

## ARAB DELEGATIONS AT LAUSANNE ACCEPT ISRAELI TERMS FOR READMISSION OF REFUGEES

LAUSANNE, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- After a meeting lasting only 35 minutes, between the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission and the four Arab delegations, the conference, which is attempting to bring about an Arab-Israeli peace, took its first real step toward a general peace settlement.

The chief delegate of each of the four participating Arab States -- Egypt, Transjordan, Syria and Lebanon -- made a declaration on behalf of his government in which he accepted in principle the Israeli proposals for the settlement of the Palestinian Arab refugee problem. The spokesmen undertook to negotiate at the same time a settlement of all other outstanding questions between the Arab countries and Israel.

As soon as this meeting was over, Paul A. Porter, new United States representative and present chairman of the commission, met with Reuven Shiloah, co-chairman of the Israeli delegation. The United States delegation considers that details of the Israeli plan had become sufficiently known as a result of statements and dispatches from Tel Aviv so that further secrecy on the part of the Israeli delegation here had lost its point. The Israelis were, therefore, asked by Porter to provide the commission with the total number of refugees which they are willing to accept. They are to meet with the commission tomorrow.

The Israeli plan, as it has come to the commission informally, is that Israel would accept back another 100,000 refugees in all. But into this total Israel would include 25,000 Arabs who have already drifted back into Israel without permission and another 15,000 who are members of broken Arab families.

The significance of this first step toward settlement is the part played in it by the United States. The American delegation has changed completely from its earlier passivity and has now virtually taken over the commission. Combining its activities in Lausanne with those in the Arab capitals and Tel Aviv, the United States has forcefully cut through endless discussions which had been going on and has compelled both parties to produce detailed suggestions.

In fact, the negotiations all the way round now rest very much on United States initiative. Mr. Porter has so far shown himself to be firm, able and understanding -- and determined to get an agreed settlement. It is emphasized here, however, that there will be no peace treaty signed at Lausanne. The object is to get an agreement by Israel and the Arabs on a joint protocol which would be somewhat less all-embracing than a peace treaty. The Arab States assert that as there had never been a formal state of war, no formal peace treaty can be signed. Informal work on such a draft has already begun.

## Israel Seeks to Present Its View to the U.N. Security Council

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- Aubrey Eban, Israeli delegate to the United Nations, today formally notified the Security Council that he has been instructed by his government to make a brief statement on Dr. Bunche's report. It is expected that he will express the concern of the Israeli Government over the possibility of lifting the arms embargo on the Middle East, which is expected to lead to a re-armament race between Israel and the Arab countries.

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT CRITICIZED IN PARLIAMENT FOR ITS PLAN TO READMIT ARAB REFUGEES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- Attacks from the left, center and right last night greeted Foreign Minister Moshe Sharet's statement in the Knesset that the government was prepared to discuss plans to readmit an unspecified number of Arab refugees provided a solution of that problem was achieved within the framework of a general peace.

Herut representative Arie Ben Eliezer attacked the suggestion, quoting Mr. Sharet's speech of five weeks ago in the same chamber. At that time he said the readmission of a substantial number of Arabs would constitute a grave security threat and a danger to the country's economic structure. The Herut leader insisted that no refugees should be readmitted until all the invaders had left Palestine soil and Israel received all of Palestine as its territory.

He attributed the government's "weakness" in this situation to the fact that it had neglected its international obligations to "meddle" in the "intrigues of American Jews." He also demanded that the Knesset enjoin the government from making any further concessions or commitments at the Lausanne parley without prior approval by the parliament.

General Zionist deputy Joseph Saphir said that he suspected that the Foreign Minister's statement foreshadowed further concessions. He also called it a mistake to make concessions on the refugees in advance of obtaining counterbalancing concessions from the Arab states. Rabbi Mordecai Nurok, of the Mizrahi, said that his party favored the readmission only of those Arabs whom the war had separated from their families.

Samuel Mikunis, Communist leader, stated that his party favored the return of peace-loving Arabs. This, he said, was not only a matter of justice but one of self interest since Israel must consider its future situation among the Arab nations of the Middle East. He insisted that the initiative in this matter should have come from the Israeli Government rather than as a "result of submission to American imperialism."

ISRAELI MINISTER OF RELIGION SCORES CHARGES THAT HOLY PLACES IN ISRAEL ARE PROFANED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- Israeli Minister of Religion Judah L. Maimon today scored certain non-Jewish circles in the United States and France which he said were spreading lies, insinuations and allegations about the profanation of Christian Holy Places by Israelis. Rabbi Maimon made his charge at a conference with a party of rabbis from various parts of the world who are now visiting the Jewish state.

"Full freedom is assured for all religions in Israel and every possible precaution is taken to protect the Holy Places -- whether Christian, Moslem or Jewish." Nowhere else in the world is there more freedom of religion than in Israel, he declared. He revealed that numerous letters of appreciation had been received by his Ministry from the heads of various churches in Israel.

DELEGATION OF ARAB WOMEN VISITS ISRAELI LABOR MINISTER; PRESENTS UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- Labor Minister Golda Myerson voiced regret today that Arab women have not received an opportunity to show their capabilities and to take an active role in social life.

She made the statement in addressing a delegation of women from the Arab Workers Party, including representatives from Haifa, Nazareth, Acre, Ramleh, Lydda and Jaffa. The delegates submitted to the Minister questions relating to unemployment and to equal rights for the Arab population.