

ISRAELI DELEGATION PRESENTS PLAN FOR READMISSION OF ARAB REFUGEES TO U.N. COMMISSION

LAUSANNE, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The Israeli delegation today provided the United Nations Conciliation Commission on Palestine with its eagerly awaited plan for the repatriation of Palestine Arab refugees.

Benven Shiloah, special assistant to Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, told the Commission members that Israel was prepared to accept 100,000 Arab refugees, provided the Arab states accepted that as part of the general settlement of the refugee question within the framework of the ultimate settlement of all outstanding questions between the Arab states and Israel.

The Arab states have already given their agreement to this, although they have not hidden their disappointment over the total number of refugees Israel has offered to take back. The Israeli delegation, however, proposed that discussion of details should begin at once, and it seems likely now that the first joint meeting of the two parties to the controversy will take place soon.

U.S. Induces Arab Delegates to Accept Israeli Terms

The most significant development at the meeting today was the assurances received by the Arabs from the United States that as soon as they agree to the Israeli proposals over the number of refugees to be accepted, Washington will begin immediate implementation of the McGhee Plan without waiting for a full peace settlement at Lausanne.

(The so-called McGhee Plan, advanced by George C. McGhee, now Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and African Affairs, would provide for the development of the entire Near East area.)

The Arab states have already replied, and informed the United States representatives on the Commission here of the number of refugees which they are willing to settle in their countries, subject to receiving the financial and technical assistance outlined in the McGhee Plan.

Transjordan proposes to take 100,000 refugees, Syria and Lebanon each 100,000, while about 30,000, it is estimated, will be resettled in central Arab Palestine; for its part, Egypt is prepared to accept 150,000 refugees for settlement in the Gaza area and such additional territories of Southern Palestine to which it lays claim.

The Conciliation Commission today issued a communique summing up the progress made thus far. It emphasized that the discussions with the Israeli and Arab delegations were based upon the following principles: "That repatriation of Arab refugees to Israel should be part of the general plan for a final settlement of the problem of the Palestine Arab refugees, and that the solution of the refugee question should constitute the opening of discussions directed toward a final settlement of the Palestine problem. It is understood by the two parties that the Lausanne talks envisage by a final settlement of the Palestine problem the establishment in the Middle East of an atmosphere favorable to stable and peaceful relations between the Arab states and Israel."

DR. BUNCHO DENIES HE RECOMMENDED LIFTING OF ARMS EMBARGO ON ISRAEL AND ARAB COUNTRIES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Ralph J. Buncho, United Nations mediator for Palestine, denied today that he had flatly recommended lifting of the U.N. ban on the export of arms to the Near East.

Dr. Buncho, whose report on the successful Arab-Israeli armistice negotiations will be considered by the United Nations Security Council tomorrow morning, said it was up to the Security Council to decide if it was necessary to continue restrictions on war material for the Near East. He said he would be ready to make suggestions if asked by the Council.

Rep. Jacob K. Javits today called on Secretary of State Dean Acheson to oppose lifting the arms embargo for the Near East. In a speech before the House of Representatives this afternoon, Rep. Javits asked that "The Secretary of State announce U.S. policy on the United Nations arms embargo and urge that the U.S. delegate to the Security Council should oppose a lifting of the embargo." The embargo should stand until peace, not armistice, exists in the Near East, he insisted. Rep. Arthur G. Klein of New York also demanded that the U.S. exert its influence to seal off the flow of arms to the Arabs to prevent a renewal of warfare in the Near East. He also asked that pressure be brought on England and France to halt arms shipments to the Arabs.

An appeal for a continued arms embargo for the Near East was addressed to Secretary of State Dean Acheson today by Sen. Alexander Wiley. In a special letter, he urged that Mr. Acheson instruct Vernon Austin to cast his vote at the United Nations Security Council tomorrow for the continuation of the embargo.

Sen. Wiley backed up Israeli authorities who have warned that lifting of the embargo now would only encourage a disastrous arms race, promote new hostilities, and be a serious economic handicap to Israel and the already over-armed Arab states.

U.S., BRITISH DELEGATIONS INDICATE SUPPORT FOR LIFTING OF U.N. ARMS BAN ON MIDDLE EAST

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The American and British delegations today gave unmistakable indications that they will support a proposal that the Middle East arms embargo be lifted, when the Security Council considers the question tomorrow. The U.S. and British delegations will also support Dr. Buncho's suggestion that he be relieved of his duties as acting mediator.

In the event that the U.N. embargo is lifted, Israel's immediate concern will be with whether the United States will lift its own embargo on the Middle East. The Israelis count on a ready procurement of arms from the U.S. since the Arabs will be supplied with weapons by the British, it was stated here today.

ISRAELI LABOR MINISTER CHARGES OPPOSITION STIMULATES ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Labor Minister Golda Myerson, speaking in the Knesset today, bitterly attacked opposition parties which she said had been taking advantage of the plight of the unemployed to stage anti-government demonstrations.

Mrs. Myerson revealed that 23,000 to 24,000 persons were registered for jobs with government labor exchanges scattered throughout the country. These people, she said, receive occasional jobs. She estimated that the unemployment rolls would reach a peak of 55,000 by the end of the year.

STORMY DEBATE ON ISRAEL'S FOREIGN POLICY ENDS IN KNESSET; PREMIER ADMITS U.S. PRESSURE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- In a dramatic session punctuated with interruptions and shouts from the deputies during the course of a speech by Premier David Ben Gurion the Israeli parliament last night wound up its foreign policy debate without taking a vote of confidence in the government.

Facing its severest fight since the establishment of the coalition, the government mustered its most prominent figures to defend the offer to the Arab states at Lausanne to accept a specific number of Arab refugees if the question were settled within the framework of a general peace. Before the session ended, the Knesset members heard the Premier and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett admit that its Arab refugee proposal was made under pressure from the United States.

Mr. Ben Gurion insisted that the government's latest proposal was not a radical departure from its policy, but was, in fact, merely a continuation of a policy which the responsible leaders of the Jewish community had drafted and followed for many years -- beginning in the period of the British Mandate. This policy he outlined as follows: firstly, the achievement of security with the organization of the Haganah; secondly, the founding of the state; and, thirdly, the achievement of an Arab-Israeli alliance.

The last stage of this program has now been reached, the Premier insisted, and the government's policy has been set accordingly. No other course could have been followed, he asserted. He stressed that the signing of the armistice pacts by the Arab states constitutes a historical event which must be properly assessed, particularly since the struggle with the Arabs has not yet ended.

Former Assistant Defense Minister Charges Ben Gurion With "Distorting the Truth"

When the Premier charged that all the opposition parties had failed to warn the nation and prepare it for the struggle against the Arab invaders, he was interrupted by angry members of the Herut and Mapam who cried that he was "distorting the truth". Israel Galili, former Assistant Defense Minister and Mapam deputy, shouted that Premier Ben Gurion's remarks constituted "a denial of and treason against" the troops who stood side-by-side in the formations of the Haganah and the Palmach.

Foreign Minister Sharett declared that the government was justified in its offer on the refugees in order to lessen the pressure from the United States and to restore friendly relations with the U.S. Further initiative for peace in the Middle East rests with the countries which have exerted pressure on Israel and whose duty now is to divert this pressure to the Arab states, Mr. Sharett told the Knesset.

He said the government's action was prompted by the fact that this was a "timely opportunity" for a peace solution "even at a price". He rejected the suspicions of the opposition parties that the government's move was an indication that it would give way on other issues at the U.N.-sponsored peace parley.

A motion by the Herut that the question of the repatriation of the Arab refugees be put to a nation-wide referendum was defeated twice, the last time by a recorded vote of 41 - 10. In the course of the debate, only one speaker, Zalman Abaronovitch, Mapai chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, mentioned -- in a roundabout manner -- that the government's proposal involved the acceptance of 100,000 Arab refugees, including those who have already made their way back to Israel and those who will be reunited with their families.

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RUSSIA REVERSES STAND ON JERUSALEM; WILL SUPPORT INCORPORATION OF NEW CITY INTO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- The Soviet Union, and those Eastern European countries under its domination which are members of the United Nations, will support the principle of the partition of Jerusalem, and the incorporation of the new city of Jerusalem into the state of Israel, responsible informants said today.

The Russians had previously supported the proposal for internationalization of Jerusalem, which was included in the original UN General Assembly decision of 1947 and the Security Council resolution of last fall which set up the Conciliation Commission.

Recent developments within the Conciliation Commission, it was learned here, and activity in various Roman Catholic centers have revealed a tendency to find a formula which would exclude the Soviet Union from any international machinery which may be set up to administer and control Jerusalem.

Apparently aware of these intentions, the Russians have now decided to reverse their earlier position on the internationalization of the city and will support the Israeli claim to formal incorporation of the new city within its boundaries.

TEN CHRISTIAN CONGREGATIONS IN ISRAEL GET THEIR PROPERTY RELEASED FROM CUSTODIANSHIP

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The Israeli Ministry of Religion today announced that ten Christian congregations functioning in Israel will have their properties returned. A committee has been formed by the Ministry to release church property from custodianship.

The Ministry also established a special committee to make arrangements for a large number of pilgrims who are expected to visit Jerusalem and other cities in 1950. The committee includes representatives of the Prime Minister's office and of the Ministry of Interior.

REGULAR RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN TEL AVIV AND OTHER ISRAELI CITIES WILL REOPEN THIS MONTH

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Resumption of regular rail service between Tel Aviv and Haifa on Aug. 21 and between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem on Aug. 7 was announced today by Nachum Lifschitz, director-general of the Land Transportation Department of the Israeli Ministry of Communications. For the time being traffic will be restricted to freight.

Passenger trains will begin running regularly about the middle of September, with four trains daily routed to cross Bish Ha Ain along a rail line constructed by the former British Mandatory Government.

Resumption of regular rail service will mean the continued employment of about 750 Jews and the probably hiring of some 1,400 additional workers, Mr. Lifschitz said. Israeli truck mileage now totals 187 miles as against about 670 miles under the Mandatory Government. Under the British, however, only six percent of some 5,000 workers were Jewish.

10,000 JEWS EMIGRATING TO ISRAEL PROCESSED BY PALESTINE OFFICES IN FRANCE LAST YEAR

PARIS, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Ten thousand Jews who left for Israel after residing in France were processed by the various Palestine Offices in France last year, it was reported here today at a conference of the heads of the Offices. The report was made by M. Fingerhut, chief of the Paris Office.

RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT CONVERTS JEWISH COMMUNITY FARMS IN TRANSYLVANIA TO STATE PROPERTY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Jewish community farms in Transylvania have been taken over by the state, the press service of the Rumanian Government reported here today in a publication of the Legation.

This decision was made as a result of the "popular demand" of Jewish farmers working on the holdings of the Federation of Jewish Communities, the report said.

U.N. BODY URGES ALL GOVERNMENTS TO STUDY INTERNATIONAL PACT ON MISSING NAZI VICTIMS

GENEVA, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- A resolution requesting the U.N. Secretary General to transmit immediately to all governments the draft of an international convention under which missing Nazi and war victims would be declared legally dead was adopted here today by a special committee of the U.N. Social and Economic Council which began consideration yesterday of the recommendations contained in the draft.

The resolution was introduced by the representative of Denmark with the provision that all governments give careful consideration to the draft of the pact with a view that the agreement may be adopted at the next session of the U.N. General Assembly, which is to open in September at Flushing Meadows. The international pact, if adopted, will not only enable surviving relatives to claim the property of the missing persons, but will also make it legal for many to re-marry.

Appearing before the U.N. special committee, Israeli representative Dr. M. Kahany emphasized that several million Jews perished as Nazi victims in extermination camps and their surviving relatives cannot legally establish their death because of the lack of official records.

"The Israeli Government," he pointed out, "is especially interested in the early conclusion of an international convention with regard to missing persons because of the large number of surviving relatives who are now residing in Israel."

Dr. Julius Katz-Suchy, representative of Poland, proposed that the recommendations submitted by the special committee on the declaration of death of missing persons be postponed until the next session of the Economic and Social Council.

SOUTHEASTERN TOWNS IN TURKEY ARE LEFT WITHOUT JEWS; ALL EMIGRATE FROM COUNTRY

ISTANBUL, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The two southeastern Turkish towns of Marash and Diarbakir were reported today as being completely without Jews following the departure of 300 Jews from there for Israel. Almost all the small Jewish communities of that area are reported as having been completely liquidated.

These Jewish communities, which were considered the most ancient in Turkey, were completely isolated from the world and from Turkish Jewry. They had no link with Judaism other than religion and Hebrew traditions, which differ from those of the Sephardic Jews living in the country.

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SENATE GROUP DECIDES TO ACT ON BLOCKING OF HOUSE-APPROVED BILL TO LIBERALIZE DP LAW

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The Senate Democratic Policy Committee decided today to invite Chairman Pat McCarran of the Senate Judiciary Committee before it next week to explain his blocking of the House-approved displaced persons bill.

Senators said that if Sen. McCarran continues his refusal to act, Republicans may join with Democrats in an effort to force the measure out of the committee and before the Senate. Sen. McCarran opposes the bill and has stated that he can see no basis for Jewish complaints on the United States displaced persons program.

PERON LAUDS ARGENTINE JEWRY; 100th BIRTHDAY OF DR. NORDAU OBSERVED IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Yacov Teur, Israeli Minister to Argentina, today told a press conference that President Peron expressed deep sympathy for Israel and lauded the Argentine Jews in a conversation with him.

The Israeli diplomat said that separate fund-raising campaigns by Jewish groups in Argentina do not help the cause of Israel. He appealed to the Jews of Argentina to send chalutzim to the Jewish state.

Jewish groups in Argentina today began the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Max Nordau, which falls on August 5. Several public meetings have already taken place in Buenos Aires. The entire Jewish press dedicates special articles to the memory of Dr. Nordau and emphasizes not only his contribution to modern Zionism, but also to world literature.

FOOD PARCELS SENT TO ISRAEL MUST BE PREPAID IN U.S., NEW YORK CONSULATE ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, Aug. 3. -- Effective this week, duty on all standard food parcels sent to Israel must be prepaid in the U.S., and such parcels can be mailed only through authorized agencies, it was announced today by the Consulate General of Israel.

The duty on these parcels amounts to 30 mills per kilogram, that is, about 4 cents per pound, and will be collected by authorized agencies, a list of which may be obtained at the Consulate. No more than one parcel may be sent to any one person within one month.

Self-packed food parcels, which do not conform to the regulations for standard parcels, will be limited to 4.4 pounds. The duty on such parcels amounts to 40 mills per kilogram, that is about 5½ cents per pound, and must be paid in Israel by the recipient. No more than two parcels may be sent to any one family in one month, the announcement said.

JEWISH EX-PARATROOPER DECORATED IN ENGLAND FOR RESCUING FIVE WOMEN TRAPPED IN A FIRE

LONDON, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- A former Jewish paratrooper, Solomon Weintraub, was awarded the King George medal today for rescuing five women trapped in a fire in a Glasgow building.

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