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ISRAEL APPEALS TO U.S. AND BRITAIN FOR LIFTING OF ARMS EMBARGO; SEEKS AMERICAN ARMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel has appealed to the United States to lift its embargo on the shipment of arms to the Jewish state and to allow the sale of U.S. arms to Israel in view of the fact that the Arab states are now being supplied with arms by Britain, it was learned here today. A similar appeal was addressed to the British Government by Tel Aviv.

Informed sources here said that the U.S. has requested that Israel supply this government with full data on the quantity of arms she now possesses and also for assurances that any new arms sought by the Israel Government will be used solely for internal security purposes. No reply to Washington's request has as yet been received from Tel Aviv, it was stated here.

(In Tel Aviv, Israel Chief of Staff Brig. Yigal Yadin was quoted as saying today that "so long as the Arab states persist in their refusal to sign peace treaties with Israel, and simultaneously pursue their feverish preparations for war, the only possible explanation from a military viewpoint is that the Arabs want to see a renewal of hostilities.")

ISRAEL PREMIER MAKES FURTHER EFFORTS TO BROADEN CABINET; TALKS WITH PROGRESSIVES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Further efforts to broaden the coalition Cabinet were made today by Premier David Ben Gurion who received a delegation of the Progressive Party, headed by Dr. Abraham Granot (Granovsky.)

The delegation presented the Progressives' views on the proposed inclusion in the Cabinet of the left-wing Socialist Mapam Party and the Centrist General Zionist Party. The delegation emphasized that the Progressive Party is gravely concerned over official acceptance of the existing multiple educational system.

The Israel Ministry of Education now recognizes four school systems: the general, the Socialist, the Mizrahi religious system and the ultra-Orthodox Agudah system. According to the latest decision of the Cabinet, a referendum on education will be held in the immigrant camps to permit parents to choose the type of school they wish for their children.

The political committee of the Mapam decided last night to submit its own majority and minority resolutions on the question of the party's joining the coalition Cabinet to the forthcoming plenary session of the Mapam's executive.

The majority resolution considers that further negotiations with the Mapai are worthless because of the latter's "failure to display a positive response to the Mapam's ultimato and minimum proposals." The minority resolution favors continuation of the conversations, in an attempt to "seek compromise proposals likely to yield grounds for an understanding between the two major wings of the labor movement." The Mapam executive is scheduled to meet on Thursday.

IRAQ URGES U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL NOT TO ACT ON JERUSALEM INTERNATIONALIZATION PLAN

GENEVA, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- A recommendation that the U.N. Trusteeship Council return the resolution of the internationalization of Jerusalem to the U.N. General Assembly without acting on it, was made here this week-end at a meeting of the Council by Fadhil al Jamail of Iraq.

The Iraqi delegate urged the Council to be realistic and recognize the opposition to the plan of the two powers which occupy Jerusalem. One has made the city its capital, he pointed out, while the other rejects every form of internationalization. This, he said, together with the fact that the Big Powers refuse to state their views with regard to the internationalization of Jerusalem, make it impossible to implement the Assembly's resolution on Jerusalem.

Opposing the Iraq proposal, the representative of Belgium suggested that the Council proceed with a second reading of the text of the Jerusalem statute, in an effort to find a generally acceptable solution. The Belgian motion was supported by the U.S. delegate, whereupon the Council decided to start the second reading on Wednesday.

ISRAEL REJECTS CLAIMS ON GERMAN PROPERTY IN JEWISH STATE, EBAN TELLS U.N. COUNCIL

GENEVA, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Government refuses to acknowledge any claims on church or secular property in which Germany or Germans are beneficiaries, Israel representative Aubrey Eban told the U.N. Trusteeship Council in response to an American proposal that German church property in Jerusalem be returned to its former owners. The proposal was made last week by M. Kolde, in behalf of an American church group.

Speaking with visible emotion, Mr. Eban stated that Israel would make full restitution of all church property which it now controls, except that of Germans. The Germans in Palestine were, in many cases, experts in the "grisly art of extermination" of 6,000,000 Jews, he charged. Israel will do all "in her modest power" to prevent a rebirth of German power. He called on Britain, France and Belgium as repeated victims of German aggression to oppose this proposal by the U.S. delegate.

Mr. Eban recalled that only last week the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that owners of enemy property seized by the U.S. during the war shall not have any claim against the U.S. Government, even where the owners had become American citizens. Why then, asked the Israel diplomat, should the U.S. single out Israel, of all countries, to make concessions to the Germans which the United States, itself is not prepared to make. He called on the Council president to rule the American proposal out of order on the grounds that it is contrary to the U.N. Charter which states that the United Nations may not interfere with any measure taken by a member state against an enemy country or its citizens.

Later, during a discussion of the protection of the Holy Places, Mr. Eban interjected a remark into the debate, pointing out that there should be a difference in definition between a Holy Place and a religious site. He again proposed a statute for the protection of the Holy Places, at which point Council president Roger Garreau asked the Jordan representative whether his country's constitution guaranteed protection of the Holy Places.

Mr. Eban also taxed the Jordan representative with the fact that Jordan does not permit Jews to worship at the Wailing Wall in the Jordan-controlled Old City, nor does it permit Christian pilgrims to cross the lines from one part of Jerusalem to another, despite the Jordan-Israel armistice agreement which guarant<sup>e</sup>s such freedom of movement.

SECRETARY OF STATE REITERATES HIS STAND ON DESIRABILITY OF ARMING ARAB STATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Acheson said at his press conference this week-end that there has been no change on his position that the arming of the Arab states is desirable.

Asked if there has been any revision in his stand, Mr. Acheson replied that he did not think so, quite emphatically pronouncing these words. Diplomatic sources saw this as the answer to the American Zionist Council's protest of last week against the shipment of munitions by Britain to Egypt and other Arab countries.

ISRAEL AND EGYPT SIGN AGREEMENT DIVIDING "NO-MAN'S LAND" BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES

TEL AVIV, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Israel and Egyptian members of the mixed armistice commission have signed an agreement dividing equally forty square kilometers of the demilitarized zone between Both Nahum and Deiruneid, northeast of Gaza, and establishing a single demarcation line between the two countries, thus abolishing the "no-man's land" zone which existed since the signing of the Rhodes armistice pact, concluded a year ago today.

WAR DAMAGES REGISTERED WITH ISRAEL MINISTRY TO DATE EXCEED \$28,000,000

TEL AVIV, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- War damages registered to date with the Ministry of War Sufferers exceed \$28,000,000, with Jerusalem alone accounting for \$8,400,000 entailing damages incurred by industrial, agricultural and commercial establishments, it was reported today.

The registration of war damages does not include, however, damages suffered by national institutions, local municipal councils, major enterprises like the Dead Sea potash works and the electric companies, as well as Jewish property in the Arab-held Old City of Jerusalem, which is estimated at \$19,600,000.

ISRAEL POLICE SEIZE 140 ARAB INFILTRATORS IN SURPRISE RAID; WOMEN, CHILDREN TO REMAIN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Approximately 140 Arabs, including women and children, were rounded up by Israel military and police units who carried out a surprise raid at dawn yesterday on the Arab village of Abu Gosh. Most of the women and children, it was learned here, will be allowed to remain in Israel since they are admissible to the Jewish state under provisions of the plan to reunite war-separated Arab families. The raid was carried out in an attempt to apprehend Arab male infiltrators from Jordan, particularly those of military age.

The bodies of two Arabs who were killed in a clash between Israel security forces and Arab marauders were found last night near Hadora. The Arabs had infiltrated Israel territory from the nearby Arab triangle sector.

MIKVEH ISRAEL TRAINING SCHOOL PUT UNDER QUARANTINE; SIX MENINGITIS CASES REPORTED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Mikveh Israel Agricultural Training School, with a population of more than 900 youths, was placed under quarantine today following an outbreak of meningitis. Six cases of the disease have already been recorded.

1,200 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS FROM NORTH AFRICA ARRIVE IN ISRAEL IN SINGLE DAY

HAIFA, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- A total of 1,200 Jewish immigrants from North Africa arrived here today aboard the Israel transport, Independence.

18 JEWS ARE REELECTED TO THEIR SEATS IN PARLIAMENT IN BRITISH GENERAL ELECTIONS

LONDON, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Final results in Britain's general elections disclosed today that 18 Jewish Laborites and one Conservative were returned to their seats in Parliament. Among those reelected are Barnett Janner, chairman of the Zionist Federation of Britain; Sidney Silverman, chairman of the British section of the World Jewish Congress; and Maurice Orbach, secretary of the Trades Advisory Council.

POLICE SEIZE POSTERS IN BAVARIAN TOWN PROCLAIMING "TOO FEW JEWS HAVE BEEN KILLED"

MUNICH, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Police in the Bavarian town of Groebenzell have seized some 50 posters declaring that "Too Few Jews Have Been Killed," it was reported here today.

The local police investigation, begun after the intervention of Bavarian Commissioner for Persecutees Philip Auerbach, has revealed that the town's mayor, ex-Nazi Richard Sturm, is implicated in the affair. Action by a denazification court is expected in his case.

British authorities in Hamburg announced during the week-end that Field Marshal Erich von Mannstein, who was charged with responsibility for carrying out mass executions of Jews in the Ukraine during the Nazi occupation, will serve only 12 years in prison instead of the 18 years to which he was sentenced last December. The trial of the German military commander attracted much attention in Germany.

Beginning next month, denazification activities will be drastically reduced in Bavaria as a result of an order closing the Bavarian Denazification Ministry. The liquidation of the Ministry became necessary because no funds for its work have been included in the current year's budget. Its functions will be transferred to the Ministry of Justice, which will maintain a small office instead of the present staff of about 500 employees.

CLAIMS FOR RESTITUTION IN U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY MUST BE FILED BY END OF MARCH

FRANKFURT, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The American central restitution office at Bad Nauheim has been closed, it was announced here today. In the future the functions of the Bad Nauheim office will be handled at the Bavarian Indemnification Office in Munich. All applications must be filed by March 31, 1950. In the event that a formal application cannot be filed by a person abroad by that deadline, an informal application will be honored if a formal application is filed subsequently, but no later than September 30, 1950.

The British occupation authorities have announced that the deadline for filing restitution applications has been extended until June 30, 1950. Persons who erroneously filed applications in the American and French zones which must be submitted to the British authorities have until the end of June to make new applications.

FRENCH COURT IMPOSES DEATH SENTENCE ON GERMAN OFFICER WHO ESCORTED JEWS TO DACHEAU

METZ, France; Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Former German captain Friedrich Dietrich, who in 1944 escorted a convoy of more than 2,500 Jewish deportees to the Dachau death camp, was sentenced to death here yesterday.

During the trial it was revealed that 130 Jews were crowded into trucks designed to carry eight horses. No water or food was given to them during the four-day journey to Dachau, in which Dietrich participated as a convoy member. Most of the Jews who survived the trip went insane, it was established. The defendant, the court was told, refused to allow the Red Cross to distribute food to the Jews which had been prepared for them in Pressburg.

U.J.A. LAUNCHES 1950 DRIVE; MIAMI PARLEY RECEIVES \$6,400,000 IN INITIAL GIFTS

MIAMI, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The 1950 nationwide campaign of the United Jewish Appeal was officially proclaimed here today at a two-day conference attended by 600 key leaders from 39 states and addressed by Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A., Drew Pearson, noted newspaper columnist, and Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

A total of \$6,400,000 was contributed to the national drive by Jewish communities and individuals. A check for \$2,500,000 to the U.J.A. was forwarded from Chicago; Boston gave \$500,000; Washington, D.C., \$500,000; Kansas City, \$300,000; Miami, \$250,000; Rochester, New Haven and Cincinnati, \$200,000 each. A check for \$200,000 on behalf of Lou Boyar of Los Angeles and his associates in the construction business was presented, as was a \$75,000 gift from Senator Herbert H. Lehman and Mrs. Lehman.

The keynote of the 1950 drive of the United Jewish Appeal, which must meet financial requirements for resettlement and rehabilitation activities throughout the world, was sounded by Attorney General McGrath who said that "the work of the United Jewish Appeal is related to a timetable that may mean life or death for many innocent human beings." The Attorney General emphasized that "your efforts in helping Israel cope with the great immigration program and in aiding that new nation to achieve a sound and progressive structure of democratic government represents a truly American obligation."

Asserting that the United Jewish Appeal is "a cause which must go directly to the heart of the entire American people," Mr. McGrath said that "its mission and its accomplishment are inseparable components of a blueprint of the future in which all men will be free and equal and all will enjoy the fruits of their labor in peace and security."

The Attorney General said that aid to Israel represents "an obligation that must be shared by all men who are interested in the survival and growth of democracy." He cautioned that the financial situation in Israel will be precarious "if you and the American people as a whole do not assume a proper share of the task of immigration and settlement. Any serious setback to the democracy of Israel now," Attorney General McGrath declared, "would be a setback to democracy everywhere--not merely to the Jewish people."

Six-Point Program For 1950 Outlined by Morgenthau

Mr. Morgenthau outlined six major objectives of the 1950 campaign of the U.J.A. as follows: 1. Provide homes for 85,000 new immigrants who are now living in temporary reception camps in Israel. 2. Provide for the immigration and settlement of a minimum of 150,000 additional newcomers in Israel this year. 3. Establish 125 new agricultural settlements to speed the absorption of newly-arrived refugees in the Jewish state. 4. Rehabilitation and relief for a minimum of 250,000 Jews in Western and Eastern Europe, including 63,000 children. 5. Medical aid and child care for tens of thousands of the 800,000 Jews living in poverty and need in Moslem lands. 6. The adjustment of 25,000 Jewish refugees who are expected to enter the United States this year.

Brighter prospects for emigration from the Iron Curtain countries were described by Mr. Leavitt, who said, "at this moment the prospects of considerable emigration from Eastern European countries to Israel are brighter than they have been in several months past. The Polish Government is permitting the departure of emigrants up to September 1. I can reveal to you that already since the first of the year some 6,000 Jews have left Poland for Israel. If all goes well and if the funds are available, it may be possible for 20,000 to leave."

COSTA RICAN PRESS CAMPAIGNING AGAINST JEWS, W.J.C. REPORTS; APPEALS TO PRESIDENT ULATE

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Costa Rica is "profoundly disturbed" over the possible consequence of a concentrated press campaign demanding the cancellation of their citizenship and their compulsory repatriation, the World Jewish Congress reported today in making public a letter from Dr. Robert S. Marcus, political director of the W.J.C., to President Otilio Ulate of Costa Rica.

Dr. Marcus mentioned specifically the newspapers La Prensa Libre and La Hora as responsible for public clamor against the Jews. The newspapers, Dr. Marcus pointed out, have been publishing "violent anti-Jewish accusations which have given us cause for great concern. As the result of this campaign of slander, the members of the Jewish community of Costa Rica have been publicly threatened with revision of their residence rights, cancellation of citizenship gained through naturalization and even compulsory repatriation," he said.

The World Jewish Congress requested that "the Jewish community of Costa Rica be reassured concerning their legal status and that their right to enjoyment of complete equality in law and in fact will be scrupulously preserved."

AMERICAN CAPITALISTS INVESTED \$25,000,000 IN ISRAEL LAST YEAR, JEWISH AGENCY REPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Exclusive of military expenditures, a total of \$240,800,000--an amount equal to 40 percent of the country's national income--was invested in capital goods in Israel last year, the Economic Department of the Jewish Agency reported today.

"Israel's spending on capital development in 1949 is one of the largest in relation to national income of any country in the world," the report said. "Aside from public works projects, private capital dominated the capital investment field during the year. More than 60 percent of the capital invested in projects other than public works came from private sources. Little more than half of the private capital invested originated in Israel. United States private capital dominated the foreign investment field in Israel by accounting for about \$25,000,000 worth of investments during the year."

ISRAEL-AMERICAN CLUB ROOMS OPENED IN TEL AVIV; U.S. AMBASSADOR ATTENDS CEREMONY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 26, (JTA) -- Israel-American club rooms were formally opened here last night in the presence of U.S. Ambassador James G. McDonald. The guests attending the ceremony were greeted on behalf of Israel's Foreign Ministry Dr. Walter Eytan.

CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS TO HOLD WORLD CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM ON APRIL 12

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The World Confederation of General Zionists announced here today that a world conference of General Zionists will be held in Jerusalem beginning April 12. According to an announcement by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Confederation, the parley has been called to formulate the General Zionist position on various questions to be considered by the Zionist Actions Committee, which will meet in Jerusalem beginning April 19.

FRANK WEIL, J.W.B. PRESIDENT FOR PAST DECADE, WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE FOR REELECTION

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Frank L. Weil, who will complete ten consecutive years as president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, has informed the J.W.B. executive committee that he will not be a candidate for reelection, it was revealed today. The J.W.B. biennial meeting, to be held in Cincinnati in May, will elect Mr. Weil's successor. Mr. Weil plans to remain a member of the J.W.B. executive committee after he retires from the presidency.

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