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TRANSJORDAN HOLDS ELECTIONS TODAY; OUTCOME WILL DECIDE FATE OF PEACE TALKS WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA) -- Emergency regulations aiming to prevent disturbances during the general elections in Transjordan were issued today at Amman. The Arab Legion, Transjordan's military force, simultaneously received an order to stand by for any possible emergency tomorrow during the elections, the result of which will be of decisive importance to the peace talks which have been conducted between Israel and Transjordan for some time.

The emergency regulations provide that anyone carrying a dagger, or even a stick, on election day will be sentenced to six months imprisonment and will be fined 500 pounds. It is understood that Pasha el Mufti, the present Transjordan Minister of Interior, who favors direct peace negotiations with Israel, will be appointed Premier after the general elections are over. He enjoys the full confidence of King Abdullah.

U.N. PEACE GROUP LEAVES ISRAEL AFTER TALK WITH WEIZMANN; ARAB PREMIERS URGE IT DISSOLVE

TEL AVIV, April 10, (JTA) -- Claude de Boisanger, head of the Palestine Conciliation Commission who arrived here last week with new proposals for peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab countries, was received yesterday by President Weizmann prior to his leaving for the Arab countries, it was announced here today.

The possibilities of the success of his mission are considered doubtful in the light of the fact that the Premiers of Iraq, Syria and Lebanon issued statements during the week-end recommending that the Conciliation Commission be dissolved. These statements were issued by the Arab statesmen while de Boisanger was still in Israel.

Israel Government circles today revealed that when de Boisanger called upon Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett last week to discuss his new peace plan, he was asked by Mr. Sharett whether he is certain that there is a desire for peace on the part of the Arab countries. To this the head of the Conciliation Commission replied that he would be in a position to give a more complete answer after he returns to Israel from his visit to the Arab capitals.

Semi-official circles here consider significant the fact that while the Premiers of Iraq, Syria and Lebanon rushed into print with statements urging the Commission to return to Lake Success rather than waste its time in this part of the world, no such statements were forthcoming from Egypt and Transjordan. The Arab premiers' statements were seen here as a contradiction of the assertion by a U.N. spokesman several days ago that the Conciliation Commission deadlock arose from the fact that Israel insisted on direct peace negotiations with the Arab states while the latter wanted the mediation of the Commission.

Speaking at a ceremony at the Tel Aviv port where the Henrietta Szold, latest cargo vessel to be added to the Israel merchant marine, docked at an Israel port for the first time, Mr. Sharett today declared that consolidation of the Israel merchant marine constituted the best answer to Arab threats of boycott or other economic sanctions against the Jewish state.

U.S. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAMPERS GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF ISRAEL'S APPLICATION FOR ARMS

WASHINGTON, April 10. (JTA) -- While the State Department has denied published reports that Israel's request for arms has been turned down, informed circles here today expressed the belief that the Defense Department is holding up approval, and that the reports published last week to that effect actually reflect the views held by the Defense Department. According to these reports, the Defense Department questions whether arms can be spared for Israel from allotments for Western European countries.

(A report from Tel Aviv today stated that President Weizmann is considering sending a personal appeal to President Truman to authorize the shipment of arms for defense purposes to Israel in view of the extensive rearming of the Arab states.)

FOREIGN CAPITALISTS INVEST \$20,000,000 IN SIXTY NEW PLANTS IN ISRAEL IN FEW MONTHS

TEL AVIV, April 10. (JTA) -- Some \$20,000,000 worth of foreign capital has been invested in the last few months in 60 large-scale manufacturing establishments in Israel, Gershon Meron, director-general of the Trade Ministry, today told a press conference.

Mr. Meron added that scores of smaller plants have been set up by recently arrived immigrants who brought with them machinery valued at tens of thousands of dollars. He attributed the spurt in investment to the government's recent legislation designed to attract foreign capital.

He also announced the creation of a 16-man board which would serve as an advisory council for a government investment office. Potential investors from abroad will apply to and receive from this office certificates of "approved enterprise" which will entitle them to receive the benefits of the new legislation. The advisory council will consist of the directors-general of the six principal ministries and ten leaders of trade and industry.

U.S. Experts Draw Up Plan for Municipal Water System in Tel Aviv

The construction of a central municipal water system drawing upon the Yarkon River and underground sources according to plans drawn up by American experts will be the main feature of Tel Aviv's \$11,000,000 public works program for the fiscal year of 1950-51, Mayor Israel Rokach announced last night at a press conference here. The Mayor said that this represented a doubling of the public works budget for the year 1949-50.

Other projects to be undertaken or completed this year--as part of a \$112,000,000 five-year expansion program--include: a rail connection between the two railroad stations in the city; a central vegetable market, including underground refrigerator stores, on the Petach Tikvah road; construction of a stadium in northern Tel Aviv; preparatory work on a 175-acre industrial site; increasing the size of the local vocational school; widening of various roads; and, construction of parking areas throughout the city.

ISRAEL TO START STUDY ON EFFECT OF AUSTERITY PROGRAM ON HEALTH OF POPULATION

TEL AVIV, April 10. (JTA) -- A study of the effects of the nationwide austerity program on the health of the population of Israel is about to be undertaken by the Scientific Research Council, the Jewish state's equivalent of the Roper or Gallup polls.

LONDON JEWISH LEADERS EXPRESS ANXIETY OVER BRITISH SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO ARAB STATES

LONDON, April 10. (JTA) -- Concern was expressed today among leading Jews here over the continued shipment of British arms to the Arab states. A resolution adopted by the Israel Committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews emphasized that the "continued supply of arms from Britain and elsewhere to the Arab countries threatens a renewal of an armed attack against Israel."

The Committee presented a request to the Board of Deputies to draw the attention of the British Government "to the alarming implications for the peace of the world inherent in the continued rearmament of the Arab states." The Board was also asked to point out to the government the fact that the Arab states "refuse to enter into peace talks with Israel and continue their propaganda for a second round of war."

A decision to establish an Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce was unanimously adopted here today at a meeting of representatives of industrial, commercial, banking, shipping and insurance firms interested in wider commercial relations between this country and Israel. The meeting was held at the Israel Legation under the chairmanship of M.R. Kidron, charge d'affaires.

A. Shinner, economic counsellor to the legation, told the meeting that the Jewish state would have 20,000,000 pounds available this year for trade in the sterling area, of which 80 percent would be spent for purchases from the United Kingdom.

ISRAEL AND ARAB COUNTRIES SEPARATED AT UNITED NATIONS AGRICULTURAL PARLEY ON CYPRUS

WASHINGTON, April 10. (JTA) -- Another indication that Arab countries refuse to cooperate peacefully with Israel in the Near East was seen today in the announcement by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization of two identical meetings to be held on Cyprus to study soil and water conservation. The Arab states have been invited to one and Israel to the other.

The first meeting will convene April 15 and invitations have been extended to the Governments of Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Yemen, Iran, and Ethiopia. When the first, predominantly Arab, meeting terminates, a second session will begin with Israel invited along with France, Greece, Portugal, Italy, Turkey and Yugoslavia. Israel stressed during the fifth session of the F.A.O. conference in Washington late last year that it desired cooperation with its Arab neighbors in the direction of peace and the goals of the F.A.O.

Explaining the duplication of meetings, Sir Herbert Broadley, Acting Director-General of F.A.O., said: "It was necessary to divide the number of people invited to the Cyprus meeting into two groups. There was no thought of discrimination against any country. It seemed a good plan in view of the problems of different countries."

ISRAEL SUPPLY MINISTER LEAVES FOR U.S.; WILL AID UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN

TEL AVIV, April 10. (JTA) -- Minister of Supply and Rationing Dov Joseph left by air today for the United States to participate in the current drive of the United Jewish Appeal and to confer with U.S. Government officials on the shipment of foodstuffs to Israel. Premier Ben Gurion temporarily assumed Mr. Joseph's post.

Rudolf G. Sonnborn, chairman of the board of directors of the United Palestine Appeal, returned to Jerusalem yesterday after visiting the Negev as a guest of the Israel Army. He later had lunch with Labor Minister Golda Myerson and conferred with Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

JEWES PROTEST PUBLIC SHOWING OF ANTI-SEMITIC FILM AS PART OF TRIAL OF ITS PRODUCER

HAMBURG, April 10. (JTA) -- Jews in the British zone of Germany are protesting the decision of a Hamburg court ordering a public showing of the anti-Semitic film "Jew Sues" as part of the trial of Veit Harlan, the man who produced it for the Nazis.

Norbert Wollheim, chairman of the Jewish Communities of the British zone, today telegraphed Sir Brian Robertson, British military commander in Germany, charging that the court's order violates both the occupation statute and German law and that the showing of the film will constitute a threat to public order, security and morality and will violate legal guarantees of freedom and security of the Jewish communities.

"A public showing of what the Cologne High Court has branded as an anti-Semitic and inciting film would repeat the insult done our community during the Nazi regime, and must arouse fear of disastrous consequences," Mr. Wollheim said, appealing to Sir Brian to give the matter his personal attention. Harlan is being tried on the same charge for the third time. The prosecutor opposed the court's order on the public showing of "Jew Sues."

WASTIKA-PAINTED TIME BOMB DISCOVERED AT ENTRANCE TO MAIN SYNAGOGUE IN ARGENTINE CITY

BUENOS AIRES, April 10. (JTA) -- A time bomb was today discovered planted in the entrance to the main synagogue of Rosario, capital city of Santa Fe Province, it was reported here.

Police immediately dismantled the bomb and launched an investigation. A Nazi wastika and a skull were crudely painted on the outside of the mine. Anti-Semitic agitation was recently resumed in Rosario by the fascist Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista.

U.S. ARMY TRANSFERS ALL RELIEF GROUPS IN AUSTRIA TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT; J.D.C. EXEMPTED

VIENNA, April 10. (JTA) -- The supervision of all American and foreign voluntary relief agencies in Austria, except the Joint Distribution Committee, has been transferred by the U.S. Army to the Austrian Government effective April 1, Army headquarters here has announced.

Harold Trobe, J.D.C. director in Austria, pointed out that his agency will not be affected because it is affiliated with the International Refugee Organization and hence is not in the category of relief groups which will be supervised by the Austrians.

CHIEF RABBI OF RUMANIA ATTACKS BARUCH AND MORGENTHAU; CALLS THEM "JEWISH WARMONGERS"

BUCHAREST, April 10. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Dr. Moses Rosen of Rumania, in a speech delivered here yesterday, severely attacked Bernard Baruch, Henry Morgenthau Jr., and Benjamin Cohen, of the U.S. State Department, as "Jewish warmongers," charging them with "attempting to throw the world into the whirl of a new war."

The Bucharest daily newspaper "Romania Libera" has published a 2,000-word article attacking Israel Premier David Ben Gurion for criticisms of the treatment of Jews in Rumania which he voiced during an exclusive interview with the New York Times last month.

AMERICAN ZIONIST LEADERS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TO ATTEND ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE SESSION

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- Numerous American Zionist leaders left today for Israel to participate in the 12-day session of the Zionist Actions Committee, which opens in Jerusalem on April 19, to discuss the future status of the Jewish Agency and relations between the Israel Government and the Agency.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, head of a subcommittee appointed by the American section of the Jewish Agency to formulate a plan on the future structure of the Agency, today revealed--prior to his leaving for Israel--that his subcommittee will recommend that the Israel Government grant a charter to the Jewish Agency under which the latter could get "exclusive rights to operate in Israel in the fields of immigrant absorption and colonization."

Dr. I. Schwarzbart, one of the leaders of the General Zionist party, revealed prior to his leaving for Israel, that he will submit to the Actions Committee a statement proposing that a charter be granted by the Government of Israel to the entire Jewish Agency or to the World Zionist Organization. "However, I am in favor of a charter to be granted to the Israel branch of the Jewish Agency and to the Israel branch of the World Zionist Organization," he said.

Among those who left for Israel to participate in the Actions session were Judge Morris Rothenberg, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal; Mendel J. Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund; Emanuel Neumann, former president of the Zionist Organization of America; Mrs. Rose Halprin, president of Hadassah, and others.

AMERICAN EXPERT LEAVES ISRAEL; SUPERVISED PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

TEL AVIV, April 10. (JTA) -- John L. Savage, American irrigation expert, left Israel today following a month's visit during which he supervised plans for the development of the country's water resources.

The Israel Government has appropriated approximately \$1,600,000 for the reclamation of orange groves abandoned by Arabs who fled Palestine during the war, the Finance Ministry announced. An additional \$600,000 has been appropriated for the development of irrigation systems for reclaimed groves.

The Agriculture Ministry revealed that since March, 1949, a total of 31,000 dunams (7,750 acres) of 100,000 dunams of abandoned orange groves has been reclaimed. It is expected that an additional 5,000 dunams will be rehabilitated by this summer.

HANGMAN WHO WAS AN "EXPERT" IN BRITISH COLONY SERVES POST OF EXECUTIONER IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA) -- A person wishing to remain anonymous today offered the Israel Government his services as hangman, prepared to carry out executions which so far could not be carried out because nobody had applied for the post of executioner.

The applicant emphasized that he is "an expert," and that he has already executed 87 persons in one of the British colonies. However, his engagement by the Israel Government is doubtful, since the government has promised the Parliament to suspend all executions until the Parliament acts on a law abolishing the death sentence. Five criminals sentenced to death are at present held in Israel's prisons.

LIVING COSTS IN ISRAEL DECLINE OVER 12 PERCENT IN ONE YEAR, I.L.O. ANNOUNCES

WASHINGTON, April 10. (JTA) -- The International Labor Office today announced that living costs have decreased by 12.8 percent in Israel between January, 1949, and January, 1950.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MAP PLANS FOR CELEBRATION OF 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN JEWRY

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Historical Society today announced that plans for the celebration of the 300th anniversary of American Jewry will be mapped at a special meeting of representatives of national Jewish organizations to be held in New York next Tuesday.

The third centennial observance, based on the landing of the first Jews in America, will be inaugurated in September of 1954 and will reach its climax in the spring of 1955, according to Dr. David de Sola Pool, chairman of the Society's 300th anniversary committee.

40 ISRAEL WORKERS ARRIVE IN U.S. TO STUDY AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL METHODS AND "KNOW-HOW"

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- Forty Israel workers arrived here today aboard the S.S. Neptunia from Haifa to start a three-month program of industrial training and study of American production methods. They were selected from among skilled personnel in various Israel industries as part of the Histadrut's program of increasing industrial productivity in the Jewish state.

Arrangements have been made with American factories in a number of cities to enable the visitors to observe closely the latest American technical development. It is anticipated that the visit of these teams of workers will contribute to the industrial efficiency of Israel.

NEARLY \$2,000,000 RECEIVED BY LOS ANGELES JEWISH FUND IN ADVANCE OF REGULAR CAMPAIGN

LOS ANGELES, April 10. (JTA) -- A total of \$1,918,243 has been received by the United Jewish Welfare Fund here from 726 pre-campaign contributors in advance of the official opening of the current drive of the Fund, it was reported by Oscar S. Pattiz, general chairman of the U.J.W.F.

Mr. Pattiz noted that this sum is the largest amount ever raised in the Los Angeles area in any humanitarian cause prior to the launching of a regular campaign. The Los Angeles drive will open officially this week, Mr. Pattiz said, adding that the United Jewish Welfare Fund expects to raise \$11,620,000 in its current effort.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM TO BE HELD IN CINCINNATI

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judaism, announced today that the sixth annual conference of the Council will open in Cincinnati on April 21. The three-day meeting will be attended by 200 delegates from 40 cities throughout the country.

Mr. Rosenwald was the recipient today of tributes by Senators Herbert H. Lehman, Irving M. Ives and Harley M. Kilgore for outstanding services in the leadership of the Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons, the organization which conducted the drive for the liberalized DP legislation passed last week by the Senate.

MEMORIAL MONTH STARTS IN UNITED STATES FOR 6,000,000 JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- Commemoration of the death of 6,000,000 Jews and the destruction of historic Jewish schools in Europe began today with the initiation of a month of study and rededication to Jewish learning and scholarship. An announcement to this effect was made by Senator Herbert H. Lehman, honorary chairman of a special memorial month committee and chairman of the board of overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.