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BRITAIN GRANTS DE JURE RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL; RECOGNIZES ANNEXATION OF ARAB PALESTINE

LONDON, April 27. (JTA) -- Britain today officially accorded de jure recognition to Israel. At the same time, it recognized the annexation by Transjordan of the Arab part of Palestine.

A formal announcement to this effect was made in the House of Commons by Kenneth Younger, Minister of State. He said that Britain's recognition of the annexation of the Arab part of Palestine by Transjordan does not apply to the part of Jerusalem held by the Arab Legion, in view of the fact that the status of Jerusalem has not as yet been settled by the United Nations.

With regard to Britain's recognition of Israel, the Minister of State said that the British Government was unable to recognize the sovereignty of the Jewish state over that part of Jerusalem administered by Israel pending a final determination of the status of the city. Similar reservations, he declared, were made on Israel's boundaries with the Arab states.

The British Minister told Parliament that Britain will not establish military bases in peace time in the parts of Arab Palestine annexed by Transjordan, although the agreement existing between Britain and Transjordan provides for the establishment of such bases in any part of Transjordan.

Emphasizing that the British Government considers for the time being the armistice line as the boundary between Israel and the Arab states, Minister Younger said that while not recognizing the sovereignty of Israel over the Jewish part of Jerusalem, it recognizes the de facto authority of the Israel Government in Jerusalem.

"In announcing these two acts of recognition," the British Minister said, "His Majesty's Government wishes to reaffirm its conviction that the problem of Palestine is capable of solution by peaceful means, given goodwill and understanding on the part of all authorities concerned. It is the earnest hope of His Majesty's Government that the steps it has now taken will help create stability in the areas concerned, and will, therefore, make a contribution to peace in the Middle East as a whole."

Churchill Asks British Government to Bring Weizmann and Abdullah Together

Winston Churchill, welcoming the announcement by the British Minister, told the members of Commons that President Chaim Weizmann of Israel and King Abdullah of Transjordan have always been staunch friends of Great Britain. He urged the British Government to bring these two "eminent men" into closer harmonious contact. He asked whether the British Government is embarking on such a course.

Replying to the question, Mr. Younger said that he was glad to associate himself with Mr. Churchill's remark about Dr. Weizmann and King Abdullah. He revealed that the British Government will attempt to bring the head of the Jewish state and

the ruler of Transjordan into contact. He expressed the hope that the action announced today will help solve the outstanding problems between Israel and the Arab states.

Britain's decisions were communicated today to Israel and Transjordan by her diplomatic representatives in Tel Aviv and Amman. The six other Arab governments who are members of the Arab League were similarly informed today by Britain of its decision to extend de jure recognition to Israel and recognize the annexation by Transjordan of the Arab part of Palestine. The United States, France, and Turkey--as members of the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission--were also informed of the British decision through the British Embassies in those countries.

Israel Satisfied with British Action; Criticizes Sale of Arms to Arabs

TEL AVIV, April 27. (JTA) -- Satisfaction was expressed here today by the Israel Government with the British decision to grant it de jure recognition. The decision was communicated to the Israel Foreign Office by the British Government.

"The attitude of the British Government toward the question of the frontier between Israel and her neighbors appears to be realistic," a spokesman of the Israel Foreign Ministry said. He expressed satisfaction that Britain was leaving the solution of the frontiers problem to the parties concerned.

"With regard to the British attitude on the Jerusalem issue," the Israel official continued, "the stand of the Israel Government is well known and needs no further elaboration. Concerning the annexation by Transjordan of the areas west of the Jordan River, the Israel Government has already declared that it considers the status of these areas an open question.

"The Israel Government," he said, "takes due note of the fact that the British Government does not intend to establish military bases in peace time in the areas west of the Jordan River. It further notes the hope expressed by the British Government that the steps which have now been taken will help to create stability and contribute towards peace in the Middle East.

"The Israel Government cannot but reiterate its concern for the policy pursued by the British Government regarding the supply of arms to the Arab countries which refuse to enter peace negotiations with Israel, while simultaneously imposing an embargo on the supply of arms to Israel. This policy does not help to promote the objective of stability and peace which the Israel Government seeks wholeheartedly," the official of the Israel Foreign Office concluded.

WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION SEEKS EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS FOR WELFARE WORK IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 27. (JTA) -- The demand that the Israel Government grant legal status to the World Zionist Organization and to the Jewish Agency was advanced in a resolution adopted today by the Committee on Basic Problems appointed by the Zionist Actions Committee now in session here. The resolution will be submitted to the plenary session of the Actions Committee for a vote tomorrow.

The resolution also requests that the World Zionist Organization be considered by the Israel Government as the only representative of world Jewry vis-a-vis Israel. Any other foreign Jewish organization conducting welfare or philanthropic work in Israel should discharge its duties with the approval of the World Zionist Organization.

The resolution also recommends that the Actions Committee agree to the establishment of a development authority to plan, direct and execute functions concerning immigration of Jews to Israel and their absorption into the Jewish state. This new body should be composed of representatives of the government and the Agency on an equal basis. The committee appointed a subcommittee to bring to the next World Zionist Congress recommendations with regard to the future of the Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod.

PRESIDENT OF U.N. TRUSTEESHIP BODY FAILS TO ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; VISIT BELIEVED CANCELLED

TEL AVIV, April 27. (JTA) -- Roger Garreau, president of the U.N. Trusteeship Council who was expected to arrive here today from Rome by air, was not among the passengers who landed at Lydda on an Italian plane. Unconfirmed rumors said that he had flown instead to Lake Success to resign from the presidency of the Trusteeship Council, in view of the fact that the plan to place Jerusalem under U.N. trusteeship is now considered doomed.

Diplomatic circles here believe that M. Garreau has realized that the plan to internationalize Jerusalem cannot be implemented now that the Soviet Government has reversed its policy with regard to the status of the city and because the Old City of Jerusalem has been annexed by Transjordan together with other areas of Arab Palestine.

ISRAEL-TRANSJORDAN ARMISTICE GROUP AGREES ON MEASURES TO HALT FRONTIER "INCIDENTS"

JERUSALEM, April 27. (JTA) -- The mixed Israel-Transjordan armistice commission decided today to take drastic steps to prevent the recurrence of serious frontier incidents, such as those that occurred during the week-end.

Commanders on both the Israel and Transjordan sides of the frontier--from Tiberias to Eilat--met today for the second successive day to review the incident that took place at Beit Bjrin several days ago, in which several Jews were killed, as well as border incidents in general. A subcommittee was named to expedite the commission's decisions.

JEWISH AGENCY NEEDS ADDITIONAL \$14,000,000 TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS FOR CURRENT YEAR

JERUSALEM, April 27. (JTA) -- An additional \$14,000,000 will be required by the Jewish Agency to carry out its immigration and colonization plans for the fiscal year in Israel, it was reported today by Levy Eshkol, treasurer of the Agency.

Addressing the finance committee of the Zionist Actions Committee--supreme body between sessions of the World Zionist Congress--Mr. Eshkol said that more than \$80,000,000 will be spent this year for colonization in Israel instead of the \$47,000,000 allocated in the budget. He also reported that the Israel Government turned over to the Jewish Agency 15,000 housing units in new agricultural settlements.

Premier David Ben Gurion today conferred with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, on the question of relations between the Israel Government and the Agency. A joint meeting of members of the Israel Cabinet and the Jewish Agency executive will take place within a few days to discuss acute immigration problems, including the transfer of Jews from Iraq to Israel.

CONFLICT WITHIN HISTADRUT DEVELOPS OVER RESTRICTIONS ON MAY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS

TEL AVIV, April 27. (JTA) -- A serious conflict in connection with the May Day celebrations in Israel threatens to divide members of the Histadrut--the Israel Federation of Labor--following a decision adopted today by the Tel Aviv Workers Council prohibiting the holding of a separate Mapam (left-wing) demonstration and barring the display of all portraits.

The latter prohibition was directed against the Communist Party, which traditionally carries banners displaying Soviet Premier Josef Stalin's portrait. The Mapam, although rejecting a proposal for a joint demonstration with the Communists, will protest the Workers Council's decision.

40,000 IRAQI JEWS REGISTER FOR IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL; PLANS FOR TRANSFER DISCUSSED

JERUSALEM, April 27. (JTA) -- Forty thousand Iraqi Jews have already registered for immigration to Israel, it was revealed here today. The Jewish Agency has initiated discussions with the Israel Government on the ways and means of effecting the immediate transfer to the Jewish state of those who have already registered.

The first group of 220 Hungarian Jews allowed to migrate to Israel landed in Haifa last night. They form the initial contingent of some 3,000 Hungarian Jews granted permission by the Budapest government to proceed to the Jewish state.

DIFFICULTIES IN ABSORBING NO. AFRICAN JEWS IN ISRAEL NOW OVERCOME, LEADER REPORTS

PARIS, April 27. (JTA) -- The difficulties encountered in absorbing thousands of North African Jewish immigrants into the economic and social life of Israel--which were emphasized at the European Zionist Conference here--have now been completely overcome, M. Ranares, president of the Jewish National Fund in Tunis, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today following his return from a five-week visit to Israel.

He revealed that food served in immigrant reception camps where the majority of the newcomers originate from Oriental countries is now being prepared in the Oriental fashion, whereas previously the immigrants were served European dishes with which they were not familiar. Unemployment among the North African Jews in Israel, which reached a high proportion last year, is now almost non-existent, he added.

ISRAEL ASKS GREECE TO REPLACE SPITFIRE USED BY GREEK AIR FORCE AGAINST GUERRILLAS

ATHENS, April 27. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has requested the Greek Government to replace an Israel Spitfire which was destroyed when it was used by the Greek Air Force against Communist guerrillas in Greece, it was reported today.

The plane was one of two Israel craft which made a forced landing on the island of Rhodes during the Arab-Israel hostilities in 1948. Both planes were impounded by Greek authorities. Captain Bezael Goren, of the Israel Air Force, arrived here last week to fly back to the Jewish state the second Spitfire, which the Greek Government has released to the Tel Aviv regime.

MAYOR ORDERS EVACUATION OF 1,700 PERSONS FROM CONDEMNED BUILDINGS IN JAFFA

TEL AVIV, April 27. (JTA) -- The Israel Government and the Tel Aviv municipality have announced the appointment of a joint inquiry commission to establish the cause of the collapse of an apartment house building in Jaffa ten days ago, in which 19 persons lost their lives.

Meanwhile, Tel Aviv Mayor Israel Rokach has called for the evacuation of some 1,700 persons from 300 buildings in Jaffa which, he said, were unsafe and beyond repair. Otherwise, Mr. Rokach warned, another major disaster may occur.

ISRAEL HEALTH OFFICIALS SUCCEEDED IN CHECKING SPREAD OF POLIO; 36TH CASE REPORTED

TEL AVIV, April 27. (JTA) -- Dr. A. Meyer, director-general of the Israel Health Ministry, reported today that health officials have succeeded in checking and preventing the spread of contagious diseases--including poliomyelitis--in the Jewish state. Meanwhile, the 36th case of polio in the Samaria area was reported here, but health officials explained that this does not indicate the existence of an infantile paralysis epidemic.

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U.S. HIGH COMMISSIONER WARNS AGAINST INCREASED ACTIVITY OF GERMAN NATIONALIST GROUPS

WASHINGTON, April 27. (JTA) -- John J. McCloy, U.S. High Commissioner for Germany, today reported to the State Department that "nationalist groups" in Germany have become more active. He pointed out that while this posed no immediate threat it was a force "which must be reckoned with increasingly."

TEN-YEAR JAIL TERM IMPOSED ON FRENCHMAN CONNECTED WITH WARTIME MASSACRE OF 71 JEWS

LYONS, France, April 27. (JTA) -- Ernst Basedow was sentenced today to ten years imprisonment on charges of being connected with the 1943 murder of 27 men, 35 women and nine children--all Jews--in a village near Bourges. The prosecutor had demanded the death penalty.

The Jews had been murdered as reprisal for the execution by the underground of Philippe Henriot, who collaborated with the Nazis. The bodies of the 71 murdered Jews were thrown into a well and covered with quicklime. Some of the victims of the massacre were said to have been alive when they were thrown into the well.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE HOLDS WEEK-END SESSION TO DISCUSS VITAL ISSUES

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- Vital issues concerning Jewish life in the United States, the relationship of American Jews to Israel and growing anti-Semitism in Germany will be discussed at a two-day meeting of the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee which will be held during the week-end at the Hotel Biltmore.

Jacob Blaustein, president of the A.J.C., will deliver the keynote address on the future of the American Jewish community and its relationship to Israel, at the opening dinner session on Saturday evening. Irving Engel, chairman of the executive committee, will report on the present status of displaced persons legislation. Recent developments in Germany will be presented to the session by Arthur L. Mayer, formerly special adviser to General Lucius Clay in Germany. Herbert B. Ehrmann of Boston, chairman of the administrative committee, will lead the discussion on civil liberties, together with Samuel R. Feller, chairman of the domestic affairs committee.

The appointment of Isador Lubin, former U.S. Commissioner of Labor Statistics, as chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the A.J.C., was announced today by Mr. Blaustein. Mr. Lubin succeeds Federal Judge Phillip Forman of Trenton, who served as chairman of the committee since 1946.

CHICAGO RAISES \$3,000,000 AT DINNER LAUNCHING COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN

CHICAGO, April 27. (JTA) -- More than \$3,077,000--the largest sum ever raised at a single meeting in Chicago--was raised last night at the "kick-off" dinner of Chicago's Combined Jewish Appeal, Reuben L. Freeman, campaign general chairman announced today.

The meeting, attended by 450 leading Jewish business and professional men, heard a stirring appeal by movie actor Edward G. Robinson, who has just returned from Israel. Mr. Robinson spoke of Israel's phenomenal achievements and called the Jewish state "a land of hope and hardship."

"The greatness of Israel," he declared, "lies in something beyond its independence. It is in brotherhood--not the brotherhood of an embattled people--but one of a people who despite all obstacles stretch out their hands of aid even to their foes. The people live in an uneasy truce. There is hunger and privation, but they have chosen by an act of collective will to double their obligations to their brethren."

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION NAMED ISRAEL DISTRIBUTOR OF GENERAL ELECTRIC PRODUCTS

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- Julius Simon, president of the Palestine Economic Corporation, and Earl C. Givens, vice-president of the International General Electric Company, announced today that the two bodies have concluded an agreement making the P.E.C. distributor of General Electric products in Israel.

Mr. Simon stated that the P.E.C. "contemplates the establishment of a sales and engineering service to advise Israel industrialists of the General Electric products most suited to their particular needs as well as to service the products sold." The P.E.C. and General Electric, he added, plan to study the possibility of establishing plants in Israel for the assembly or manufacture of a limited number of G.E. products in Israel.

URUGUAYAN DRIVE FOR ISRAEL TO BE LAUNCHED BY JOSEPH SPRINZAK, SPEAKER OF KNESSET

MONTEVIDEO, April 27. (JTA) -- Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Israel Parliament, will come here to launch the 1950 campaign of the United Israel Appeal in the latter half of May, it was announced today. The Israel leader will also launch the fund-raising drive for Israel in Argentina.

The opening of the new building housing the Shalom Aleichem school here--erected at a cost of \$200,000--was marked by the local Jewish community at impressive dedication ceremonies. Government and municipal officials, as well as leaders of the Jewish community in this city, participated in the exercises. The school, offering courses in Hebrew and Yiddish, can now accommodate 600 students.

CONFLICT WITHIN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF ARGENTINA WIDENS; RESIGNATIONS CRITICIZED

BUENOS AIRES, April 27. (JTA) -- The internal conflict within the ranks of the Zionist Federation of Argentina became more complicated today following the release of a statement by Dr. Francisco Belfer, new president of the organization, rejecting the charges voiced against him and his followers by Dr. Mateo Goldstein who resigned from the presidency of the Federation, along with three other members of the group's executive.

The statement issued by the new president says that Dr. Goldstein and his followers were a minority group within the executive and were, therefore, obliged to submit to the will of the majority. The Yiddische Zeitung, leading Jewish daily newspaper here, published an editorial declaring that instead of resigning, Dr. Goldstein should have remained at his post and have fought his opponents.

NEW ISRAEL ENTERPRISE GETS FIRST \$40,000 ORDER FROM U.S. FOR HANDICRAFT ARTICLES

JERUSALEM, April 27. (JTA) -- The newly-founded "Mir" company--set up with government aid--today received its first American order for a variety of locally-produced handicraft objects. The order is valued at \$40,000.

GOVERNOR WILLIAMS OF MICHIGAN PROCLAIMS SUNDAY AS "ISRAEL DAY" THROUGHOUT STATE

DETROIT, April 27. (JTA) -- Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan and Mayor Albert E. Cobo of Detroit have proclaimed Sunday, April 30, as Israel Day throughout the city and state, in honor of the second anniversary of the new Jewish state. Gov. Williams will participate in the celebration arranged by the local Zionist Council and the Jewish Community Council.