates 12 months of effort on the part of the American Jewish Committee, the World Council of Churches and the International Red Cross to secure their freedom, it was revealed by Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee.

The cable also stated that the Egyptian Government is returning the property which it sequestered from the internees under emergency regulations, and is taking action to facilitate their immigration to Israel. From other reports received by the American Jewish Committee, Dr. Slawson said, it can be assumed that the situation of the Jews of Egypt, which had deteriorated as a result of the strained relationships between the Arab countries and the state of Israel, seems to be improving.

JEWISH REFUGEE ORGANIZATION OF ITALY TO BE LIQUIDATED; REPRESENTED DP'S FOUR YEARS

ROME, July 29. (JTA) -- The Central Committee of the Jewish Refugee Organization in Italy will shortly be liquidated, it was announced here today. The closing down will be completed no later than October, 1949.

The Joint Distribution Committee has suggested to DP leaders that the Jewish communities in Italy could take over the duties of representing the DP's whenever necessary. The Refugee Organization, which was first organized in 1945, immediately after the war's end, has been the only body representing the DP's in this country, during that period.

HOUSE LABOR COMMITTEE PASSES BILL TO PREVENT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

WASHINGTON, July 29. (JTA) -- The House Labor Committee today approved by a 14 to 11 vote Federal legislation seeking to prevent job discrimination because of race, creed or color.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Adam C. Powell, Jr. of New York, would apply to all firms in interstate commerce and employing more than 50 persons. The measure would cover Federal employment but would exempt state and local governments and religious and charitable organizations.

Its provisions would set up a fair employment practices commission of five members. They would be empowered to issue "cease and desist" orders against firms that refused to hire people because of religious or racial prejudice. The cease and desist orders could be enforced by the Federal courts but the commission would be required by law to try to settle disputes over employment by informal conciliation before resorting to legal enforcement.

NO KOSHER MEAT IN BRITAIN NEXT YEAR UNLESS SLAUGHTERING PENS MEET GOVERNMENT STANDARDS

LONDON, July 29. (JTA) -- No kosher meat will be produced in England after the end of this year unless approved slaughtering pens are adopted by kosher slaughtering houses, it was announced today in the House of Lords. The announcement was made by the Earl of Huntingdon, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry for Agriculture.

ISRAELI DIPLOMATS PRESENT THEIR CREDENTIALS TO CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IN OTTAWA

OTTAWA, July 29. (JTA) -- Abraham Harmon, Israeli Consul General to Canada, and Aryeh Ben Tuvim, Consul, yesterday presented their credentials to the Department of External Affairs and became the officially accredited representatives of the Tel Aviv Government in the Dominion.

At a press conference held immediately after the presentation Consul Harmon expressed his appreciation of the role played by Canada at the United Nations in the decision which led to the creation of the Jewish state. He also expressed the hope that the Dominion will import a number of Israeli products, including citrus fruit, wines, chemicals, textiles and cement. The curtailed import from America, due to the dollar shortage, creates a market in Canada for Israel's citrus fruit, he said.

Mr. Harmon has opened temporary consulate offices at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, where he has already received many applications for visas to Israel. The United Zionist Council, representing all Zionist groups in Canada, welcomed the two Israeli diplomatic representatives at a special dinner in their honor.

URUGUAYAN-ISRAELI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OPENED IN MONTEVIDEO; INCREASED TRADE EXPECTED

MONTEVIDEO, July 29. (JTA) -- A formal ceremony marking the establishment of the Israeli-Uruguayan Chamber of Commerce took place here yesterday. It was addressed by Yaacov Tsaur, Israeli Minister to Uruguay and Argentine, and by the president of the Uruguayan State Bank.

Pedro Crzywacz, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, said that trade relations between Israel and Uruguay will be intensified as a result of the establishment of the new institution.

AMSTERDAM MAYOR SPONSORS CSE COMMITTEE IN HOLLAND; ADDRESSES INAUGURATION MEETING

AMSTERDAM, July 29. (JTA) -- A ceremony marking the formation of a committee of the CSE, Jewish health society, in Holland took place here in the assembly hall of the Jewish community building. It was addressed by Mayor Arnold J. d'Ailly, who is one of the sponsors of the committee. Representatives of all Jewish organizations and institutions in Holland were present.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY WILL ESTABLISH SCHOOL OF MUSIC; KOUSSEVITSKY WILL BE CONSULTANT

WALTHAM, Mass., July 29. (JTA) -- The Brandeis University here today announced its intention of establishing a School of Music in the fall of the 1949-50 academic year. Serge Koussevitsky, internationally known figure in the world of music, has consented to serve as consultant, the announcement said.

JEWISH LEADER IN CLEVELAND HONORED FOR 25 YEARS OF ACTIVE JEWISH CENTER WORK

CLEVELAND, July 29. (JTA) -- Tribute for 25 years of leadership in Jewish Community Center work was paid at Camp Wile this week to Hugo Mahrer by the Jewish Community Centers of Cleveland. The meeting, at which Mr. Mahrer was presented with a gold watch in appreciation for his activities, was conducted by Myron Guren, president of the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Community Centers of this city.