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CONGRESSIONAL GROUP TO SEE ACHESON THIS WEEK FOR SHOWDOWN ON ARMING OF ARAB STATES

WASHINGTON, March 26. (JTA) -- A group of pro-Israel Congressmen will have a showdown with Secretary of State Dean Acheson this week on the question of arming the Middle East. It was learned today in Washington that the group, composed of lawmakers from both major parties, will confer with the Secretary of State either Tuesday or Wednesday.

About 15 members of the House will attend the showdown meeting. They will ask for an explanation of the State Department's hands-off policy on the rearming of Arab countries. The Department has consistently declared the shipment of arms--reportedly including jet planes, tanks and heavy artillery--is not a threat to peace in the Middle East.

The lawmakers are expected to demand a final decision on whether the United States will release for export to Israel a long list of war materials requested several weeks ago by Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath. The Department has said the list is still under study, by diplomatic and military officials.

(Conservative and Liberal opposition leaders in Parliament plan to raise the question of Britain's supplying arms to the Arab states in the foreign affairs debate scheduled for Thursday, it was learned today in London. Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin will reply for the government.)

State Dept. Mum on Report Israel May Get Radar Equipment

WASHINGTON, March 26. (JTA) -- The State Department has declined to comment on a report that the U.S. has granted Israel export licenses for the purchase here of radar equipment for air raid precautionary installations. It was explained that this government does not make known the exact nature of munitions furnished to Near Eastern states although it does not object if the recipient desires to publish this information on its own.

However, sources close to the State Department consider it quite likely that radar equipment may have been authorized for Israel because of its obvious defensive character. It was also pointed out that Israel has a long coast line and that possible air raids from Egypt might be better fought if adequate warning is received.

AGENDA OF ARAB LEAGUE SESSION IN CAIRO INCLUDES QUESTION WHETHER ISRAEL IS AN ENEMY

TEL AVIV, March 26. (JTA) -- The first item to be considered by the Arab League, now meeting in Cairo, is whether Israel is to be considered an enemy or not, it was reported here today. The second item on the agenda is whether or not the so-called Gaza Government, headed by the former Mufti of Jerusalem Haj Amin el Husseini, should be invited to send a representative to the League sessions. The Transjordan delegate opposed this suggestion, which was placed on the agenda by Egypt.

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ISRAEL ARMY SERGEANT IS CHARGED WITH GIVING SECRET DOCUMENTS TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS

TEL AVIV, March 26. (JTA) -- The secret military trial of a former sergeant in the Israel Army charged with disclosing military secrets and delivering military documents to "unauthorized persons" was reported during the week-end in the local evening newspaper Maariv.

The newspaper says that the court martial, of Sgt. Malach Reicher, is being conducted "somewhere in Israel." Reicher is described as a recent immigrant from Rumania who is known for his "Communist tendencies." The "unauthorized persons" referred to in the charge are believed to be two Communist leaders recently arrested on charges of illegal possession of secret military information and documents.

(The Moscow Literary Gazette, according to a dispatch received by the New York Times today from the Soviet capital, described Israel Foreign Minister as a "malicious babbler" and a "liar." The journal said that the Jewish state accepted "enslaving conditions" under terms of the American \$100,000,000 loan. Israel's foreign policy was described as "cringing before Washington.")

GENERAL ZIONISTS IN ISRAEL WANT EQUAL RIGHTS FOR PRIVATE CAPITAL AND COOPERATIVES

TEL AVIV, March 26. (JTA) -- Equal rights for private industry and cooperative enterprises in Israel was demanded here last night at a meeting of General Zionists at which a fund-raising campaign was launched to ensure the future of the party, which now has 20,000 members.

Dr. Fritz Bernstein, leader of the General Zionist Party, charged that the cooperatives had "monopolized" all branches of trade in Israel. Any bill aiming to encourage capital investments from abroad would remain inoperative, unless investors abroad receive assurances of equal opportunities, he stated.

U.S. TOURISTS WILL GET NON-AUSTERITY MEALS IN ISRAEL UNDER MINIMUM SPENDING PROGRAM

TEL AVIV, March 26. (JTA) -- American tourists who change at least \$12 daily into Israel currency during their stay in the Jewish state will be entitled to non-austerity meals in restaurants especially authorized to serve them, it was announced here today.

The new regulations will go into effect on April 1. These tourists will receive two meat meals a day despite the fact that the country now observes four meatless days a week.

43-MEMBER HISTADRUT DELEGATION LEAVES FOR U.S.; WILL STUDY SPECIAL COURSES

TEL AVIV, March 26. (JTA) -- A Histadrut delegation of 43 workers from various Israel industries flew to the United States during the week-end for a three-month visit and tour of American industrial establishments.

While in the United States the Israelis will take various specialization courses and will attempt to see as many American plants as possible. American labor unions have promised them a maximum of assistance.

A total of 4,085 immigrants arrived in Israel in the first week of March, bringing the total immigrant population in the camps to 92,035, it was officially announced here today. The total for February was 11,013, including over 2,000 Yemenite Jews.

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ACQUITTAL OF EX-GESTAPO CHIEF OF MUNICH AROUSES PUBLIC OPINION THROUGHOUT BAVARIA

MUNICH, March 26. (JTA) -- A wave of protest has swept Bavaria on the heels of yesterday's acquittal by a German court of the former Gestapo chief of Munich, Col. Oswald Schaefer, and his assistant, Richard Lehmacher. The prosecutor has announced that he is collecting material for a new trial.

The labor unions in this city have called a protest meeting for tomorrow and threaten further strikes if the court's decision is permitted to stand. The Bavarian legislature, after hearing Bavarian Justice Minister Joseph Mueller denounce the verdict, adopted a resolution placing itself on record as opposed to the verdict in "the name of humanity."

Dr. Philip Auerbach, Bavarian Commissioner for Persecutees, telegraphed American High Commissioner John J. McCloy, asking that the trial verdict be set aside. Organizations representing racial persecutees and other victims of the Nazis have denounced the court's action as an aid to the neo-Nazi movement.

TWO ANTI-SEMITES ACQUITTED IN LONDON COURT ON CHARGES OF CAUSING PUBLIC DISTURBANCES

LONDON, March 26. (JTA) -- Two anti-Semites were yesterday acquitted by a jury here of charges of having caused a public disturbance last month by throwing smoke bombs during the showing of the American-made film "Sword in the Desert," which depicts the fight between the Jews and the British in Palestine prior to the establishment of Israel. The film was subsequently banned in London.

One of the defendants, Bertram Duke Pile, is a notorious London streetcorner speaker against Jews. He has been arrested several times on charges of disturbing the peace and is at present on probation. He was a member of Sir Oswald Mosley's Union Movement, but told the court that he left the fascist movement because he wanted it to be more aggressively anti-Jewish. The other defendant, John Cook, told the court that he too had been a member of the Union Movement. He added that he was anti-Jewish but "not violently."

FIRST GROUP OF "HARD CORE" DP'S TO LEAVE EUROPE SAILS FROM VENICE FOR ISRAEL

VENICE, March 26. (JTA) -- The S.S. Atzmauth sailed last night for Haifa, carrying the first group of Jewish "hard core" emigrants to leave Europe for Israel. The group, which arrived here Thursday from Germany, included 30 ill, aged and infirm men and women, whose passage was arranged by the Joint Distribution Committee, Jewish Agency, and the I.R.O. They will arrive in Haifa on the eve of Passover.

Many of the "hard core" emigrants were carried aboard ship on stretchers. The group is being accompanied to Israel by J.D.C. medical personnel who will look after them until the ship docks. In Israel, the group will be cared for under a special program for "hard core" immigrants recently initiated by the J.D.C., Jewish Agency and the Israel Government, and which is expected to make possible the eventual emigration of some 4,000 DP "hard core" cases and 5,000 dependents.

HUNGARY TO PERMIT 3,000 JEWS TO LEAVE FOR ISRAEL NEXT MONTH UNDER TERMS OF NEW PACT

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- The first 3,000 Jews to be allowed by Hungary to leave that country for Israel under terms of an agreement concluded by the Budapest and Tel Aviv governments three months ago will leave Hungary for Israel on April 10, the New York Times reported today from Prague. The dispatch added that the number of Jews allowed to leave would have been greater than 3,000 but the Hungarian authorities included in their figures 20,000 Jews who left the country earlier without official permission.

U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION RECONVENES TODAY; AMERICAN PROPOSALS TO BE STUDIED

LAKE SUCCESS, March 26. (JTA) -- The 18-nation United Nations Human Rights Commission will reconvene here tomorrow to draft an international covenant on human rights which will be placed before all member-states of the U.N. by the end of this year. The Commission will take up at the current session American proposals submitted in writing in January providing that nations could submit charges of violations of the covenant.

A plea for the establishment of special courts by member states of the U.N. to deal with complaints concerning the violation of human rights, and for an international law guaranteeing asylum to victims from political, racial and religious persecution, was submitted to the Commission in a special memorandum by the World Jewish Congress.

The memorandum proposed a number of changes in the wording of the International Covenant of Human Rights and suggested measures for the implementation of the Covenant. The W.J.C. pointed out that Article IV of the Covenant as it now reads, would permit signatory states to suspend, during war and other public emergencies, rights and freedoms guaranteed under the Covenant. The W.J.C. requested that such suspension be so worded as to prevent the creation under the cloak of a public emergency of war, of conditions that would place political, racial or religious minorities in jeopardy.

DR. SILVER CALLS FOR GREATER BALANCE IN AMERICAN JEWISH LIFE; WANTS MORE EDUCATION

CINCINNATI, March 26. (JTA) -- Greater balance in American Jewish life with stronger emphasis on religious institutions of learning as compared with philanthropic organizations, was urged here by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver at Founder's Day exercises at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

"The establishment of the state of Israel makes even more imperative the strengthening of our religious institutions--synagogues, schools and academies in the Diaspora," Dr. Silver stated. "The hope of national restoration which was a potent factor in Jewish survival through the ages must, in its realization, be compensated for by an intensification of the purely religious and cultural values of Jewish life.

"American Jewish life lacks balance," Dr. Silver continued. "It has over-concentrated on philanthropic institutions as against religious institutions, and on religious institutions as against religious schools and academies and the training of our youth in the lore and literature of their people. Indifference increases as you pass from the social agency to the synagogue to the school. In the long run this might prove disastrous to American Judaism.

"It is clear that a considerable part of the Jewish people--perhaps a majority--will continue to live outside of Israel in the indeterminate future," he said. It is to the interest, not alone of Israel, which will have to draw replenishment from the reservoir for years to come, but of the Jewish people as such and of Judaism, the noblest creation of the Jewish people, and its supreme gift to mankind, that Diaspora Jewry should remain vital, vigorous and spiritually sound and wholesome. Hence, all talk, however nobly motivated, which derogates Diaspora Jewry or altogether writes it off, is harmful in the extreme. What our people possess of cultural treasures is not exclusively the creation of the Jews of Palestine. Even when there was a flourishing Jewish life in Palestine, there were also flourishing Jewish communities in other countries.

"The establishment of the state of Israel has contributed to a large measure of dignity and confidence to Jewish life. Upon surer foundations the world Jewish community of tomorrow may be able to build a more affirmative religious life," he said.

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MORRIS DE CASTRO, AN ORTHODOX JEW, IS SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

WASHINGTON, March 26. (JTA) -- Morris de Castro, a Jew whose family left Portugal to settle in the Caribbean area several centuries ago, was sworn in as Governor of the Virgin Islands during the week-end, it was reported here from Saint Thomas. The new Governor is the former president of Congregation Blessing and Peace.

Governor de Castro, an Orthodox Jew who has lived here since he was a child of four, is the first native to be named Governor of the Virgin Islands. Pledging all-out support of President Truman's administration, Mr. de Castro said in his inaugural address that "these islands are my home and have been the home of my family for centuries." President Truman extended felicitations to the new Governor.

PROTESTANT GROUPS CALL FOR "ALL-OUT" FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- A call for an "all-out" fight against anti-Semitism in the United States was issued here during the week-end by the American Committee on the Christian Approach to the Jews. The committee includes representatives of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ and other units of Protestant groups having a membership of more than 27,000,000.

Declaring that anti-Semitism is "absolutely irreconcilable with Christianity," the appeal said: "No matter what it's origin, anti-Semitism constitutes a threat and a menace. Wherever anti-Semitism thrives, Christianity cannot long survive."

ONTARIO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PASSES LAW BARRING DISCRIMINATORY REALTY COVENANTS

TORONTO, March 26. (JTA) -- A law barring real estate or property covenants containing racial or religious restrictions was adopted today by the Ontario Legislative Assembly. The Assembly also started a debate on prohibiting bias in employment with none of the opposition parties officially recording any opposition to passage of an FEPC law.

The Canadian Jewish Congress and the Association for Civil Liberties have been active in pressing for the ban on restrictive covenants and the outlawing of discrimination in employment.

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE URGES INQUIRY OF ALLEGED BIAS AT N.Y. CITY COLLEGE

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, in a letter to Francis T. Spaulding, State Education Commissioner, requested "a sweeping independent investigation of anti-democratic practices within the administration of City College." James H. Sheldon, administrative chairman of the League asked also for "a general review of background educational attitudes promoting practices and public policies with respect to intergroup relationships."

The letter said the investigation should be conducted by "a half dozen first-rate educational authorities from out of state." It should revolve around two points, the first concerning the discriminatory effects of the college's policy against "inbreeding." The second has to do with the appointment and promotion of two members of City College's Romance Languages Department by Prof. William Knickerbocker.

NINE AMERICANS ARE ELECTED TO GENERAL COUNCIL OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- Nine Americans were elected to the General Council of the World Jewish Congress, it was announced today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, acting president of the World Jewish Congress. Those elected are: Prof. Horace Kal- len, Judge Justine Wise Polier, Louis Lovine, Prof. Milton Konvitz, Rabbi Morton M. Berman, Max Kopstein, M.J. Slonim, Isidor Teitelbaum, and Dr. Max Nussbaum.

JEWISH AGENCY MOURNS PASSING OF HAROLD LASKI; CALLS HIM STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF ZIONISM

LONDON, March 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency paid tribute today to the late Harold Laski, who mapped the ascendancy of the British Labor Party to power and who died here on Friday at the age of 56. The Agency statement lamented the passing of "a staunch supporter of Zionism and a great friend of Jewish labor."

Stressing Mr. Laski's "pride in his Jewishness and his frequent proclamation of his belief in Jewish national aspirations," the statement recalled that Prof. Laski "challenged Foreign Secretary Bevin's policy on Palestine and accused the Socialist Government of betraying its pledges to the Jewish people." The Agency statement also noted that Mr. Laski, at the invitation of President Chaim Weizmann, planned to go to Israel in April. It was also noted that Prof. Laski declared recently that he was proud that Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett of Israel had been one of his students.

A delegation from the Labor Zionist Organization of Britain will attend Mr. Laski's funeral tomorrow. The World Jewish Congress paid tribute to him by recalling his "sympathy and profound interest in both the national efforts in Palestine and Jewish problems in the Diaspora."

WORLD EXECUTIVE OF REVISIONIST PARTY HONORS MEMORY OF JACOB DE HAAS IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, March 26. (JTA) -- The memory of Jacob de Haas, an American Jew and one of Theodor Herzl's co-workers in Zionism, was honored here this week-end at a special ceremony held by the world executive of the Herut-Revisionist Party. Mr. de Haas died 13 years ago.

It was announced that an assembly hall bearing his name will be built in Israel. It was also reported that a group of American Jews has been organized to raise funds for this project.

ISRAEL EDUCATOR ARRIVES IN NEW YORK TO STUDY EDUCATIONAL INNOVATIONS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- Isaac Shapira, Deputy Director of Beit Sefer Reali, Hebrew Secondary School at Haifa, arrived in New York today to study educational innovations in the United States with a view to their introduction in Israel.

RABBI JACOB KATZ, CHAPLAIN AT SING SING FOR OVER 30 YEARS, DIES; WAS 57

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- Rabbi Jacob Katz, who served as chaplain at Sing Sing Prison for more than 30 years, died here last night at the age of 57. His tenure of nearly 32 years at Sing Sing was the longest of any chaplain of any denomination in any New York state prison. During his service at Sing Sing he comforted spiritually about 70 prisoners who were condemned to the electric chair. He was born in Russia and was brought to this country at the age of two.

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