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U.S. SENDS ARMS TO ISRAEL; TANKS ALREADY DELIVERED; ELATH CONFERES WITH STATE DEPT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA)--Sources close to the State Department today revealed that Israel has been receiving American weapons since the United Nations lifted the Middle East arms embargo last August. American tanks have already been delivered at Haifa, they said.

This information was disclosed in connection with a reported appeal by the Israel Government to the United States and Britain to supply arms and military equipment to the Jewish state in view of the shipment of arms by Britain to the Arab countries.

Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath today conferred for 75 minutes with Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Raymond Hare. He said later that they discussed how the news that Israel requested arms from the United States "leaked" to the press yesterday. He declined to make any further statements on the reported plea, declaring that he would have to wait for instructions from Tel Aviv.

(Israel sources in Tel Aviv today pointed out that "in view of the continued rearmament of the Arab states and the continuation of arms supplies to them, there should be little astonishment if Israel applies wherever it can to obtain arms needed for defense.")

A spokesman for the State Department today said that more American arms have been supplied to Israel than to any Arab state since the lifting of the arms embargo on the Near East. He added that State Department officials are now drafting a reply to Israel's request for additional American munitions.

Diplomatic circles here expressed the belief that Israel is seeking permission to buy U.S. jet-propelled military aircraft, light naval vessels and other items to offset the British shipments of the most modern types of weapons to Egypt and other Arab states.

Meanwhile, David Horowitz, director-general of the Israel Finance Ministry, arrived in Washington today from London where he negotiated the release of Israel's sterling balances blocked in England. He is scheduled to confer tomorrow with Acting Secretary Hare, Ambassador Elath revealed.

United States and Britain Exchange Views on Selling Arms to Israel

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA)--Authoritative sources here today stated that an exchange of views has taken place between Britain and the United States on arms deliveries to Israel, but that no formal request for arms has been received by Britain from the Israel Government.

The Foreign Office here said that the Israel Legation in London made an "informal approach" to the government regarding arms, but that no reply has so far been given. Unofficially, authoritative British sources expressed the view that no reply to any informal approach on the part of Israel is to be expected.

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U.N. JERUSALEM DISCUSSIONS RETARDING PEACE EFFORTS BY RAISING ARAB HOPES, EBAN SAYS

GENEVA, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The discussion of an international statute for Jerusalem at the U.N. Trusteeship Council sessions here is having a retarding effect on conciliation talks between the Arab states and Israel at the Palestine Conciliation Commission's sessions, also in this city, Aubrey S. Eban, chief Israel delegate to both bodies, today told a press conference.

Mr. Eban declared that the Trusteeship Council discussions have excited Arab hopes that Israel will find itself in difficulties through conflict with the U.N. over the Jerusalem situation.

It is for this reason alone, he added, that Israel would like to see an early solution of the Jerusalem issue. Otherwise, he stated, the Jewish state is not greatly concerned if the Jerusalem decision is further delayed.

The armistice agreement with Jordan has worked so well that hardly a soldier is to be seen on the streets of Jerusalem, Mr. Eban pointed out. There are only two Israel and two Jordan battalions in the entire Jerusalem area. The demilitarization of the city has probably progressed as far as it can go until there is complete peace in the Middle East, he said.

A good purpose has been served by the present Council session, he continued, in that it has revealed to members of the body the complete impracticability of the Jerusalem statute prepared in 1948 and of the General Assembly's decision to proceed with the implementation of that statute.

Warns Against Hasty Action By the Trusteeship Council

The Israel diplomat insisted that the problem facing the Council was a decision whether to seek an alternative solution or, if it feels that its powers are too restricted, to refer the entire issue to the next session of the Assembly. He emphasized that Israel has limited itself to pointing up the need for a new conception for the protection of the Holy Places -- a suggestion which neither Jordan, nor any member of the Council, nor the president of the body, Ambassador Roger Garreau, has shown any inclination to follow up.

Above all, Mr. Eban warned against hasty action by the Council which might disturb the present "tranquillity of Jerusalem." He counselled "caution and prudence" in the search for a new solution of the city's problem.

He also indicated that Israel's suggestion of U.N. protection for the Holy Places in Jerusalem was confined to those Holy Places established as such by the status quo and by the British Mandatory Government. At present all such places are in Arab held territory, he pointed out. Israel does not accept the view that all churches, denominational schools and other religious institutions commonly referred to as religious sites merit other treatment in Israel than they receive in Geneva or London, he declared.

He expressed the thought that Israel's participation in the Trusteeship Council's discussions had helped clarify its position and had helped convince the Council of the impracticability of its project to establish an international enclave as requested by the General Assembly. He said that the Council had also been convinced of Israel's desire to aid in finding a genuinely constructive arrangement which would ensure freedom of access and protection to the Holy Places.

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ISRAEL'S CENTRAL IMMIGRATION OFFICE IS TRANSFERRED FROM TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The central immigration office of the Ministry of Interior opened its new headquarters here today. The other departments in the Interior Ministry and the Ministry of Police offices will be transferred here from Tel Aviv later in the week, it was announced. The transfer is part of the general removal of government offices from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Travelers whose plane or ship touches at an Israel airfield or port may tour the surrounding area for a period of 24 hours without a regular transit visa, it was announced here today. The announcement said that visitors to Israel may now bring a maximum of 25 Israel pounds into the country, instead of five as heretofore. The currency must be in one-pound notes.

BEN GURION DEFENDS DECISION TO DROP MINISTERS WHO BOYCOTT SESSIONS OF CABINET

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion today appeared before the Knesset Legal Committee to defend the Cabinet's decision automatically accepting the resignation of any Minister who boycotts a meeting of the Cabinet.

Members of the Parliamentary committee considered the Cabinet resolution "unorthodox." Defending the resolution, the Premier said that its adoption was necessary in order to prevent further hampering of the work of the Cabinet.

Meanwhile, the Mapai and the Religious Bloc have entered into negotiations in an attempt to arrive at a new formula on education in the immigrant camps. These negotiations may cause postponement of further debate on the Cabinet resolution.

BRITAIN WARNS ARABS OF ISRAEL'S PLAN TO CONSTRUCT OIL PIPELINE FROM RED SEA TO HAIFA

TEL AVIV, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The possibility of a United States revision of its oil arrangements with the Arab countries was predicted today by the British-controlled Near East Arabic Radio in a broadcast addressed to the Arab states.

The broadcast said that Israel is planning to lay a pipeline from the Red Sea to Haifa in order to nullify Egypt's and Iraq's cutting off of supplies for the Haifa refineries. The construction of such a pipeline, the broadcast warned, would spell bankruptcy for Iraq and grave financial losses for Egypt. "The Arabs had better do a little thinking before it is too late," the broadcast urged.

Earlier, representatives of employees in the Haifa oil refineries were told by the plant's management today that operations will cease shortly and that the majority of the 400 workers will be discharged.

ISRAEL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION SENDS DELEGATION TO U.S.; WILL OPEN OFFICE IN N.Y.

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- A delegation representing the Manufacturers Association of Israel today left for the United States where it will open an office. The office, which will be located in New York, will serve as a purchasing center for raw materials and machinery required by Israel industrialists, and will aid in the mobilization of American capital for investment in Israel industry.

BEERSHEBA BECOMES MUNICIPALITY; NEGEV TOWN WAS UNDER MILITARY RULE FOR 15 MONTHS

BEERSHEBA, Israel, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- After 15 months of military administration, this ancient Biblical town today officially became a municipality. The new mayor of this Negev city is David Tuviyahu.

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AUSTRIAN JEWS OPPOSE CHANGES IN RESTITUTION LAWS, COMMUNITY LEADER DECLARES

VIENNA, Feb. 27. (JTA)--Plans to amend the restitution laws already in effect, particularly the one dealing with the return of real property to Jews and other victims of the Nazis, are "well advanced," Dr. Rudolf Braun, vice-president of the Vienna Jewish Community, warned today. He also voiced the Community's opposition to amendment of the measures already in effect.

It has been learned that communal leaders have received pledges from Chancellor Leopold Figl and Vice-Chancellor Adolf Schaerf that the restitution laws will not be changed. Minister of Justice Otto Tschadek has also stated that it would not be advisable -- as requested by former Nazi owners of property restored to Nazi victims -- to reopen restitution cases, 71 percent of which have been completed.

NEW MASS GRAVES FOUND IN GERMANY; CONTAIN REMAINS OF 5,000 BELGIAN, POLISH JEWS

MUNICH, Feb. 27. (JTA)--A new group of mass graves in which the remains of some 5,000 Belgian and Polish Jews are buried has been discovered near Hersbruck, Bavaria. The Jews were murdered in November, 1944. Dr. Philip Auerbach, Bavarian Commissioner for Persecutees, has ordered the site of the graves fenced in and has announced that the graves will be restored and a memorial to the victims will be erected there.

The Social Democratic Party has introduced a draft measure in the Bonn Parliament to make amends for injustices perpetrated by Nazi legislation, particularly the Nuremberg laws and other anti-Jewish measures. The new legislation is designed to be effective on a federal scale and to replace similar provincial laws put into effect since the end of the war.

JEWISH PROPERTY IN AMERICAN AND BRITISH ZONES OF GERMANY ESTIMATED AT \$300,000,000

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27. (JTA)--Jewish property in the American and British zones in Germany was valued here today at \$300,000,000 by Dr. Leon Knbowitzki, addressing the Israel Council of the World Jewish Congress. Dr. Ariele Tartakower, at the same session, urged that Jewish groups should not conduct any direct negotiations with Germany for reparations "on moral grounds."

The demand that the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency extend official recognition to the World Jewish Congress as the only competent body dealing with Jewish affairs in countries outside of Israel was voiced by Dr. Yubowitzky. He expressed opposition to the idea of merging the World Zionist Organization with the World Jewish Congress.

CELLER SEEKS CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF COLLAPSE OF DENAZIFICATION PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA)--Rep. Emanuel Celler today introduced a resolution calling for an investigation by the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the collapse of the denazification program in Germany.

"Recent events in Germany indicate serious trends which, if allowed to continue, would undermine the whole impact of the denazification program," Rep. Celler said. "The acquittal of Wolfgang Hedler, who publicly stated that the extermination of Jews might have been wrong but there were other ways of getting rid of them, is a flagrant example of this trend," he pointed out.

RUMANIAN COURT UPHOLDS TEN-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE IMPOSED ON JEWISH WAR CRIMINAL

BUCHAREST, Feb. 27. (JTA)--The Rumanian Supreme Court today turned down an appeal submitted by Iosub Duca, a Jewish war criminal, of Balcesti, near Jassy, who had been sentenced to ten years imprisonment and loss of civil rights for war crimes committed against humanity.

Buda had been found guilty of acting as a police informer during the war. It was on his information that the Jassy police arrested a number of Jews who were later subjected to tortures in the Jassy police station and in the death trains organized in 1941.

RUDOLF FEIGLE, COMMUNIST LEADER IN CZECH JEWISH COMMUNITY, REPORTEDLY "DISAPPEARS"

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA)--Rudolf Feigle, a Communist leader in the Czechoslovak Jewish community, has "disappeared," according to reports from Prague reaching here today.

Feigle played a leading role in the "purge" of Czechoslovak Jewish leaders after the Communists seized power in February, 1948. He was a member of the Jewish Actions Committee which ordered the dismissal of religious and Zionist leaders from top positions in the Jewish community.

Feigle is said to have opposed the emigration of Czech Jews to Israel and was also to some extent responsible for the recent "disposal" of Jewish property in Czechoslovakia.

COMMUNIST RESOLUTION CENSURING ISRAEL GOVT. IS DEFEATED AT PROGRESSIVE PARTY PARTY

CHICAGO, Feb. 27. (JTA)--A Communist attempt to bring about adoption of a resolution against the present Israel Government by the national convention of the Progressive Party failed here last night when the non-Communist delegates blocked it in the resolutions committee. The convention is being attended by 1,100 delegates from 35 states.

Instead of the resolution on Israel suggested by the left-wing delegates, the resolutions committee adopted a statement declaring that "the hopes of the true friends of Israel that the Government would form a democratic republic have been realized." The statement emphasizes that "Israel stands as an example of true democracy, in a Middle East which is still dominated by treaty-imperialism and feudal rule."

The defeated left-wing resolution suggested that the Progressive Party, headed by Henry A. Wallace, note that "the true friends of Israel hoped that the new Government would form a democratic republic to serve as an example of true democracy in a Middle East still dominated by treaty-imperialism and feudal rule." Delegates on the convention floor recognized the differences between both resolutions and the pro-Israel group forced a showdown which led to unqualified praise of the present regime in Israel.

18 SENATORS INTRODUCE NEW BILL TO EASE ADMISSION OF DP'S TO UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA)--A bi-partisan group of 18 Senators today offered a substitute displaced persons bill which would liberalize DP legislation much more than the bill reported out recently by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

ONTARIO PLANS BANNING OF RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS RESTRICTIONS IN PROPERTY DEEDS

TORONTO, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Government of Ontario plans legislation making it illegal to place any racial or religious restrictions in property deeds, it was reported here today. The government, it is understood, will outlaw any future deeds which stipulate that persons of specific races or religions cannot buy the property.

Since the legality of a restrictive covenant was upheld by Justice A. Schroeder in the Ontario Supreme Court in 1948, and sustained in the Ontario Court of Appeal by a unanimous decision last year, the government has been under pressure by civil liberties groups to enact a prohibitive law.

The covenant in question, which is typical of many in effect in Ontario, bars "any person of the Jewish, Hebrew, Semitic, Negro or colored race or blood," from ownership or occupation of certain resort homes at Beach O'Pines, on the eastern shore of Lake Huron.

CONGRESSMAN KLEIN REITERATES BIAS CHARGES AGAINST GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Rep. Arthur G. Klein of New York today reiterated his charges that racial bigotry is being practiced at George Washington University here.

In a statement issued to the press, he expressed surprise that "several spokesmen for B'nai B'rith" have suggested that he was in error in his charges which he voiced last week from the floor of the House. He asserted that these spokesmen "are in possession of the same facts" that prompted his original statement.

CONVENTION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS DISCUSSES PROBLEMS OF JEWISH RELIGIOUS LIFE

DALLAS, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Ways and means of increasing the American Jewish layman's interest in his religious congregation were discussed here at the three-day biennial convention of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, held at the Baker Hotel. It was reported at the convention that the Federation today has an affiliation of 213 Temple brotherhoods with more than 42,000 members, in 40 states and in Canada.

Dr. Umphrey Lee, president of Southern Methodist University, was one of the principal speakers at today's discussions of the activities of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, major educational project of the Federation. He spoke on "The College Campus and the American Way of Life." Rabbi-Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, addressed the delegates on the scope and needs of his organization.

JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY MEETING DECIDES TO EXTEND DISTRIBUTION OF JEWISH BOOKS

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- A program designed to "put Jewish books into every Jewish home" was adopted here last night at the 62nd annual meeting of the Jewish Publication Society of America. Judge Louis E. Levinthal was reelected president of the Society.

The J.P.S. meeting was told that the Society has produced more than 4,500,000 books of approximately 300 titles. Fifty Jewish scholars and authors from all parts of the U.S. participated in a symposium held in conjunction with the annual meeting.