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ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN PEACE TALKS REPORTED AT "SERIOUS STAGE;" TWO MEETINGS HELD RECENTLY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Peace talks between Israel and Egypt have reached the "serious stage," it was reported here today.

The report stated that two meetings were recently held between representatives of the two states in a "country which is interested in peace in the Middle East." It added that the delegates had informed their respective governments of the tack taken at the talks, and that both governments had approved of what had been accomplished thus far. Last week, Eli Sassoon, Israel Minister to Turkey denied that such talks had taken place at Ankara.

(The majority of the Lebanese people--Christian and Moslem alike--favor the initiation of direct peace talks between Lebanon and Israel as soon as the Jewish state and Jordan have negotiated a pact, it was reported in London from Beirut today. The report added that cordial relations already exist between Jews in northern Israel and Arabs in southern Lebanon.)

ZOA EXPRESSES OPPOSITION TO CARREAU PLAN; INVITES BEN GURION TO ANNUAL CONVENTION

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A resolution expressing "unalterable opposition" to the Carreau plan for modified internationalization of Jerusalem was adopted unanimously today by the National Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America.

The Committee, which is the ruling body of the organization between conventions, declared that the plan "under the guise of seeking to safeguard the Holy Places, would establish a foreign control over all territories of the city which for ages has been and is again the capital of the state of Israel." Another resolution voiced "profound shock and grief" at the shipment of arms by the British including "all types of heavy armaments, tanks, cannons, bombers, jet planes and submarines" to Egypt and other Arab countries.

Daniel Frisch, president of the Z.O.A., who recently returned from a visit to the Jewish state, announced that his organization had invited Israel Premier David Ben Gurion to visit the United States to attend the Z.O.A.'s 53rd annual convention which is slated to be held in June.

Mr. Frisch declared that a visit by Premier Ben Gurion to this country would not only serve to cement relations between Israel and the U.S., but would also help clarify to the American Government and people Israel's role in the Middle East in behalf of peace. At the same time, he added, the Premier's presence at the Z.O.A. parlay would "immeasurably strengthen" the link between Jews in this country and Israel.

The Z.O.A. president also appealed to American Jewry to prevent any reduction in immigration to Israel by "giving generously of their substance to the United Jewish Appeal." He declared that "there are hundreds of thousands of Jews in Europe and in Arab countries and in other lands who must go to Israel or perish."

ARABS CANNOT WAGE WAR ON ISRAEL FOR "LONG PERIOD," IRAQI DIPLOMAT DECLARES

GENEVA, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A striking declaration that the Arab states are in no position to make war on Israel for "a long period" was made here this week-end by Dr. Fadhil Jamali, permanent Iraqi delegate to the United Nations and former Foreign Secretary.

The statement was made in an exclusive interview with a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent. In order to "avoid misunderstandings," Dr. Jamali gave written answers to five questions put to him by the correspondent.

To the first question, asking "what is your opinion of reports that the Arab states are rearming in preparation for a renewal of war in Palestine?" the dean of Arab spokesmen at the U.N. stated:

"I declare categorically that there will be no Arab aggression in Palestine. The Arabs need a long period of peace and reconstruction at home, for Zionism has disturbed this process of national reconstruction, unity and social progress in the Arab world. This, I hope, we shall yet achieve in spite of Zionist machinations."

To the query: "What is your view on the proposals that the present Jewish population of Iraq be exchanged for Arab refugees and transferred to Israel?" Dr. Jamali replied:

"We have never thought of the Jews of Iraq as a separate entity in the country. We consider Judaism as a religion and not as a racial or political entity. We have no thought of any such exchange of population. This question has its human as well as political aspects. In all circumstances, however, I can assure you that the Arabs, I hope, will never act against Jewish citizens as the Zionists acted against the Arabs of Palestine."

Asked "would you favor a partial and voluntary emigration of Iraqi Jews to Israel--that is to let go those who want to go?" Dr. Jamali said that "this is a very vexed and complex question at this moment. It must wait for future development in the Middle East."

"What is your main objection to (U.N. Trusteeship Council president Roger) Garreau's new Jerusalem plan?" the correspondent asked.

"The new Garreau plan is contrary to the letter and spirit of the (U.N. General) Assembly's resolution on the complete internationalization of Jerusalem," the Iraqi diplomat said. "My delegation stands for an Arab Jerusalem within an Arab state and voted for internationalization only as a lesser evil. The Garreau plan, furthermore, is opposed to the basic national interests of the whole Arab world."

To the question: "What are the current views of Iraq on proposals for the union of Iraq and Syria?" Dr. Jamali stated: "Iraq welcomes such unity--not only with Syria, but also with any Arab state who desires it. Such a nation, however, must come from the free will of the people and through constitutional channels. Iraq does not believe in forcing unity on any Arab state. It is now for the Syrians freely to decide that they want to unite with Iraq. Iraq will always welcome such a union."

WINSTON CHURCHILL ATTACKS LABOR GOVERNMENT FOR SHIPPING JET PLANES TO EGYPT

LONDON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The British Government's shipment of jet planes and other offensive weapons to Egypt were strongly denounced yesterday by Winston Churchill. The Conservative leader made his denunciation during a political speech at Leeds.

NATIONAL RABBINICAL CONFERENCE OPENS IN JERUSALEM: DISCUSSES CONVENING SANHEDRIN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The question of whether to reestablish the Sanhedrin or not was discussed at the opening of a national rabbinical conference here today. The parley will also discuss various organizational matters.

The major conflict during the parley is expected to develop between the forces represented by Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Minister for Religion, and Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog. The former favors immediate reorganization of the ancient Jewish court. He is also pressing for a campaign within the Israel Government to obtain greater rabbinical control over matters affecting marriage and inheritance. Rabbi Herzog is said to agree in principle that the Sanhedrin should be convened, but advocates that the rabbis of the entire world be consulted first.

ISRAEL MINISTERS TESTIFY IN HERUT LIBEL TRIAL; HAGANAH TORTURE OF IRGUNIST CHARGED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A member of the Israel Cabinet and a former Minister in the Provisional Government appeared this week-end as witnesses in a libel trial involving an official of the Foreign Ministry and a Herut newspaper.

During the trial, the Herut organ raked up old charges that the Haganah had tortured and killed Yedidia Segal, an Irgunist, whose body was found in December, 1947. Immigration Minister Moshe Shapira testified that he was on a commission which investigated the Segal case and admitted that the man might have been tortured before his death. However, he told the court that if he had been tortured it was done against the orders of Haganah headquarters.

Former Trade Minister Fritz Bernstein was called to substantiate Herut charges that men were dismissed from government service because of affiliation with the rightist party. Dr. Bernstein said that the Herut newspaper's charges were accurate, adding that he had learned of the truth of these matters while he served on the Cabinet.

HAIFA TECHNION CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY; WEIZMANN HONORS INSTITUTE'S PRESIDENT

HAIFA, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- President Chaim Weizmann this week-end headed a delegation of prominent Israel officials who came here to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Haifa Technion, the Jewish state's only school for advanced technical studies.

Dr. Weizmann told the celebrants that a "small country like ours cannot live by physical strength alone. The values of science, technology and culture must shape our national life, in which the Technion plays an important role," the Chief of State declared.

Dr. Shlomo Kaplanski, president of the institution, who was awarded an honorary doctorate by President Weizmann, reviewed the growth of the Technion in the past 25 years. He compared the 800 students now enrolled in the Technion with the 100 in 1924. One thousand engineers graduated from the institution, he reported.

ISRAEL LABOR MINISTER RECEIVES U.N. AWARD; ONE OF FIVE WOMEN HONORED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Israel Labor Minister Golda Myerson was today awarded a United Nations medal for outstanding work in the social field. The award was given by the international body to five women prominent in the affairs of different countries.

NAZIS RESPONSIBLE FOR MASS MURDERS OF VILNA JEWS GET LIFE TERMS FROM GERMAN COURT

WUERZBURG, Germany, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Martin Weiss and August Bering, commandants of the Vilna Ghetto during the Nazi occupation, were today sentenced to life imprisonment by a German court here following their conviction on charges of responsibility for and participation in the mass murder of 30,000 Jews.

The two, instrumental in the liquidation of the entire population of the Vilna ghetto, were also accused of personally murdering many Jews. One prosecution witness, a Jewish mother, accused Weiss of having personally shot her child while she was carrying it in her arms.

ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS IN WEST GERMANY INCREASING; CORRECTIVE LEGISLATION SOUGHT

MINICH, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic incidents in West Germany, directed particularly against Jews returning here from overseas to reclaim their property under restitution legislation, are increasing, it was reported today. A number of incidents in which crowds openly shouted anti-Semitic epithets at individual Jews in the towns of Kassel and Fuerth were reported.

In a special resolution, the Fuerth City Council asked both the Bavarian provincial and the Federal governments to institute "immediate and sharp measures against the revival of anti-Semitism in Bavaria." Legislation to provide punishment for every attempted act of anti-Semitism was also demanded in the City Council's request.

Meanwhile, desecrations of two more Jewish cemeteries in West Germany were reported here. Vandals knocked over four tombstones in the Rauschenburg cemetery, located near Kassel, and two in the old Jewish cemetery at Hermannsburg. Two men were arrested and are expected to stand trial shortly.

George Arashler, a former Gestapo officer, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment by a court in Bayreuth for participating in the notorious pogrom of the night of Nov. 9, 1938. Nine other defendants received jail terms ranging from two to 15 months, while six were acquitted.

FASCIST HOODLUMS FORCE CLOSING OF LONDON THEATRE SHOWING FILM ABOUT PALESTINE

LONDON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Scotland Yard authorities this week-end ordered a London theatre closed after fascist hoodlums released live rats among an audience viewing the American-made film "Sword in the Desert" which deals with the recent Anglo-Jewish conflict in Palestine.

Shortly after the New Gallery Cinema was closed by the police the management cancelled further showings of the film. During two days of showing the film was interrupted at irregular intervals by the explosion of smoke bombs in the theatre, the sounding of air bomb alerts and, last night, the rats.

RUMANIAN ZIONISTS ATTACKED AT MEETING OF JEWISH DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE OF BUCHAREST

BUCHAREST, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Rumania's campaign against Zionism received new impetus at a special meeting of leaders of the Bucharest branch of the Jewish Democratic Committee. The audience was exhorted to intensify the fight against the Zionists, who were called "agents of warmongering imperialism in the ranks of the Jewish population."

AFL CHARGES USSR WITH "CULTURAL POGROMS" AGAINST JEWS, ASKS APPROVAL OF GENOCIDE PACT

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The American Federation of Labor yesterday appealed to the Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention against Genocide and charged that the Soviet Union and East European nations were practicing "cultural pogroms" against their Jewish populations. The AFL also called for prompt international action to check genocide and the developments in the U.S.S.R. The statement, issued by the AFL executive council, said:

"Behind the Iron Curtain--and particularly in Soviet Russia--governmental authorities have developed a fiendish plan based on cultural ground" and have launched a terrific campaign to wipe out entire groups of their population.

"The new drive to make impossible the continued existence of Jews in Russia and in its satellite areas is going on under the flag of a savage war against so-called cosmopolitanism.

"Their crime is that they have, or might develop, a culture different from the ultra-nationalist and imperialistic brand supported by the ruling party, by the totalitarianism dictatorship in Russia.

"A vicious campaign is afoot to chase out all Jews from employment in occupations entailing contact with the mass of people in the U.S.S.R. or with the people of other countries.

"All citizens of Jewish origin have been eliminated from the Soviet occupation administrations in Austria and Germany. Jews are no longer permitted to be members of Soviet delegations and foreign missions or to undergo training for diplomatic service.

"The door to employment in the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Trade has been slammed hard in the face of Russia's Jews--on cultural grounds. The same process of elimination of Jews continues ruthlessly in the ranks of the ruling Communist party and its government apparatus.

"We must keep in mind that in countries where one party has a monopoly of all political power and where the government dictatorship is the sole employer, such 'cultural' pogroms against intellectuals and their followers mean virtually the sentencing of these individual human beings to death--by enforcing conditions which make life impossible, by ostracizing them and depriving them of all means of livelihood."

CROATIAN FASCISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDER OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS DENIED ENTRY TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Displaced Persons Commission revealed today that two Croatian Ustachi fascist officials, responsible for the death of thousands of Jews, have been denied entry to the U.S. as DP's, following investigation of a Jewish Telegraphic Agency dispatch from Rome.

The J.T.A. Washington Bureau queried the Commission when word was received of the processing of Dr. Vlado Dubicanac, former commander of the infamous Koprivnica concentration camp in Croatia, and Stjepan Busic, Nazi puppet Commissioner for Jewish extermination in Croatia.

Today the Frankfurt office of the DP Commission cabled Washington in response to the query. The Commission reported the two men were located at a DP camp in Italy. Busic has been rejected by the Commission as an undesirable while an American sponsoring agency cancelled its assurance for Dubicanac's entry.

CANADIAN OFFICIAL DUBIOUS U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WILL SOLVE JERUSALEM PROBLEM

MONTREAL, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A hint that Canada would favor a modified form of internationalization of Jerusalem now under consideration in Geneva by the U.N. Trusteeship Council was given here by Leon Mayrand, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Department of External Affairs.

The Canadian diplomat, who has been closely associated with negotiations relating to Jerusalem, said it was doubtful whether the Trusteeship Council would be able to implement the U.N. resolution adopted last December at Lake Success.

"Unless the Council would exceed its authority it is doubtful that it can legally find a solution to the internationalization problem which would then be referred once more, to a special U.N. meeting," said Mayrand.

Such a move would be regrettable because, in the meantime, both Arabs and Jews would have strengthened their position in Jerusalem and it would become difficult to make them accept measures necessary for an "operating internationalization," he added.

12-MAN NEW YORK U.J.A. COMMITTEE FLIES TO ISRAEL TO STUDY CONDITIONS AND NEEDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A 12-man committee representing the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York left La Guardia Airport today for Israel where its members will conduct an on-the-spot survey of conditions. The committee expects to return on Feb. 16 following a study of conditions in Israel's immigration facilities, agricultural settlement and industrial centers. It hopes to learn the needs to be met by operating agencies of the U.J.A. in Israel.

MONTH-LONG JEWISH MUSIC FESTIVAL OPENS; SPONSORED BY NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The sixth annual country-wide Jewish Music Festival, sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board and coordinated by the National Jewish Music Council, opened today. The festival ends March 3.

At least one of the concerts held in connection with the festival will be televised and a number will be broadcast. They will feature the works of Achern, Bloch, Prokofieff, Weinberg and others. More than 1,000 Jewish community centers and agencies in various sections of the country have planned special programs and salutes during the month.

FRENCH MINISTER OF LABOR VISITS ORT INSTITUTION; LAUDS ITS REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES

PARIS, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The importance of the work of the ORT in the rehabilitation of Jewish youth in France and in preparing Jewish refugees for immigration to Israel was emphasized here today by French Minister of Labor Pierre Segelle following a visit to the ORT Center at Montreuil, near Paris. The Minister promised to help promote the work of the ORT in France.

ISRAEL NAMES MANILA JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADER IMMIGRATION OFFICER FOR PHILIPPINES

TEL AVIV, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Ernest Simca, president of the Jewish community of Manila, has been named Israel immigration officer for the Philippines, where 70 persons have already expressed a desire to proceed to the Jewish state, it was announced today.