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BRITAIN REJECTS ISRAEL APPLICATION FOR ARMS; SAYS PEACE WITH ARABS MUST COME FIRST

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- The British Government has turned down an Israel application to purchase arms and certain chemicals in Britain, it was learned here today.

The Foreign Office, informing the Israel Government of this decision, added that permission to make such purchases would be withheld until Israel had made peace with the Arab states.

The application for the purchase of certain types of arms and ammunition for which licenses are required was made by the Jewish state some months ago when the British Government announced that it had resumed arms deliveries to the Arab states.

Israel's request, it is understood, was comparatively modest. It did not include such items as Vampire jet fighters, Lincoln bombers or 60-ton Centurian tanks, all of which have recently been delivered to Egypt. When the Israel legation made its first approach it was assured that the request would receive sympathetic consideration at the Foreign Office.

ELATH DISCUSSES ARMS PROBLEM WITH ACHESON; U.S. WILL SUPPORT ISRAEL'S PEACE EFFORTS

WASHINGTON, April 5. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Acheson was told today by Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath that the Israel Government is "seriously concerned" because of the continued supply of arms by Britain to the Arab states.

The Israel Ambassador told Secretary Acheson that the Arab League is destroying attempts to achieve a lasting peace in the Near East. He expressed concern over the maneuvers by the Arab League to wreck bilateral negotiations between Israel and individual Arab states and said that the League is supporting the policies of "war and aggression" against the Jewish state advanced by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, who aided Hitler during the last war.

(In London, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, told a press conference today that there has been no reply thus far from the State Department on the official request for arms submitted a few weeks ago by Ambassador Elath.)

Diplomatic sources here said that Ambassador Elath found Secretary Acheson receptive to Israel's desire for individual peace negotiations without Arab League interference. The 40-minute talk was described as significant. Mr. Acheson, it was said, concurred with Mr. Elath's views on Arab League obstruction to direct negotiations between Israel and individual Arab states.

Mr. Elath, it was said, discussed with Mr. Acheson the basic elements of Israel's desire for peace. The Secretary repeatedly agreed with Mr. Elath's views that direct negotiations are the only avenue to ultimate peace. He indicated that the U.S. would give full support to every attempt in that direction. Diplomatic sources also said the Israel Ambassador expressed to Mr. Acheson satisfaction that the United Nations Trusteeship Council has decided to refer the internationalization statute for Jerusalem to the states directly concerned. The meeting was described by reliable sources as "most important" in connection with Israel's efforts to secure a lasting peace.

ISRAEL INVITES MEMBERS OF U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO JERUSALEM

TEL AVIV, April 5. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today extended invitations to nine of the eleven member nations comprising the United Nations Trusteeship Council to send representatives to Jerusalem to learn of the "physical impossibility" of implementing the Jerusalem statute adopted by the Council yesterday in Geneva.

The invitations were delivered to the nine nations' diplomatic representatives here. Neither China nor Iraq maintains a diplomatic representation in this city and they did not receive invitations. It is understood that the bid states that a "direct, personal survey of the true prevailing conditions in Jerusalem will convey the impracticality of enforcing internationalization."

Meanwhile, Claude de Boisanger, French member of the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission, arrived in Jerusalem today with an aide. He travelled from Athens via Kollandia, the Transjordan-held airport nearest Jerusalem, and then made his way to the new city from the Arab Legion-held area. He is due to arrive in Tel Aviv tomorrow for talks with members of the government prior to visiting various Arab capitals in the latest Commission mediation move.

Hador, local pro-government evening newspaper, tonight expressed doubts as to the value of de Boisanger's visit with members of the government. It said that the Conciliation Commission had outlived its usefulness.

WATER SUPPLY CUT IN JERUSALEM; SHORTAGE DUE TO INCREASED BUILDING PROGRAM IN CITY

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- The water supply in Jerusalem has been cut 12 percent and water stocks are being distributed to each city district every nine days, it was revealed today. The cut was made necessary principally because of the increase in Jerusalem's population and the expanded building program. A new pipeline to double the city's present water supply is scheduled to be completed soon.

Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Supply and Rationing, declared in Tel Aviv last night that "Israelis are better fed than many Europeans." He addressed participants in a ceremony marking the turning over to the Ministry of the Nutrition Institute, which has been conducted by Hadassah for the past 20 years.

MANY AMERICAN JEWS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; U.P.A. CHAIRMAN CONFERS WITH CABINET MEMBERS

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 Jews from the United States and other countries have arrived this week in Israel to observe Passover in the Jewish state, it was estimated here today by government officials. They have been supplied with special food ration cards.

The American visitors include Rudolf Sonneborn, chairman of the board of directors of the United Palestine Appeal, who celebrated the seder in the company of Premier David Ben Gurion and met today with a number of other Cabinet members. Also among the arrivals were Dr. Louis Hendin, president of the Yiddish Writers Union of New York, and a delegation of 29 members of the Jewish National Workers Alliance of America.

A 20-member delegation of the American Christian Palestine Committee arrived here last night by air for an eight-day survey and tour of Israel. Dr. Howard Le Sourd, of Boston University, chairman of the delegation, said the purpose of the present visit was "to become acquainted with Israel and report our interpretations to millions."

AUSTRIA CONCLUDES TRADE PACT WITH ISRAEL; WILL RELEASE FROZEN FUNDS OF EMIGRANTS

VIENNA, April 5. (JTA) -- Austria and Israel have just completed a trade pact which permits the Jewish state to pay for the largest part of its purchases here with the blocked funds of Jewish emigrants, thus permitting the transfer of frozen assets to Israel, it was announced here today.

The agreement, which was six months in the making, provides that Israel will pay for some Austrian goods in dollars, in Israel exports and, mainly, through the liquidation of the blocked accounts. Israel is interested chiefly in Austrian machinery, chemicals and timber. Israel officials here have expressed satisfaction with the agreement and expect an intensification of its barter provisions.

GERMAN COURT SENTENCES EX-GESTAPO OFFICER TO LIFE FOR MURDER, MALTREATMENT OF JEWS

FRANKFURT, April 5. (JTA) -- Heinrich Baab, a former Gestapo officer, was sentenced to life imprisonment here today for 55 murders and 21 attempted murders of Jews and for 29 cases of maltreatment of Jewish prisoners, Reuters reported.

Demanding the severest punishment permitted in Western Germany--a life sentence--the state prosecutor exclaimed: "I curse the day when I became a lawyer. As an ordinary citizen I should ask that all the tortures of the dark Middle Ages and those of the Nazi times be imposed on this man."

The German criminal court, before finding Baab guilty of crimes against humanity, had heard 157 former Gestapo and concentration camp prisoners or their relatives testify during the five-week trial. The 41-year-old defendant was alleged by witnesses to have taken his six-year-old son to watch the deportations of Jews from Frankfurt's main railroad station.

FORMER COMMANDERS OF JEWISH SLAVE LABOR BATTALIONS IN HUMANIA GET PRISON SENTENCES

BUCHAREST, April 5. (JTA) -- Two former commanders of Jewish slave-labor battalions have been sentenced to 20-year and five-year prison terms, respectively, by a Bucharest criminal court. The defendants--Aristide Manolescu and Constantin Georgescu--were found guilty of treating the Jews under their command with "revolting cruelty." Loss of civil rights and confiscation of their property were also ordered by the court.

BANNED ARGENTINE ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLICATION AGAIN BEING CIRCULATED IN GERMANY

BERLIN, April 5. (JTA) -- "Der Weg," an anti-Semitic publication published in Argentina and banned by the American occupation forces in Germany in May, 1949, is again being circulated in various German cities, it was revealed today by the Berlin Jewish Community. A major theme of each issue of "Der Weg" is discrediting Anglo-American democracy.

TURKISH M.P.'S EXPEL DEPUTY FROM COMMITTEE FOR INSULTING JEWISH MEMBER

ISTANBUL, April 5. (JTA) -- A group of members of the Turkish Parliament expelled a fellow deputy from a meeting of the Parliamentary Legal Commission after he had made a statement that the Turkish Government should "exterminate the Communists as the Germans did the Jews."

When Solomon Adatto, Jewish deputy, protested the use of such language, the M.P. insulted him for being a Jew. The others condemned the anti-Semite and expelled him. Later they apologized to Mr. Adatto.

U.N. FARLEY COMPLETES DRAFTING CONVENTION ON MISSING PERSONS; WILL VOTE ON IT TODAY

LAKE SUCCESS, April 5. (JTA) -- Representatives of 25 countries attending a three-week United Nations Conference on Declaration of Death of Missing Persons will vote tomorrow on adoption of an international convention covering death certificates of missing persons, which has been completed by a Conference drafting committee.

The convention covers persons last resident in Europe, Asia or Africa who disappeared between 1939 and 1945 under circumstances affording reasonable grounds for the inference that they died as a result of war or persecution. For such persons, national tribunals are authorized to issue death certificates which will constitute prima facie evidence of death in all signatory states.

The convention also sets up an International Bureau for Declarations of Death, which will act as the central depository and checking agency for all certificates issued. Establishment of the Bureau must be approved by the U.N. General Assembly. The convention is to have a duration of five years and will come into force 30 days after two countries have ratified it.

REVISIONISTS AGREE TO GIVE UP FUND-RAISING IN U.S. UNDER PACT WITH JEWISH AGENCY

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency today announced the signing of an agreement with the Tel Hai Fund, central fund of the World Zionist-Revisionist Organization, under the terms of which all the American affiliates of the latter will cease campaigning for funds or materials for any Israel purpose during 1950.

Under the agreement, the Zionist-Revisionist Organization has been granted a sum of money to be used for constructive work in Israel. The allocation is in addition to the amounts normally spent by the Jewish Agency in behalf of the members of the Zionist-Revisionist Movement in the course of the Agency's regular colonization, immigration, absorption and Youth Aliyah programs.

The agreement bans the collection of funds or materials for Israel by all organizations directly or indirectly affiliated with the Zionist-Revisionist movement, among which are: American Committee for National Child Centers in Israel, Palestine Pioneers Foundation, American Committee for the National Sick Fund of Palestine, Tel Hai Fund, Brit Trumpeldor of America, and League for Jewish National Labor in Palestine.

U.S. FIRM AWARDED \$3,250,000 CONTRACT TO DEEPEN HAIFA HARBOR, EXPAND ITS FACILITIES

HAIFA, April 5. (JTA)--- A \$3,250,000 contract for the deepening of Haifa harbor and the expansion of its port facilities has been awarded to an American firm, it was made known here today. Work on the project--which includes the building of a new dock and the erection of a building for health and immigration authorities--is scheduled to begin in June.

When the deepening of Haifa's harbor is completed, it is estimated that the world's largest passenger liners will be able to use the port's facilities. At present as many as 40 passenger and cargo vessels must sometimes wait outside the breakwater until they can unload.

Israel ports handled over 2,000,000 tons of cargo during 1949, it was officially announced here today. Fuel cargoes entering Israel accounted for about 750,000 tons, all other imports came to about another 1,000,000 tons, while exports accounted for some 250,000 tons.

NEW LIGHT ON EARLY RELIGIOUS JEWISH THOUGHT CAST BY TEN-YEAR STUDY OF MANUSCRIPT

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- New light is thrown on the origins of Christianity and on the religious thought of the Jews of the First Century C.E. in a painstaking study of a hitherto unknown 900-year-old Latin manuscript by Dr. Guido Kisch, Visiting Professor of History at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York.

The illuminated parchment manuscript is the oldest and most complete and accurate version of the Biblical history "Biblical Antiquities" in existence. The unknown author is commonly referred to as Pseudo-Philo because the work had been ascribed erroneously during the Middle Ages to the Jewish philosopher, Philo of Alexandria.

Written originally in Hebrew by a Jew in Palestine around the year 70 A.D., it was translated soon afterward into Greek, and in that form it was accepted, copied and disseminated by the Catholic Church. It was translated into Latin later, and it has come down to us only in the Latin translation, both the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts having disappeared more than 1,000 years ago.

Of great importance for the history of early Jewish thought and Christian origins, the "Biblical Antiquities" includes numerous otherwise unknown legends and inventions on the story of the Bible from Adam through the death of King Saul. Probably a product of the same school as the Fourth Book of Esdras and the Apocalypse of Baruch, it is contemporary with some of the New Testament writings, and throws light on them as well as on the religious thought of the Jews of the period.

The Admont Codex, as the present manuscript find is called, was copied from an older manuscript in the Austrian monastery of Admont not long after its foundation in 1074. It was preserved there for almost 900 years until 1936, just before the Nazis marched into Austria, when it was placed in the hands of a London dealer. Howard Lehman Goodhart of New York, a collector, purchased the Admont Codex, and he made it available to Dr. Kisch for study ten years ago.

Dr. Kisch has disclosed his findings in a book, "Pseudo Philo's Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum," published by the University of Notre Dame Press. Prof. Kisch, who taught jurisprudence at the Universities of Leipzig, Koenigsberg, Prague and Halle, has been engaged in teaching and research in this country for the past 15 years. The editor of "Historica Judaica," he has published volumes on religious, historical, legal and sociological subjects and, in addition to the Pseudo-Philo volume, has had three other books published during the past year.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEW DISCOVERS PROCESS FOR EXTRACTION OF PURE SALT FROM SEA WATER

JOHANNESBURG, April 5. (JTA) -- A 27-year-old Jewish scholar of Krugersdorp, in the Transvaal, was today revealed as the discoverer of a process for the extraction of pure salt and other products from sea water.

Woolf Lonstein, a graduate of Witwatersrand University, developed the process four years ago in a kitchen laboratory. The discovery came after two years of experimentation, but Mr. Lonstein was forced to wait three years before he was granted a patent by Britain. He is currently investigating problems connected with Diesel engine combustion at Witwatersrand University.

CANADIAN SENATE DECIDES TO ESTABLISH COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION

OTTAWA, April 5. (JTA) -- A decision to establish a Senate Committee on Fundamental Rights and Human Freedoms was adopted by the Senate here following a campaign in the body led by Senator Arthur Rosbach, who is a staunch supporter of pro-Israel activities in Canada.

The committee will consider and report on rights and freedoms, "what they are and how they may be protected and preserved and what action, if any, can or should be taken to assure such rights to all persons in Canada."

THOMAS MANN SAYS PRESENT DISTRUST OF AMERICAN JEWS TOWARD GERMANY IS JUSTIFIED

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5. (JTA) -- "The Jewish people here and elsewhere are only too justified when viewing with deep alarm the present situation in Germany, the resurgence of Nazism, the rise of anti-Semitism, and the shocking failure of the de-nazification proceedings to democratize the area or properly punish the criminally guilty," Thomas Mann, internationally known novelist, declared here.

The Nobel Prize winning author made his statement in connection with an Emergency Conference on Renazification in Germany called by the American Jewish Congress here. He was a sponsor of the conference, as was the North California Board of Rabbis.

CHIEF RABBI OF BRITISH EMPIRE URGES INTENSIFIED RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY AMONG JEWISH YOUTH

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, April 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Brodie, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire who is touring Jewish communities in Africa, last night opened the first session of the South African Jewish Ministers Conference in Coronation Hall here.

In his opening remarks, Rabbi Brodie told the rabbis from all parts of the Union that unless rabbinical leaders intensify their programs among Jewish youth, the present generation would be influenced by the evil forces of materialism and communism. Chief Rabbi Isaac Rabinowitz of South Africa thanked Dr. Brodie "for his inspiring address."

GOOD WILL AMONG VARIOUS JEWISH RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN U.S. IMPRESSES SO. AFRICAN LEADER

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Rabbi Moses C. Weller, president of the Jewish Reform Movement of South Africa, left today for Johannesburg after concluding a tour of the United States and Canada in behalf of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

He said that he was impressed with the "good will between the lay and rabbinic leadership of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox groups in America, despite their differences." He expressed the hope that closer bonds will be established among the Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist groups.

WIFE OF PROF. NORMAN BENTWICH ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN OF LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- Helen Bentwich, wife of Prof. Norman Bentwich, former Attorney-General of Palestine, was elected today vice-chairman of the London County Council. An outstanding British social worker, Mrs. Bentwich played a leading role in the program of assistance for Jewish refugee children in Britain.

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