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ISRAEL DENIES ABDULLAH AND BEN GURION SIGNED A PACT ABOARD A BRITISH SHIP

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA) -- A Foreign Office spokesman today denied a report from Damascus that a non-aggression pact was signed yesterday between King Abdullah of Transjordan and Israel Premier David Ben Gurion aboard a British destroyer, off the port of Akaba.

A similar denial was voiced last night by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharrett on the floor of the Israel Parliament. He stated that not only has no such agreement been signed with Transjordan, but that the Cabinet has no definite agreement on this subject before it.

The Foreign Minister reminded the deputies that Parliament on several occasions voted on an agreement with Transjordan, namely, on the armistice pact which was concluded at Rhodes and which he said could for all purposes be considered a non-aggression pact. He added that Parliament several times empowered the Cabinet to enter negotiations with any of the neighboring countries for purposes of peace. "Any public discussion of an international agreement prior to signature may sabotage the agreement," he emphasized.

Following Mr. Sharrett's statement, Parliament decided, by a vote of 54 to 25, to remove from its agenda a motion introduced by Horut deputies requesting an immediate debate on the alleged signing of a non-aggression pact with Transjordan. The request for a Parliamentary debate was supported by Itzhak Ben Aron, leader of the Mapai, left Socialist party.

The voting was influenced by arguments advanced by Zalman Aronovitch, chairman of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee. Opposing any discussion by Parliament of international agreements prior to their signature, he pointed out that his committee had twice had the opportunity of discussing fully contacts with the neighboring countries.

KING ABDULLAH CONTINUES HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST ARAB LEAGUE; INSISTS ON PEACE WITH ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 15. (JTA) -- Continuing his campaign against the Arab League, King Abdullah of Transjordan today said that the League has proved itself a useless organization. A broadcast over the Transjordan-controlled Ramallah radio said that King Abdullah would like to ask the League the three following questions:

1. How can the Arab League call for unity when its members are hopelessly disunited and when war may break out at any moment between two or more of them?
2. In view of the military weakness of its member states, how does the Arab League hope to solve the Palestine problem except by direct talks with the Government of Israel?
3. How does the Arab League reconcile its promise to defend Palestine with its members' approval of the internationalization of Jerusalem?

U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL DECIDES CITY AUTHORITY SHOULD SUPERVISE EDUCATION IN JERUSALEM

GENEVA, March 15. (JTA)--The United Nations Trusteeship Council today decided that the principle of equal education for Jews, Mohammedans and Christians shall be maintained in Jerusalem and that all the schools shall be supervised by a city authority. It also left to the discretion of the city authority as to which of the schools should be subsidized and which not.

The council also decided that the Jerusalem radio stations should be owned by the city and that their facilities should be made available to all three religious communities. The proposed legislative council is to be empowered to decide the question of commercial broadcasting. Israel delegate ABRAHAM EBAN announced that tomorrow he will outline the views of his government on the economic regulations which should govern Jerusalem.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT COMPLETES FOUR-YEAR PLAN FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY

TEL AVIV, March 15. (JTA)--The Ministry of Agriculture has just completed a plan for large-scale agricultural development of the country during the next four years. It is estimated that the four-year plan will cost about \$280,000,000, 40 percent of which is required in foreign currency.

The plan calls for the establishment of 480 new settlements comprising 4,800 farming units. This is based on the assumption that Israel's population will be close to 2,000,000 by 1954.

The Ministry expects that there will be 5,000,000 dunams (1,250,000 acres) of land under cultivation at the end of four years. By that time Israel should be growing all the garden vegetables it needs, half its potatoes and tobacco, one-third of its fish and one-quarter of its bread grain.

FOUR-HOUR DEBATE IN KNESSET MARKS CABINET'S REPORT ON NEW EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA)--The Israel Cabinet today reported to Parliament that a unified educational system will be established in the Yemenite immigrant camps, while two separate systems -- one religious and the other general -- will be introduced in other camps.

The announcement provoked a four-hour debate in Parliament pressed by the Mapam, left-wing Socialist group which opposes the compromise on education reached with the Orthodox Bloc in order to avert a Cabinet crisis. The major part of the debate centered about that portion of the announcement that said that the Cabinet intends to implement the compromise and that it will introduce an amendment to the education law for that purpose.

By a vote of 64 to 14, the Knesset finally adopted a motion merely taking note of the government's decision to implement the accord with the religious parties. A vote on the proposed amendment was postponed until tomorrow.

950 RUMANIAN JEWS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; SHIP BRINGS 800 TRIPOLITANIAN JEWS TO HAIFA

HAIFA, March 15. (JTA)--A party of 950 Rumanian Jewish immigrants arrived here today aboard the Rumanian steamer S.S. Transylvania. This is the largest number of Jews to arrive in one group since the Rumanian Government agreed to permit its Jewish citizens to migrate to the Jewish state.

The Israel transport S.S. Atzmauth docked here today with close to 800 Jewish immigrants from Tripoli.

ONE ARAB KILLED, THREE CAPTURED IN CLASH WITH ISRAEL TROOPS IN WESTERN GALILEE

HAIFA, March 15. (JTA)--Israel troops and police held a seven-hour house-to-house search of villages in Western Galilee after a clash between police and Arabs, it was officially announced here today. They rounded up a number of Arabs who crossed the frontier illegally and returned them to Lebanon. One Arab was killed and three captured in the clash.

U.S. IS URGED TO SEEK UNITED NATIONS' EXAMINATION OF ARMS RACE IN NEAR EAST

WASHINGTON, March 15. (JTA)--A request by the United States for examination of the Near East arms race by the United Nations Security Council, or by a special meeting of the U.N. General Assembly, was demanded today by Rep. Jacob K. Javits in the House. The speech highlighted a half-hour special order of business in which divorce of American policy from British Near East politics was urged.

Rep. Javits charged that the arms race has "at least the tacit approval of our State Department." He asserted that Secretary of State Dean Acheson's stand indicates that up to now we have been "following British policy and using British arguments to justify it." The British policy, Rep. Javits said, "is apparently founded on trying to maintain in the Near East British power, prestige, and superiority." He demanded activation of a positive American policy which takes note of the realities of the situation.

The Congressman also called for a specific request by the United States of Great Britain to halt further shipments of munitions to the Arab states until the balanced strategic requirements of the area are determined. He advocated the establishment of a Near East development commission, as provided by Senate and House resolutions of last year, and the implementation of President Truman's Point Four program.

"The United States should insist that Britain cooperate in urging the signing of peace treaties between Israel and the Arab states," Rep. Javits requested. He also asked that the United Nations consider the Jerusalem situation in view of the impracticability of internationalizing Jerusalem. "The ineffectiveness of Arab forces in the Arab-Israel war, and the lack of participation, to put it most favorably, of Arab forces in World War II, makes any present expectations of their effective resistance to Communist aggression unjustified," he stated.

STATE DEPARTMENT REITERATES STAND ON ARMING OF ARABS; SEES NO RENEWAL OF WARFARE

WASHINGTON, March 15. (JTA)--The State Department again today sloughed off threats of renewed warfare between the Arab states and Israel, saying, "the present trend in the area seems to be toward conditions of peace."

This view was expressed in a letter from Assistant Secretary of State Jack K. McFall, writing on behalf of Secretary of State Dean Acheson, to Rep. Isidore Dollinger of New York. It was in reply to Rep. Dollinger's complaint on the heavy British arms shipments to Egypt and other Arab states and his request for a review of American policy toward the arms race in the Near East.

Stating that American policy is based on action by the United Nations Security Council last August 11, when the arms embargo was lifted, McFall wrote: "The U.S. stands by this policy and has been permitting exportation to both the Arab states and Israel of military equipment which has been considered necessary for maintenance of internal order and to provide for legitimate defense requirements. The U.S. will continue to receive applications from all governments in the Near East for exportation of military equipment and will consider these applications within the framework of the above policy."

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TRIAL OF ANTI-SEMITIC GERMAN DEPUTY POSTPONED: CLAIMS HE SUFFERS FROM INJURIES

KIEL, Germany, March 15. (JTA)--A Kiel denazification court today again postponed the trial of Wolfgang Hedler, suspended anti-Semitic deputy of the West German Parliament, to give him time to recover from injuries suffered when he was beaten up by Social Democratic deputies at the Bonn Parliament.

Hedler was recently acquitted by a German court of charges of inciting to racism during a speech in which he suggested that the only thing wrong with Hitler's program of making Germany "Judenrein" was the methods used.

The German deputy's new trial is based on charges that he falsified an official questionnaire concerning his affiliations with the Nazi Party, stating that he had joined the party in 1934 when he actually became a member before it came to power. The prosecutor stated that he had documentary evidence compiled by the United States Document Center in Berlin that Hedler had become a Nazi in 1932. He also has possession of another questionnaire -- written in 1938 -- in which Hedler claims party membership from 1931.

NETHERLANDS COURT TO DECIDE TODAY ON RESTITUTION ISSUE AFFECTING DUTCH JEWRY

AMSTERDAM, March 15. (JTA)--A special court at The Hague is expected to issue a decision tomorrow concerning property restitution which will have a far-reaching effect on the economic welfare of Netherlands Jewry.

The issue before the court is whether Jewish victims of the Nazis who were forced to deposit their assets with the Zipman-Rosenthal Bank during the occupation shall receive all their property or only a portion. The bank, which is in the process of liquidation, offered the "depositors" 70 percent of their bank deposits, if they renounce their claims to securities and other negotiable property which the bank has since sold.

The bank's offer, made at the suggestion of the Dutch Ministry of Finance, was sent to the "depositors" in the form of a circular. The court has been requested, by two prominent Jewish leaders here, to outlaw the circular, to endorse the principle that the Jews are entitled to full repayment and to order the immediate payment of half of all deposits.

It is estimated that the value of the property "deposited" by Jews with the bank is about 400,000,000 guilders. Twenty-five million of this sum was "paid" for the erection of a concentration camp from which Dutch Jews were deported to slavery and death. The government has recently offered to purchase the camp site for 5,000,000 guilders.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE TAKES OVER ARCHIVES OF NUREMBERG TRIAL OF TOP NAZIS

THE HAGUE, March 15. (JTA)--The archives of the Nuremberg trials of 22 leading Nazis have arrived here in 37 packing cases, Reuters reported today. They were taken to the Peace Palace for safekeeping by the International Court of Justice.

The three-and-a-half tons of documents, covering the trials of Herman Goering, Joachim Von Ribbentrop, Julius Streicher and others, left Frankfurt by plane under a four-power agreement. They were in charge of an army officer and a member of the staff of the American Court of Appeal in Germany.

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U.N. CONFERENCE ON STATUS OF MISSING PERSONS OPENS; JEWISH CONGRESS SUBMITS APPEAL

LAKE SUCCESS, March 15. (JTA)--Twenty-six member states of the United Nations gathered here today to seek a legal method for issuing declarations of death for hundreds of thousands of persons who disappeared during World War II as a result of Nazi mass deportations and persecutions and hostilities.

At today's opening session, the conference decided to hold a full-dress debate and then proceed to an article-by-article consideration of the draft of an international convention on this subject prepared by Secretary-General Trygve Lie and revised by a special committee of the Economic and Social Council. Dr. Jacob Robinson is the Israel representative at the conference.

The World Jewish Congress submitted a memorandum to the conference urging it to adopt an international convention for the codification of existing national legislation with regard to missing persons, in order to enable thousands of Jewish widows, orphans and heirs, most of whom are survivors of Nazi persecution, to remarry, claim property and settle other legal problems in the absence of legal proof of the death of missing persons.

The memorandum points out that many victims of racial and religious persecution were annihilated en masse in Eastern and Western Europe, and there are no witnesses or proof of the events which caused their death, beyond evidence of their deportation from their last place of residence. In many instances, even such evidence is unavailable because some of the victims had fled the countries of which they were nationals, on the eve of the Nazi invasion, and were deported to gas chambers and slave camps from countries in which they had found temporary asylum, the memorandum points out.

WITNESS TESTIFIES HE WAS ORDERED TO GIVE ANTI-JEWISH SLANT IN RADIO BROADCASTS

LOS ANGELES, March 15. (JTA)--Testimony that George A. Richards, owner of Los Angeles radio station KMPC, ordered his newswriters to slant the news in such fashion as to present Jews only in an unfavorable light was heard here yesterday at a hearing of the Federal Communications Commission on an application by Richards for renewal of his broadcasting license. Richards also owns station WJR in Detroit and WGAR in Cleveland.

The testimony was presented by Clete Roberts, former director of KMPC's department of public affairs, who said he had been instructed to "couple Jews with Communists" in newscasts. Roberts added that the station owner had stated that there was "a Jewish plot" afoot to control the large radio chains, referring to the fact that executives of three major networks -- NBC, CBS and ABC -- were Jews. Roberts said that when David Lilienthal was appointed to head the Atomic Energy Commission Richards ordered him to write a critical report for broadcast.

IRAN EXTENDS DE FACTO RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL; IS SECOND NEAR EAST STATE TO DO SO

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA)--The Government of Iran has extended de-facto recognition to Israel, it was officially announced here today.

Reza Sefinia, Iranian Minister Plenipotentiary, who arrived here two months ago to lay the groundwork for recognition, will serve as Iran representative. Iran is the second Near East country to recognize the Jewish state. Turkey was the first.

ISRAEL EXPECTS 80,000 JEWS FROM IRAQ; WILL NEED \$60,000,000 TO ABSORB THEM

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA)--Dr. George Josephthal, director of the absorption department of the Jewish Agency, said on his arrival at Idlewild Airport from Israel today that at least 80,000 Iraqi Jews must be moved into Israel between April and December of this year, as a result of the recent decision of the Iraqi Parliament to permit the Jews to leave Iraq.

Dr. Josephthal, who will tour the United States on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, explained that the Iraqi Government, in announcing that Jews will be permitted to emigrate freely, specified that this privilege would be extended only until the end of 1950. He estimated that 80,000 of the 120,000 Jews in Iraq desire to leave. They will have to be transported by air, he pointed out, since the rail lines run through Syria and Lebanon, which do not permit free passage of Jews.

Dr. Josephthal said that the movement, reception and absorption of the Iraqi Jews will cost \$60,000,000. He stressed that this sum was required over and above the \$209,000,000, which is the portion of the Jewish Agency's 1950 budget which must be met by the United Jewish Appeal.

DR. SERGE KOUSSEVITZKY DONATES ENTIRE MUSICAL LIBRARY TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

TEL AVIV, March 15. (JTA)--Dr. Serge Koussevitzky, world renowned conductor emeritus of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, who is visiting here, announced yesterday that he has contributed his entire musical library to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

A part of the library -- the Bach section -- has already arrived and the remainder is being crated in France, where it has been stored as Dr. Koussevitzky collected it over the period of the last 30 years. The conductor, who will lead the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in 16 concerts, made his gift on condition that the University make available the scores and manuscripts to any worthy Israel organization requesting them.

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PRESIDENT AWARDED HONORARY DEGREE BY BOSTON UNIVERSITY

BOSTON, March 15. (JTA)--Dr. Louis J. Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, yesterday received an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from Boston University.

The degree was conferred on Dr. Finkelstein by Boston University President Daniel L. Marsh at the institution's Founders' Day Convention. The Seminary head, one of the featured speakers at the exercises, spoke on "Religion and Educational Tensions."

AMERICAN PRO-FALASHA COMMITTEE REVIVES ITS ACTIVITIES; IS SEEKING FUNDS FOR EDUCATION

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA)--Dr. Jacques Faitlovitch today announced that he has resumed his activities on behalf of the Falashas of Abyssinia. He also announced the revival of the American Pro-Falasha Committee, with Charles P. Kramer as chairman and Dr. David de Sola Pool as vice-chairman. Dr. Elias L. Solomon is treasurer of the organization and Louis Rittenberg is national director. The Committee is seeking funds for a program of Jewish education among the Falashas.

AMERICAN WOMEN'S GROUP WILL ESTABLISH MEMORIAL TO YOUTHS KILLED IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA)--A memorial to six Jewish youths killed this week in a mine explosion in Jerusalem will be established by Pioneer Women, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America, whose funds aid in maintaining the agricultural school at which the tragedy occurred, Mrs. Israel Goldstein, national president, announced today.