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U.N. EXPECTS SPEEDY COMPLETION OF FORMALITIES ON ISRAEL-TRANSJORDAN PEACE PACT

GENEVA, March 2. (JTA) -- The Israel and Transjordan delegations here today continued to issue formal denials regarding the reported non-aggression pact negotiations between the two countries which they represent. However, United Nations circles do not consider these denials seriously.

United Nations sources indicated today that it might still take a few days before all technical formalities of the reported agreement between Israel and Transjordan are completed. A spokesman for the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission today stated: "The whole Conciliation Commission is delighted with the Israel-Transjordan agreement. This agreement will further the work of the Commission. So far as reports indicate, it seems a sensible, logical and reasonable arrangement which will greatly help to bring peace in the Middle East."

Commenting on the reported terms of the agreement, the Egyptian delegates here said that under the terms of international law the pact would not legalize the annexation of the Arab part of Palestine. The Egyptian delegates emphasized that their country still stands for the principle of partitioning the frontiers between Transjordan and the Arab part of Palestine.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Trusteeship Council today continued its discussions on the placing of Jerusalem under international trusteeship. The representative of Greece told the Council that his government favors the internationalization of Jerusalem.

A note of realism came into the proceedings when, amidst laughter, Roger Garreau, president of the Council, told the Iraqi delegate that he was an optimist if he believed that it would be easy during the present session to appoint a governor for Jerusalem and a boundaries commission composed of neutral chiefs of staff as requested by the Iraqi delegate.

Israel-Transjordan Pact May Be Signed Next Month, Britain Believes

TEL AVIV, March 2. (JTA) -- The British-controlled Near East Arab radio today said in a broadcast that it is hoped that the peace agreement between Israel and Transjordan will be signed before the end of next month.

Simultaneously, Radio Beirut reported that the first signs of peace between the Arabs and Jews in Jerusalem were evident yesterday with the removal by Transjordan of the ban forbidding civilians to live in the Musara Arab quarter of Jerusalem.

Radio Beirut also said today that Azzam Pasha, secretary-general of the Arab League, has asserted that the Arabs want peace and not war with Israel and consider the armistice agreements concluded with the Jewish state the first step toward a settlement of differences in the Middle East.

AGREEMENT ON MEASURES TO PREVENT INFILTRATION OF ARABS REACHED BY ISRAEL AND JORDAN

JERUSALEM, March 2. (JTA) -- Israel and Jordan authorities have reached an agreement on "practical measures" designed to prevent the infiltration of Arabs into Israel as well as the theft of Israel cattle by Arabs who cross the Jordan-Israel frontier illegally, it was reported today. Under the agreement thieves making their way back to Jordan territory will be apprehended with the assistance of Jordan officials.

Several Arabs were wounded in an exchange of fire with Israel police near Petach Tikvah, it was disclosed today. The Arabs, for the second time this week, penetrated the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan and stole three horses from a farmer who had been repeatedly robbed in recent weeks.

Two Arab notables who were implicated in the murder of Eliezer Weiss, a Jewish settler of Rishpon, in November, 1948, were acquitted today by the Tel Aviv district court for lack of evidence. The Arabs, from the village of Tiroh, are Sheikh Nagger and Hassan Abdullah Mansur.

JEWISH AND ARAB PHYSICIANS DISCUSS JOINT ANTI-MALARIA CAMPAIGN IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, March 2. (JTA) -- The initiation of a joint Israel-Jordan anti-malaria campaign in Jerusalem--both in the Old City and in the Jewish sector--was discussed today by Jewish and Arab physicians, who met at Mandelbaum's Gate. Another meeting is scheduled to be held later in the week.

A farewell reception for Col. Lewis Hudson, retiring United Nations chairman of the Israel-Jordan mixed armistice commission, was tendered here last night. Col. Hudson will return home to the United States this week-end.

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OUTLINES ITS POLICY ON GERMAN CHURCH PROPERTY IN ISRAEL

GENEVA, March 2. (JTA) -- The World Council of Churches today issued a statement on some \$50,000,000 worth of church and mission property formerly owned by German churches in Palestine and which has now been assigned to the Lutheran World Federation by the German churches.

The issue of German church property was the subject of a sharp clash last week between Israel representative Aubrey S. Eban and an American delegate at the U.N. Trusteeship Council which is discussing an international statute for Jerusalem.

Today's statement said that a representative of the churches has sought from the Israel Government a guarantee of prompt recognition of ownership of all church and mission property, without distinction as to religion, race or nationality. The churches desire further that Israel give concrete assurances that it will facilitate measures to recover the property, such as the admission of accredited representatives of the churches to Israel, permission to inspect the property, give church representatives access to records, and negotiate for indemnification and restitution of church property.

Israel officials have given assent to this broad policy statement insofar as the interests of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council is concerned, with the exception of German church property. Definitive action in this direction has been held up pending action by the Israel Parliament on a draft measure dealing with former German church and mission property. Under the draft law, places of worship would be returned immediately and the disposition of church-owned schools, hospitals and orphanages would be left to the Minister of Finance.

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ISRAEL GOVERNMENT INTRODUCES BILL FOR COMPULSORY WAR RISK INSURANCE OF PROPERTY

JERUSALEM, March 2. (JTA) -- Minister of Finance Eliezer Kaplan last night introduced a bill in Parliament providing for compulsory war risk insurance of all property whose damage or destruction would weaken the national economy. Such property would include both rural and urban buildings, plantations and industrial equipment.

ISRAEL SIGNS \$1,300,000 TRADE PACT WITH FRENCH FIRM; EXPORTS \$2,800,000 IN TEXTILES

TEL AVIV, March 2. (JTA) -- Conclusion of a \$1,300,000 trade agreement with a French firm in Morocco was announced here today. The pact involves imports from France, for which payment will be made partly in dollars and partly in citrus exports and in French francs invested in Israel.

Israel-manufactured textiles valued at \$2,800,000 were sold abroad during the past four months, it was reported today. Denmark alone purchased some \$1,000,000 worth of textiles while other countries which bought Israel goods--including woolen gabardine, nylon hosiery and knitting wool--were Finland, Sweden, Hungary, Netherlands, Norway, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium and Eire.

Israel will receive frozen fish, cheese, milk powder, machinery and, perhaps, meat, from Denmark, as a result of a recent trade pact signed between the two nations. The Jewish state will supply Denmark with finished products of various types. In a deal with Finland, Israel will receive raincoats and knitting wool in return for medical supplies. A shipment of 2,000 pairs of nylon stockings manufactured in Israel was sent to Sweden via Scandinavian Airlines.

ISRAEL-AMERICA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BE ESTABLISHED SOON IN UNITED STATES

TEL AVIV, March 2. (JTA) -- An Israel-America Chamber of Commerce will be opened in the United States within the next three months, Gideon Strauss, Israel consul in New York, announced here today.

Addressing the Tel Aviv Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Strauss said plans for the erection of an "Israel House" were also under consideration. Both projects, he added, have already been approved by the Israel Ministry of Finance.

JEWISH AGENCY TREASURER LEAVES FOR U.S. TO PURCHASE AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, March 2. (JTA) -- Levi Eshkol, Jewish Agency treasurer, left today for the United States to confer with Agency officials in New York on the purchase of agricultural machinery for Israel. He also intends to discuss the buying in the U.S. of tens of thousands of lengths of pipes for settlement and irrigation projects in Israel in 1950, when it is expected that some 17,000 immigrant families will be settled in the Negev area alone.

ISRAEL OFFICE IN MUNICH DENIES GERMANY AND ISRAEL ARE CONDUCTING ECONOMIC TALKS

MUNICH, March 2. (JTA) -- The Israel Office and the Bavarian Restitution Office here denied today that economic talks between Germany and Israel on German exports to Israel, restitution or indemnity are now taking place, as has been reported in several German newspapers.

POLISH GOVERNMENT EMULATES SOVIET METHODS IN TREATMENT OF JEWS, REPORT SAYS

BOSTON, March 2. (JTA) -- The Polish Government as well as the Communist Party in Poland "are not only opposed to the emigration of Polish Jews, but their official attitude towards the Jews is changing in about the same manner in which it has changed in the Soviet Union since the end of the war," the Christian Science Monitor reported today.

The newspaper said that a "few days ago, Trybuna Ludu--official Polish Communist Party organ--published an attack on Zionists, Zionism and the Israeli authorities." The paper charged Zionism with having "shown its anti-Soviet and anti-democratic face," the Monitor report said. Lately, appointments and even promotion of Jews in public office appear to have become rarer, it added.

"Jewish newspapers and periodicals in Poland," the report said, "must submit to the most rigorous state supervision as to what they may and may not print. As a result they are becoming largely Yiddish reprints of the equally regimented Polish press. Two Polish-language Zionist papers have ceased publication." The article emphasizes the fact that Jewish Communists in Poland have grown alarmed at the large number of Jews, including party members, who have applied for exit permits."

1,500 JEWS TO BE EVACUATED FROM CASABLANCA MELLAH IN NEW SLUM-CLEARANCE PROJECT

CASABLANCA, March 2. (JTA) -- A vital slum-clearance project involving the evacuation of 1,500 Jews from the overcrowded Mellah (ghetto) here was decided upon today at a joint conference of top government officials and Jewish community leaders. Among the Jewish leaders participating in the parley were Jules Braunschwig, vice-president of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, and Jules Sanouf, president of the CRT in Morocco.

The slum-clearance project, involving an expenditure of 300,000,000 francs, will be launched immediately. A long-range project for the inhabitants of the Mellah--to cost upwards of 1,000,000,000 francs and to be financed by banks and private groups, under a guarantee of the government--was also discussed.

AFGHAN DIPLOMAT IN LONDON DENIES EXISTENCE OF ANTI-JEWISH PREJUDICE IN HIS COUNTRY

LONDON, March 2. (JTA) -- Tahir Safi, Charge d'Affaires of the Afghanistan Embassy here, today assured the executive of the Agudah Israel organization that "racial prejudice does not exist" in his country and that "no distinctions are made between one race and another, in the realm of civil and religious rights, in Afghanistan."

"Rumors of anti-Jewish actions in Afghanistan cannot be credited," he said. "There is nothing to prevent Jews who wish to emigrate from the country to do so, since the necessary facilities are available to them, as to all other citizens." The Agudah office here conveyed M. Safi's remarks to the Agudah executive in Jerusalem, in view of the steps now being taken to facilitate the movement of Afghanistan Jews to Israel.

LEHMAN TELLS SENATE NEW DP BILL WOULD MAKE IMMIGRATION OF NAZI VICTIMS MORE DIFFICULT

WASHINGTON, March 2. (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman said last night in the Senate that changes proposed by the Senate Judiciary Committee in the DP Act of 1948 would make it harder than ever to bring in the true victims of Hitlerism. He pointed out that however much he might sympathize with the ethnic German expellees, he believes it would be "cruel irony" to favor the Germans over their victims. Sen. Lehman is one of 18 Senators sponsoring a substitute measure.

COOPERATION BETWEEN REFORM, CONSERVATIVE AND ORTHODOX JEWS IN U.S. IS PROPOSED

DALLAS, March 2. (JTA) -- Greater cooperation between Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews in America, without compromise of individual principles, was urged at the biennial convention of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods here. The proposal was placed before the 400 delegates of Reform Temple brotherhoods from all parts of the U.S. and Canada by Barnett Lieberman, of Philadelphia, president of the Conservative laymen's group--the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

To carry out the proposal, Mr. Lieberman suggested the formation of a Men's Club Council of America as a consultative body, comprised of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and the Federation of Orthodox Men's Clubs. He also recommended joint support of the work of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, the national educational project of the Reform Temple Brotherhoods.

"I can see no reason why we cannot join together in the work of the Jewish Chautauqua Society," he said. "In recent years we learned that a great deal of anti-Semitism was due to lack of knowledge and understanding of Jews and Judaism on the part of the non-Jew. I believe that the more information concerning Jews and Judaism which we make available to the college students, the better will be the attitude of the American non-Jew toward us."

Amplifying his plea for more cooperation between Jew and Jew, Mr. Lieberman stated: "Time and the experiences of the Jewish people during the past quarter century have drawn the various sects of American Jews closer together. The differences between us are now primarily personal ones and can be respected by everyone without compromising one's own principles." He suggested "three large areas in which the Reform and Conservative Brotherhoods can cooperate for the benefit of American Jewry:"

"1. In the field of higher Jewish learning: We must support all efforts to maintain and enlarge the work of the recognized schools and seminaries of higher Jewish learning and encourage our American Jewish youth to enter into these fields. We, the laymen of the Men's Clubs, should educate the Jewish community to the importance of financially supporting the great American institutions of Jewish learning, in addition to contributing to overseas relief. Every Jew in this country will benefit if we can develop better-informed and better-trained Jewish leaders.

"2. In the field of Jewish adult education: We no longer should allow the rabbis to be the sole repositories of Jewish learning. Every Jewish layman must have a sound Jewish education if he is to be an intelligent American citizen. Leading educators have come to realize that American democracy has deep roots in our Hebrew culture. We of the Brotherhoods, by use of the most modern techniques and by personal example, can make adult learning more fashionable and popular.

"3. In the field of Jewish communal life: Working together, we must see to it that synagogue attendance and religious practices are encouraged. Today, in the atmosphere of free and democratic America, the Jews can develop a Golden Age for themselves which will be their contribution to a greater America and world peace."

HIAS HELPED 26,000 JEWS EMIGRATE FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DURING 1949

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- More than 26,000 Jews were helped by the HIAS to emigrate from European countries during 1949, it was reported here today by Isaac L. Asafsky, executive director of the organization, in connection with the 65th annual meeting of the HIAS which will be held here Sunday at the Hotel Astor. Of the total, 16,573 went to the United States, 2,055 to Latin America, 1,063 to Canada and 2,006 to Israel, and the remainder to a number of other countries.

AMERICAN EDUCATORS OPPOSE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR SUPPORT OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

ATLANTIC CITY, March 2. (JTA) -- The American Association of School Administrators last night adopted a resolution here opposing the use of public funds for the support of parochial schools. Only two votes were cast against this resolution, while about 7,000 delegates voted in its favor. The resolution reads:

"We believe the American tradition of separation of church and state should be vigorously and zealously safeguarded. We respect the right of groups, including religious denominations, to maintain their own schools so long as such schools meet the educational, health and safety standards defined by the states in which they are located. We believe that these schools should be financed entirely by their supporters. We therefore oppose all efforts to devote public funds to either the direct or the indirect support of these schools."

1,000 PROTESTANT TEACHERS ATTEND INSTITUTE ON JUDAISM IN CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, March 2. (JTA) -- About 1,000 Protestant Cleveland school teachers and a small number of Catholic laymen attended a special Institute on Judaism at the Euclid Avenue Temple here.

The Institute, organized by Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, spiritual leader of the temple, featured a lecture on Jewish holidays and customs, a demonstration of a Sabbath Eve service and a tour of the temple. Rev. Walter Daniels, associate secretary of the Cleveland Church Federation, lauded Rabbi Brickner and the temple for organizing the Institute, which he said had made a contribution to the field of intercultural education.

Among the questions asked by the Christian teachers during a question-and-answer period were the following: "Is there still a burning of animals for sacrifice?" "Why do you bury your dead so quickly?" "Does the Jewish church have the same problem of interesting our youth of today in church attendance as the Protestant churches do?" "Why do you retain the Jewish language?" The replies to these and other queries will be published and distributed to all teachers through the Cleveland Church Federation.

CLEVELAND TEMPLE ESTABLISHES MUSEUM FOR JEWISH RELIGIOUS ART AND MUSIC

CLEVELAND, March 2. (JTA) -- A Museum for Jewish Religious Art and Music was dedicated here last night by The Temple, of which Dr. Abba Hillel Silver is the spiritual leader.

Participating in the dedication ceremonies were Dr. Stephen S. Kayser, curator of the Museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Dr. Franz Landsberger, curator of the Museum of the Hebrew Union College, and William M. Milliken, director of the Cleveland Museum of Art. Dr. Silver presided at the ceremony.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL TO BE MARKED IN N.Y. APRIL 22

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- Israel Consul-General in New York, Arthur Lourie, today drew attention to the fact that the second anniversary of the establishment of the new state will fall this year on Saturday, April 22, which corresponds to the Hebrew date, the fifth of Iyar. He announced that since the anniversary falls on the Sabbath, celebrations will take place on the night of April 22 and all day Sunday, April 23. The American Zionist Council announced that the Israel anniversary will be marked Sunday evening, April 23.

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