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## TRANSJORDAN DEFIES ARAB LEAGUE; ANNOUNCES BOYCOTT OF LEAGUE'S PARLEY AT CAIRO

LONDON, March 27. (JTA) -- King Abdullah of Transjordan today announced that he is boycotting the current session of the Arab League which started its meetings on Saturday in Cairo.

A report from Cairo says that the Transjordan Minister to Egypt informed the Arab League Council that his ruler decided not to participate in the present session because of the violent campaign which the Egyptian press is conducting against Transjordan over reports that King Abdullah is negotiating a secret agreement with Israel.

The Transjordan representative also said that his King disapproves of Egypt's proposal to invite the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem's "all-Palestine government" in Gaza to send representatives to the Cairo meeting. Upon receiving this information, the Political Committee of the Arab League held a two-hour meeting to discuss Transjordan's boycott, the Cairo report said. The meeting will continue tomorrow.

## PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES IS STILL REMOTE, OFFICIAL OF JEWISH STATE WARNS

TEL AVIV, March 27. (JTA) -- Peace between Israel and the Arab states is still remote, Walter Eytan, director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, warned today at a public meeting. He said that not a single Arab statesman is powerful or courageous enough to start an all-out peace effort.

Weary talks under the auspices of the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission have achieved precisely nothing, but showed that feelings among Arab statesmen against Israel are very strong, Dr. Eytan said.

Representatives of Israel, Transjordan and the United Nations today visited the Beit Jibrin area to investigate charges made by Transjordan that Israel forces violated the truce agreement and crossed the demarcation lines in pursuing Arab marauders. The mixed armistice commission decided in favor of Transjordan.

Meanwhile, Transjordan authorities today banned the transfer of foodstuffs by members of the consular corps from the Arab-held part of Jerusalem to the Jewish section of the city. At the same time, Transjordan withdrew from the representatives of Czechoslovakia, Poland and Switzerland permission to cross from the Jewish part of Jerusalem into the Arab section.

## U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL VOTES TO AUTHORIZE JERUSALEM GOVERNOR TO REPATRIATE ARABS

GENEVA, March 27. (JTA) -- The U.N. Trusteeship Council, now in session here, today completed the second reading of the Jerusalem statute and will start on the third and final reading on Wednesday, it was announced here.

By a vote of seven, with four abstentions, the Council decided that the future governor of Jerusalem shall facilitate the repatriation and resettlement as well as the social and economic rehabilitation of Arabs who were compelled to leave Jerusalem after Nov. 29, 1947, when the United Nations decided to partition Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish states.

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ISRAEL GOVERNMENT APPOINTS ADVISORY COUNCIL TO ENFORCE COMPULSORY EDUCATION LAW

TEL AVIV, March 27. (JTA) -- An advisory council of 20 leading educators was today appointed to supervise implementation of Israel's compulsory education law. The appointments were announced by Acting Minister of Education David Remez who is temporarily replacing the ailing Education Minister, Zalman Shazar.

Under the new plan, ten of the 20 educators would represent the parties which now sponsor the Histadrut schools, six would represent the "general schools," three would be Mizrahi educators while the last one would be an Agudist.

The representatives of the "general" educational system refused to accept the nominations because they were only allotted six seats on the council while they claim to represent 49 percent of the educational institutions in Israel. The Herut and Progressive Parties have already indicated that they will boycott the council and the Oved Hadati, religious wing of the Histadrut, is also expected to remain aloof.

ISRAEL EXPECTS \$10,000,000 FROM LUXURY TAX; AIMS TO CHECK POPULATION'S PURCHASING POWER

TEL AVIV, March 27. (JTA) -- Israel's luxury tax is expected to yield about \$10,000,000 in the coming fiscal year, it was announced today by the Customs and Excise Office. During the current year, about \$3,000,000 was raised in luxury taxes.

Utility goods are not subject to the tax, which is chiefly for revenue purposes. However, the luxury tax serves at the same time to absorb to a degree the increased purchasing power of the population.

Imports to Israel during the month of January were slightly below the average monthly figure during the last quarter of 1949, it was reported today. Imports in January of this year were valued at 8,127,255 pounds as compared with the average figure in the latter part of 1949 of 9,100,000 pounds.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD THIS YEAR IN MAJOR ISRAEL TOWNS; 400,000 TO VOTE

JERUSALEM, March 27. (JTA) -- Municipal elections will be held this year in 12 towns and in 31 local councils, according to a decision taken today by the Israel Government. The territory where these elections are scheduled to take place contains about 400,000 voters.

The population of Greater Haifa is now 154,698, according to data released here today. The statistics are based on the records of ration cards issued by the Ministry of Supply and Rationing.

753 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS FROM RUMANIA ARRIVE IN HAIFA ABOARD RUMANIAN STEAMER

HAIFA, March 27. (JTA) -- The Rumanian steamer Transylvania arrived here yesterday carrying 753 Jewish immigrants from Rumania.

OHEL THEATRICAL TROUPE LEAVES FOR EXTENSIVE TOUR OF EUROPE; FIRST PERFORMANCE IN ROME

TEL AVIV, March 27. (JTA) -- The Ohel theatrical troupe--sponsored by the Histadrut--left here yesterday for an extensive European tour. The troupe's first appearance will be in Rome.

BEN GURION RETURNS FROM VACATION; DISCUSSES IMMIGRATION OF IRAQI JEWS TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 27. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion returned today from his three-weeks' leave and tonight will attend a joint session of the Israel Cabinet and the Jewish Agency executive, called to explore the possibilities of the immigration of Iraqi Jews to Israel after they are permitted to leave Iraq.

ISRAEL MILITARY ATTACHE IN U.S. COMPLETES HIS MISSION; RETURNS TO SERVICE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 27. (JTA) -- Col. Ephraim Ben Arzi, Israel's military attache in Washington, has completed his mission in the United States and has returned to service in the Army here, it was officially announced today. Lt. Col. A. Avidor will be acting military attache of the Israel Embassy in Washington pending the appointment of a permanent attache, the announcement said.

M. Gerzon, commercial attache of the Israel legation in Paris, arrived here today for consultations regarding negotiations now under way in the French capital for an Israel-Franco trade treaty.

Reza Safinni, a representative of Persia who has been in Jerusalem for a number of weeks, today called on Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett with a letter from the Iranian Foreign Ministry suggesting that the Israel Government agree to his appointment as a special Iranian representative to Israel pending completion of technical arrangements for the formal exchange of diplomats between the two states.

ISRAEL DIPLOMATIC OFFER TO SPAIN IS REPORTED; VATICAN WANTS MADRID TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 27. (JTA) -- Spanish authorities have received a direct offer from the Israel Government to support Spanish interests in the United Nations if Spain formally recognizes Israel, the New York Times reported today in a dispatch from its Madrid correspondent. The report said that the Vatican strongly favors recognition by Spain of the new state.

Although the Foreign Office in Madrid last night officially denied that the Spanish Government has decided to recognize Israel, the New York Times report says that the denial is believed to be based on "quibbling" over the fact that no formal decision to this effect has been taken. "Well-informed persons say, however, that it has been agreed to recognize Israel when the occasion arises," the New York Times correspondent says.

PERON RECEIVES ISRAEL MINISTER; DISCUSSES JERUSALEM STATUS AND COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT

BUENOS AIRES, March 27. (JTA) -- President Juan Peron today received Israel Minister Yaacov Tsur. It is understood that they discussed problems concerning the status of Jerusalem and the forthcoming commercial treaty between Israel and Argentina.

GERMAN PASTOR WHO WAS FRIENDLY TO JEWS DURING NAZI REGIME WELCOMED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Herman Maas, German Pastor who is an advocate of a world citizenship movement, arrived in Israel today by air from Germany. Interned in a Nazi concentration camp and sentenced to be executed, Dr. Maas was saved only by the arrival of American troops two days before the date of his scheduled execution.

Residents of Israel, who remember him for his friendly attitude towards the Jews in Germany, have written numerous letters to the Ministry of Religion requesting the honor of extending hospitality to Pastor Maas during his visit to the Jewish state.

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JEWISH RESTITUTION CLAIMS IN WESTERN GERMANY TOTAL \$50,000,000, EXPERT ESTIMATES

TEL AVIV, March 27. (JTA) -- The total restitution claims for privately-owned Jewish property in Western Germany and in the western part of Berlin amounts to at least three billion marks--approximately \$50,000,000--and more than one-third of the claimants reside in Israel at present, Dr. George Landauer, Israel expert, told a press conference here today.

Dr. Landauer estimated that the restitution of private Jewish property in Germany will give rise to litigation for generations, since many claims require court proceedings. He also predicted that the export of goods or currency under restitution claims may face many difficulties even from the occupation powers. He therefore suggested that "a global settlement" with the occupation authorities be effected as an early solution to the entire restitution problem.

Dr. Landauer also advocated the establishment of a "transfer system" for the removal of goods from Germany to Israel along the same lines that Jewish property was transferred from Nazi Germany to Palestine in 1933, soon after the Nazis came to power. "If we must choose between leaving all Jewish property indefinitely in Germany and transferring it to Israel in the form of products of great importance to the economic development of our country, we should choose the latter course," he said.

LONDON SENDS OFFICIALS TO GERMANY TO SURVEY POSITION OF JEWISH DP'S IN BRITISH ZONE

HAMBURG, March 27. (JTA) -- The future of the remaining Jewish displaced persons in the British zone of Germany, including the so-called "hard core" cases, was discussed today in Bergen Belsen by representatives of the Jewish Central Committee, the World Jewish Congress, the British Foreign Office, the British War Office and British occupation authorities.

British Foreign Undersecretary Lord Henderson and Undersecretary of War Richard Stewart made a special trip to Germany to investigate the position of the Jewish DP's. Following the meeting, at which Joint Distribution Committee representative J. de Gorta was present, Lord Henderson and Undersecretary Stewart and members of their staff visited the mass graves at the Bergen Belsen camp.

U.N. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS OPENS ITS SESSION; STARTS DRAWING UP INTERNATIONAL PACT

LAKE SUCCESS, March 27. (JTA) -- The sixth session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights opened here today under the chairmanship of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. Soviet delegate Semyon K. Tsarapkin walked out in protest at the presence of the Chinese Nationalist representative.

At its initial meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to proceed at once to the drawing up of an international covenant on human rights whose binding legal obligation on the signatory states would supplement the universal Declaration of Human Rights already adopted by the U.N. General Assembly.

In addition to preparing the covenant, the Commission is faced at this session with the difficult task of creating the machinery for implementation of the instrument. Replies to a U.N. questionnaire have revealed a wide variation in government views on this subject.

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MEXICAN JEWS PROCLAIM UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR 1950; RAISED \$600,000 LAST YEAR

MEXICO CITY, March 27. (JTA) -- A United Jewish Campaign for 1950 was proclaimed here during the week-end at a meeting attended by Eliahu Elath, Israel Ambassador to the United States. The funds raised will be used for Israel and for other Jewish needs. Last year's campaign resulted in the raising of about \$600,000.

TEACHINGS OF HEBREW PROPHETS ARE KEY TO WORLD PEACE, U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS

NEW YORK, March 27. (JTA) -- "No one can accomplish the goal we all seek, namely, peace in this world, unless we recognize the fundamental principles posed by the ancient Israelite prophets," U.S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath told an audience last night attending the 38th annual anniversary banquet of the National Council of Young Israel at the Hotel Astor.

Armament alone, the Attorney General said, cannot lead the world to the attainment of true liberty for mankind. He emphasized that religion is the key to solving the "chaos, confusion, fear, trepidation and insecurity which abound in the hearts of all men."

HEMPSTEAD SYNAGOGUE CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY; DEDICATES NEW \$250,000 BUILDING

HEMPSTEAD, L.I., March 27. (JTA) -- Dedication of the new \$250,000 synagogue of Congregation Beth Israel here took place yesterday. Clergymen of all faiths participated in a procession escorting the Scrolls of the Law from the old synagogue building to the new premises. The celebration also marked the 50th anniversary of the congregation.

MT. VERNON MAYOR ADDRESSES CORNERSTONE-LAYING CEREMONY FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

MOUNT VERNON, N.Y., March 27. (JTA) -- The cornerstone for a \$600,000 YM-YWHA Community Center was laid here yesterday at a ceremony addressed by Mayor William H. Hussey and other city officials. Speakers also included Jacob A. Bernstein, president of the Mount Vernon Jewish Community Center; Rabbi Aaron H. Blumenthal, president of the local Synagogue Council; and the Rev. Melvin J. Joachim, president of the Mount Vernon Council of Churches, who spoke in behalf of the Christian community.

REMAINS OF JEWISH HEROINE HANNAH SENESH TO BE REBURIED IN JERUSALEM TODAY

JERUSALEM, March 27. (JTA) -- The remains of Hannah Senesh, Palestinian heroine who was executed by Hungarian Nazi authorities after parachuting into Europe during the war to aid in the underground movement of Jews to Palestine, will be reburied on Mount Herzl here tomorrow.

The coffin containing her remains was transferred from an Israel warship to Haifa yesterday with full military honors. Traditional prayers for the dead were recited by the Israel Army Chief Chaplain as the coffin was placed on the soil of the Jewish state.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR PROF. LASKI HELD IN LONDON; BRITISH CABINET MEMBERS ATTEND

LONDON, March 27. (JTA) -- Funeral services for Prof. Harold Laski, who died on Friday at the age of 56, were held at the Golders Green crematorium here today. Members of the British Cabinet, representatives of the Trades Union Congress and of a number of European Socialist parties were also present. Sidney Silverman, M.P., and Noah Barrou represented the World Jewish Congress at the services.

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