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ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR ARMS HAS NOT BEEN REJECTED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT, OFFICIAL SAYS

WASHINGTON, April 6. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the State Department today indicated that there is no truth in reports circulated here that the U.S. Government has rejected Israel's request for a special list of munitions. The list was submitted several weeks ago by Ambassador Eliahu Elath.

The spokesman emphasized that the request was still under consideration. Secretary of State Dean Acheson said recently that the arms embargo has been lifted for Israel and the Arab states, but that only arms of a self-defense character will be cleared for export.

U.S. AND BRITAIN DIVIDED ON JERUSALEM ISSUE; AMERICA WANTS UNDERSTANDING WITH VATICAN

LONDON, April 6. (JTA) -- Considerable differences have arisen between the British and American views on the future of Jerusalem, it was learned here today. Following behind-the-scenes talks in Geneva during the Trusteeship Council session, a parting of the ways between the British and the Americans has come about.

The British continue to hold to the view that it is necessary to have a realistic approach to the problem, and that this involves the consent of Israel and Transjordan in a final settlement. Therefore, the British hold, the first step toward final agreement is obtaining Israel-Jordan agreement. Even the British Catholic hierarchy seems inclined toward this view.

The State Department no longer shares this attitude. Following Department parleys with Catholic spokesmen, chiefly Francis Cardinal Spellman, the latest American position is reported here to be that a tripartite understanding among Israel, Transjordan and the Vatican is a precondition for a Jerusalem settlement.

The Vatican, it is stated here, was prepared to accept the Garreau plan which would have reduced the area of an internationalized Jerusalem, but since Israel and Transjordan have rejected that plan the Vatican has returned to its original position of seeking the complete internationalization of a Jerusalem enclave. The Vatican view is said to be that the U.N. General Assembly is unlikely to completely reverse itself on its decision to have Jerusalem placed under international trusteeship.

MEMBERS OF U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION CONFER WITH SHARETT; BROUGHT NEW PEACE PLAN

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- Members of the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission, who are now in Israel with a new plan for reaching a permanent peace between the Jewish state and the Arab countries, today conferred with Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

The parley took place in "an excellent atmosphere," Claude de Boisanger, French member of the Commission, told the press. However, he refused to disclose the content of the discussion. "It is up to the Israel Government whether to publish or not to publish the contents of the talk," he said. De Boisanger will revisit Mr. Sharett after he has completed his tour of the Arab capitals.

The members of the Commission said they had not heard officially of the Arab embargo decision forbidding its members to negotiate with Israel.

ISRAEL EXPECTS U.S. AID IN PREPARING TO MEET POSSIBLE ARAB AGGRESSION, ELATH SAYS

WASHINGTON, April 6. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Elishu Elath last night revealed to newsmen that in the course of his talk yesterday with Secretary of State Dean Acheson he expressed confidence that the United States will continue to back the Israel Government in its efforts to achieve peace with the Arabs. At the same time, he told Secretary Acheson that Israel is certain that the Government of the United States will render to the Jewish state "friendly assistance" in keeping Israel prepared "to meet a renewed Arab aggression, if it is launched."

The Israel diplomat said that he discussed with the Secretary of State "the impact of the last session of the Arab League on the general situation in the Middle East." He explained to Mr. Acheson that the Arab League, "which proved entirely futile in settling any of the internal Arab problems, and which, in the six years of its existence did not do anything to contribute to the social and economic welfare of the Arab masses," constantly torpedoed every attempt of Israel to reach peace with its Arab neighbors.

"Encouraged by reaching armistice agreements with the Arab states through direct negotiations," Mr. Elath told the newsmen, "Israel has made continuous efforts to follow this method for the achievement of a just and stable peace with the Arab states. This method of direct negotiations was encouraged by countries friendly both to Jews and Arabs who are interested that peace and stability should prevail in the Middle East."

"The Arab League, however, has done everything possible to obstruct and sabotage every attempt in the direction of peace between its individual members and Israel, without making any constructive proposals on its own," he continued. "The intransigence of the Arab League regarding peace with Israel was demonstrated by its bringing into the picture again the notorious former Mufti of Jerusalem, the collaborator of Hitler and Mussolini, who for years did everything possible to destroy the chance of Jewish-Arab understanding and who participated actively in the extermination of the Jews in Europe by Hitler's Hordes during the last war. The Arab League invited the representatives of the Mufti to sit at the meetings of the League and thus demonstrated its support of the Mufti's policies which have only one meaning--renewed war and aggression."

Mr. Elath said that the last Arab League session cannot be separated from the Arab arms race, "which is becoming a threat to peace and security in the entire area." He pointed out that "the bellicose campaign of the Arab leaders, the aggressive tone of the deliberations of the Arab League, the significant role played by the Mufti's representatives in these deliberations, and the supply of arms to the Arab states by the British Government--all these remain of serious concern to my government." He emphasized that the British, who supply arms freely to the Arabs, deny the same rights to Israel, and thus encourage the Arabs in their aggressive tendencies.

"Israel has no desire for aggrandizement or expansion and is striving for a just and stable peace with the Arabs," he stated. "My government feels, however, that its first duty is to protect our state against a new Arab aggression. It is, therefore, making efforts to obtain the defensive arms necessary for the preservation of the security of Israel. We are confident that if the Arabs know that Israel is fully prepared to meet a new aggression if launched against her, they will think twice before starting on a new adventure, remembering their defeat by the Israel Army in the campaign of 1948," he declared.

JEWS PROTEST APPOINTMENT OF ANTI-SEMITE AS GERMAN CONSUL GENERAL TO U.S.

DUSSELDORF, April 6. (JTA) -- The appointment of Dr. Hans Schlange-Schoenigen as first consul general in the United States of the West German Government is being protested by German Jews.

This protest was voiced here today in the current issue of the German Jewish weekly "Allgemeine Wochenzeitung der Juden in Deutschland," which called on the Bonn Government to reconsider the appointment. The publication reveals that Dr. Schlange has made a number of public statements against Jews including one, in 1924, that the Jews were responsible for Germany's defeat in World War I and that the Jews were "criminals against the German people."

Dr. Schlange, meanwhile, has denied that he is an anti-Semite, and maintains that he cannot remember having made the anti-Jewish statements attributed to him. Rumors to the effect that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will reverse himself on the appointment have not been confirmed.

(A cable to the New York Times from Bonn today says that Dr. Schlange's appointment to Washington has been withdrawn, but that he will be sent to London, instead. The reason for the change, the Times report said, was that the Germans felt that for prestige reasons Dr. Schlange should reside in Washington, while the U.S. Government insisted that he stay in New York.)

Dietrich Klage, for 12 years Nazi Governor of Brunswick, today went to jail for life. A German court gave him the life sentence--the highest penalty it can impose--for murdering 15 anti-Nazis, and torturing and persecuting Jews.

ALLIED HIGH COMMISSION DISAPPROVES GERMAN PROVINCIAL LAW ON JEWISH COMMUNITIES

BONN, April 6. (JTA) -- The Allied High Commission for West Germany today disapproved a law of the North Rhine-Westphalian legislature which would have granted to German Jewish communities now in existence the right of succession to all rights and property of former Jewish communities.

The Commission said that by so doing the provincial legislature prejudiced the interests of German Jews who no longer dwell in Germany and who might have a stake in the assets of dissolved communities. It indicated that if the offending passages of the legislation were eliminated the remainder of the law would be approved.

FRENCH MOROCCO AND CSE REACH AGREEMENT ON EXTENSION OF HEALTH PROGRAMS AMONG JEWS

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- The French Moroccan Government and the CSE have concluded an agreement under which the Moroccan Government will pay the Jewish health society a maximum annual subsidy of 8,000,000 francs toward the support of CSE programs in that country, it was announced here today by the American Committee of CSE.

The agreement which was negotiated for the Jewish group by CSE headquarters in Paris, also provides for Morocco to supply large quantities of medical supplies for use among Jews in the country. The CSE conducts its health programs in eight Moroccan cities--Casablanca, Marrakech, Sefrou, Oujda, Fez, Sale, Rabat and Safi. Its programs in Morocco are supported principally by the Joint Distribution Committee.

JEWISH GROUPS IN WASHINGTON HAIL SENATE PASSAGE OF LIBERALIZED DP BILL

WASHINGTON, April 6. (JTA) -- Jewish groups here today expressed satisfaction with the liberalized displaced persons bill which the Senate passed last night by a vote of 58 to 15, after defeating all important attempts to retain provisions of the law which have been criticized as restrictive and discriminatory, or to add new ones.

Jewish leaders believe that the bill, as now passed by the Senate, is the best possible DP legislation under the circumstances. The present DP immigration law was condemned by President Truman as discriminatory to Jews and Catholics. Passage of this liberalized bill last night is considered here a victory for the Truman Administration. It is taken for granted the Senate version of the bill will be accepted without change by the House.

The new measure, named for Senator Harley M. Kilgore, Democrat, of West Virginia, and patterned closely after a bill passed by the House last year, provides these major changes in the existing DP law.

1. Extends the DP program for one year beyond the present expiration date, June 30, and raises the number of displaced persons to be admitted under the program to 344,000, including 20,000 DP orphans. The House bill sets this figure at 339,000.

2. Opens the way for admission of 54,744 additional ethnic Germans expelled from Eastern Europe, but provides they must be cared for outside the DP program.

3. Eliminates the "quota" restrictions under which 40 percent of all displaced persons had to be from Baltic countries and 30 percent farmers. Those provisions gave rise to the charges that the present law discriminated against Jews and Catholics.

4. Advances the cut-off date for determining the eligibility of displaced persons from Dec. 22, 1945, to Jan. 1, 1949. This change would permit many refugees from Eastern European countries to be admitted.

CONVENTION ON MISSING PERSONS SIGNED AT UNITED NATIONS BY TWENTY GOVERNMENTS

LAKE SUCCESS, April 6. (JTA) -- The United Nations conference on Declarations of Death of Missing Persons, a meeting unique in the history of the world organization, ended today by unanimously adopting an international convention on the issuance of death certificates for persons missing as a result of war or persecution. The vote was 20 to 0, with Yugoslavia abstaining.

The convention is of great importance to Jews because of the disappearance and unrecorded death of millions of European Jews and the resultant confusion in family relations and inheritance.

Four of the 20 articles of the convention were authored by the delegate of Israel, Jacob Robinson. Following the vote the delegates signed a letter of transmittal to governments which will accompany the convention, but six representatives emphasized that their signatures carried no commitment in respect to accession to the covenant by their governments.

The instrument is open to accession by all U.N. member states and by all non-member states invited to ratify by the U.N. Economic and Social Council. The convention will come into force 90 days after the second ratification.

JEWS GROUPS PRESENT TO U.N. NEW PLAN FOR DEALING WITH VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

LAKE SUCCESS, April 6. (JTA) -- A new proposal for international appointment of high commissioners to handle petitions on violations of human rights, prepared by the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, was presented today to the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

The plan is described as a compromise in the face of an apparent majority in the Commission for a system of appealing violations by governments only. The Commission is in the process of writing an international covenant on human rights and the question of implementation of this instrument is regarded by most interested groups as the decisive issue.

Under the Council's proposal, the states ratifying the covenant would name "attorneys-general" or high commissioners on a regional basis to bring cases of violations before regional commissioners. The commissioner would be comparable to the attorney-general of a national state. Such a system, it is felt, would eliminate the weaknesses in restricting petitions to governments, and would also avoid misuses or abuses that the big powers fear would result from a system under which individuals or groups could petition a world body directly. The attorney-general would act as clearing house of petitions in addition to presenting them.

COLLEGES IN PENNSYLVANIA ASK DISCRIMINATORY QUESTIONS IN ADMITTING STUDENTS

PHILADELPHIA, April 6. (JTA) -- Only 24 of the 123 colleges, universities and professional schools in Pennsylvania refrain from asking any questions which could lend themselves to discrimination in their application for admission forms, it was established here today.

A study of the application for admission forms used by all the Pennsylvania colleges revealed that the 99 remaining schools ask questions regarding a student's religion, race or nationality, or require the applicant to submit a personal photograph with the application. Thirty-two colleges ask all three types of questions regarding race, religion and nationality--information which could readily give rise to misunderstanding. In addition to other questions, 56 schools require a photograph.

The survey of the application for admission forms used by the Pennsylvania colleges was made by the Committee on Fair Educational Opportunities of the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission. The city-wide committee headed by David Ullman, who is also president of the Jewish Community Relations Council, has led in the fight to eliminate college quotas and discriminatory practices in colleges and professional schools.

Each of the 99 schools in the State asking questions that may lend themselves to discriminatory interpretations, Mr. Ullman declared, is being contacted with a written request that such questions and request for photograph be eliminated from its application for admission form.

ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLICATION IN CALIFORNIA ATTACKS LILIENTHAL AS "ZIONIST AGENT"

LOS ANGELES, April 6. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and David Lilienthal, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, are severely attacked in the current issue of the Intelligence Digest, an anti-Semitic publication which appears in California. Mr. Lilienthal is termed an agent of "the invisible government, the Zionist machine."

AMERICAN-ISRAELI SHIPPING FIRM ACQUIRES FOURTH CARGO VESSEL IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- The acquisition of a fourth ship for Israel in the United States was announced here today by the American-Israeli Shipping Company. Formerly the S.S. Vancouver County, the Canadian Victory ship has been renamed "Akko," the Hebrew name for the city of Acre in Israel.

The S.S. Akko will depart for New York on her maiden voyage April 14. It will operate between various Atlantic ports and Haifa. The cargo vessel also has accommodations for 12 passengers, and will carry a group of Israel merchant marine cadets who will receive practical training aboard her.

AMERICAN ZIONIST GROUPS SPONSOR EIGHT-WEEK STUDY INSTITUTE IN ISRAEL FOR U.S. STUDENTS

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- An eight-week summer institute of "work and study," combining intensive instruction in the social sciences, Israeli affairs and Hebrew with residence and labor in Israel rural settlements, is being offered to U.S. students this summer "in a scheme of cultural reciprocity between the greatest and the youngest democracies in the world."

This was announced today by Professor Goodwin Watson, of Teachers' College, Columbia University, and Professor Benjamin Wolman, of Tel Aviv Teachers' College, now visiting this country, at a joint press conference on the Columbia campus. Co-sponsors of the institute are the Hechalutz Organization of America, Bachad Organization of North America--religious pioneers for Israel--and the American section of the Jewish Agency.

J.D.C. APPOINTS WILLIAM BEIN AS ITS DIRECTOR FOR MOROCCO; FORMERLY SERVED IN POLAND

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- William Bein, who recently returned to the United States after more than four years of service as Joint Distribution Committee director for Poland, has been appointed J.D.C. director for French Morocco, it was announced today by Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the organization.

Mr. Bein returned to this country for consultation after the J.D.C. offices in Poland were closed January 1, 1950, at the request of the Polish Government. Taken on the grounds that Polish Jewry no longer needed assistance from foreign voluntary agencies, the government's step ended nearly 35 years of uninterrupted J.D.C. service in behalf of Polish Jewry.

THOUSANDS ATTEND MEMORIAL MEETING FOR LEON BLUM IN NEW YORK; LABOR LEADERS PAY HOMAGE

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting for Leon Blum, former Premier of France, world famous Socialist leader and friend of the Zionist movement, was held here today. It was attended by thousands of Jewish workers. The meeting was arranged by Jewish labor groups.

Among those who spoke at the meeting were: William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; Philip Murray, president of the C.I.O.; Ambassador Warren Austin, chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations; David Dubinsky, Jacob Potofsky, Abraham Cahen, Alexander Kahn, Adolph Held and other labor leaders.

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