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EBAN OPPOSES DEMILITARIZATION OF JERUSALEM NOW IN LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Aubrey S. Eban, Israel's permanent delegate to the United Nations, today circulated a letter to all member delegations on the Security Council warning against the demilitarization of Jerusalem as proposed by Egypt, it was disclosed here today by a spokesman for the Israel delegation.

In his letter, Mr. Eban said that such a move at this time by the Security Council might upset the armistice agreement which now maintains peace between Israel and Transjordan in the Jerusalem area.

Last night, the Council decided to meet on the Egyptian resolution next Tuesday. The American and British delegates expressed opposition to discussing the resolution prior to the General Assembly's consideration of the entire Jerusalem problem.

In the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee, Israel's delegate, Dr. Abraham Katznelson, proposed an amendment to a resolution putting the U.N. advisory functions on social welfare on a permanent basis. Dr. Katznelson indicated that countries such as Israel who have not yet developed their own social welfare functions in full are greatly in need of these services. He proposed that the Secretariat consider the advisability of setting up local training centers for social welfare workers to make the plan more successful.

In the Political Committee efforts to achieve a compromise between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. on the "Little Assembly," in which Israel has been extremely active, went by the board today as the Soviets rejected a "compromise" and the Committee voted to extend the life of the "Little Assembly." In the final vote, Israel abstained.

TRANSJORDAN SUBMITS PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JORDAN VALLEY TO U.N. SURVEY MISSION

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The Transjordan Government has submitted a memorandum to the members of the United Nations economic survey mission giving its views on the proposed Jordan Valley Authority, it was disclosed here today.

The memorandum, a 14-page document, was prepared by the celebrated firm of consulting engineers here, Sir Mordoch McDonald and Associates. It dealt with those parts of the project acceptable to Transjordan and those unacceptable. Consent is given in the memorandum to parts of the project outlined three years ago by Joseph B. Hays, then chief engineer of the Commission on Palestine Surveys. (That project, expected to cost approximately \$250,000,000, would include irrigation and power installations extending from the northern headwaters of the Jordan River to the Negev.)

Transjordan, moreover, would agree to the construction of a Mediterranean-Dead Sea power system provided the level of the Dead Sea is not unduly altered. At the same time, the Amman Government raises the question as to what form of international control is envisaged for the Jordan Valley Authority.

Meanwhile, a categorical denial of Arab press reports that the Palestine Potash Works has signed an agreement with the Transjordan Government for resumption of work on Dead Sea deposits was issued by a company representative here today. He declared that the "entire report is completely untrue and is only designed to create mischief."

ISRAEL-U.S.S.R. TRADE TALKS EXPECTED TO BEGIN SHORTLY; SOVIET ENVOY ARRIVES IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Direct trade talks between Israel and the Soviet Union are expected to begin here almost immediately following the arrival today of I. Lapukhin, Soviet trade representative.

It is believed that the Moscow envoy will offer Israel's textile industry raw materials, chiefly woolsens. It is understood in Israel circles that the U.S.S.R. is prepared to offer Israel long term credits for the purchase of such materials.

Gen. J. Stanovski, a high official of the Czechoslovak Air Ministry, arrived last night to negotiate a commercial air agreement with the Jewish state.

NO OFFICIAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR TRADE OR FINANCIAL PACT BEGUN BETWEEN ISRAEL AND FRANCE

PARIS, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- No official negotiations for a trade or financial agreement between Israel and France have yet begun, a French Foreign Office spokesman today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

He added that there has been some contact between French officials and the Israel commercial attache here. In well-informed circles it was reported that some difficulty had arisen in relation to a trade pact because of the limited variety of goods which Israel has to offer.

U.N. ECONOMIC EXPERTS TOUR ISRAEL; MEET WITH JEWISH OFFICIALS ON ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM

TEL AVIV, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The three-man group of experts representing the U.N. economic survey mission, which arrived in this country early this week, will tour Galilee today, prior to their scheduled return to Beirut.

Yesterday, the three men toured the Beersheba district. Last night, they met with a group of Israel Government experts and discussed with them the overall Arab refugee problem as well as plans for short term work relief projects for the refugees.

SIX RECENT IMMIGRANTS KILLED IN ISRAEL WHEN THEY ATTEMPT TO DISMANTLE LANDMINE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Six recent immigrants to Israel were yesterday killed by a landmine near Petach Tikvah when they attempted to dismantle the bomb.

The immigrants had left a reception camp at Petach Tikvah a short time before the tragic accident. They apparently mistook the camouflaged mine for a field stove.

IRAQ ENVOY IN LONDON DENIES REPORT OF PERSECUTION OF JEWS IN HIS COUNTRY

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- An Iraq Embassy official denied allegations made in a statement by the Israel legation here last night that the Jewish minority in Iraq was being subjected to "a new wave of persecution," Reuters reported today.

He said that the Iraq embassy in London did not consider that the Israel statement warranted any official reply, as it was only "regular Israeli propaganda." Both the Iraq official and a British Foreign Office spokesman denied knowledge of Tel Aviv reports that Iraq had offered to exchange 100,000 Iraq Jews for an equal number of Arab refugees in Israel.

SHARETT VOICES CONCERN OVER FATE OF 240 JEWS PREVENTED FROM LEAVING RUMANIA

TEL AVIV, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today expressed his government's concern over the fate of a group of 240 Jews now in Constantza who were prevented by the Rumanian Government from boarding an Israel transport expressly dispatched to the Rumanian port city to bring them to Haifa.

In an interview with the Rumanian Minister here, M. Ciorciu, Mr. Sharett received assurances that the matter would be referred to the Bucharest authorities. Earlier, the Foreign Minister here received a report from the Israel legation in Bucharest stating that Rumania had not issued authorization for the embarkation of the 240 immigrants. The immigrants include Polish Jews who have been living in Rumania as well as native Rumanian Jews. All of them had received exit visas prior to the Rumanian ban on emigration.

PARLIAMENT HEARS BEVIN SAY HE CANNOT INTERFERE WITH PUBLICATION OF "DER STUERMER"

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told Parliament today he could not interfere with the proposed publication of the German anti-Semitic paper, "Der Stuermer." Mr. Bevin's reply came after Barnett Janner, Laborite M.P., asked whether the Foreign Secretary knew that the printer of "this horrible pornographic paper, widely circulated during the Nazi period, has intimated that he will resume publication.

Mr. Janner asked Mr. Bevin to "see that even the name of the paper is not used because it stinks in the nostrils of every decent person." The British Foreign Secretary replied, however, that he could not "interfere in this business now."

RENE MAYER, A JEW, AGREES TO BECOME PREMIER-DESIGNATE OF FRANCE; SERVED WITH GIRAUD

PARIS, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Rene Mayer, a Jew, agreed today to become French Premier-designate. He will present himself to the National Assembly tomorrow. M. Mayer was named Secretary of Communications in 1943 by the provisional government set up by Gen. Henri Giraud during the Nazi occupation of France. He is a financial expert and a leader of the Radical Socialist party.

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION GETS SIX-MONTH EXTENSION TO RESETTLE 100,000 DP'S

GENEVA, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The general council of the International Refugee Organization decided today to prolong the life of the organization after the closing date originally scheduled for June of next year. Under the decision, the I.R.O. will be given from six to nine months to resettle an additional 100,000 displaced persons. It is expected that an additional \$55,000,000 will be needed to resettle these DP's.

SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER RECEIVES HIAS OVERSEAS DIRECTOR

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- South African Prime Minister Dr. Daniel F. Malan today granted an audience to Dr. Henry Shoskes, overseas director of HIAS, who is now visiting this country. The hour-long interview, which took place at the capital, Pretoria, was described by Dr. Shoskes as being of "an extremely cordial nature."

During an explanation of the Union's immigration policy, Prime Minister Malan declared that this "careful selection program" has reduced the number of immigrants entering South Africa but that no distinction is made between prospective immigrants on the basis of race or creed. He said that the major aim of the immigration policy is to ensure that immigrants do not become competitors of South Africans in the labor market.

ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT STOPS CLASSIFYING JEWS SEPARATELY FROM "WHITE AMERICANS"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The St. Louis Police Department has eliminated the section of its criminal identification cards which lists Jews separately from "White Americans," it was learned here today.

Revision of the cards followed strong protests from the public and from members of Congress. The news of the St. Louis Police Department's new system was first reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

J. Edgar Hoover Disassociates F.B.I. from St. Louis Identification System

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- In a letter to Rep. Jacob K. Javits of New York, F.B.I. director J. Edgar Hoover today stated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not approve the discriminatory feature of the new St. Louis police identification system. Mr. Hoover said, "The F.B.I. did not recommend, endorse, or approve the form in question."

"We do not use the word 'Jew' or 'Jewish' in describing the race or nationality of criminals in connection with the issuance of our identification orders furnishing details on individuals wanted by the F.B.I. Several years ago the F.B.I. adopted the rule of prohibiting the use of words descriptive of religion to describe a race or nationality."

U.J.A. DELEGATION CONFERS WITH AGENCY OFFICIALS IN JERUSALEM; LOCKER FLIES TO U.S. TODAY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Members of the delegation of the United Jewish Appeal which is on an inspection tour of Israel arrived here today and immediately conferred with officials of the Jewish Agency on the Agency's current financial needs and plans for the next year. The visiting delegates said they had been overwhelmed since their arrival in Israel with the achievements of the new state.

The bi-partisan Congressional committee traveling through the Middle East to observe how funds of the International Refugee Organization and the World Health Organization are being expended today visited both the Old City and the Jewish sector of Jerusalem.

Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, will leave for the U.S. tomorrow to confer with leaders of the American section of the Agency on U.J.A. and other problems. He will also participate in the forthcoming national conferences of the United Palestine Appeal and United Jewish Appeal.

(The American Federation of Labor has accepted an invitation from the Histadrut to send a delegation of A.F.L. union leaders to Israel, it was learned today in Washington.)

FRENCH CULTURAL ENVOY RECEIVED BY WEIZMANN; SEEKS TO DEVELOP FRANCO-ISRAEL TIES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- President Chaim Weizmann today received French Prof. L. Perrin and the French Minister to Israel, Edouard Guyon. Prof. Perrin was sent here from Paris to develop Franco-Israel cultural relations. He is scheduled to lecture on industrial use of atomic energy tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Vera Weizmann was today scheduled to open the Rathbone Children's Home at Magdiel. Slated to attend the ceremony with the Israel First Lady were Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, British Minister to Tel Aviv Alexander Knox Holm and David Grenfell, M.P., who is representing the British Youth Aliyah Organization which is sponsoring the institution.