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U.N. CONCILIATION BODY MEMBERS GATHER IN GENEVA TO RESUME ARAB-JEWISH PEACE TALKS

GENEVA, May 4. (JTA) -- The members of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission and the various Arab delegations have gathered here to resume mediation efforts for an Arab-Israel peace. However, neither an Israel delegation nor Israel's reply to the Commission's latest proposals for bringing the two sides together has arrived here yet.

Commission sources have expressed the hope that Israel's reply, which has been in the drafting stage for a month and which is reported nearing completion, will be more positive than the Arab document. The Arab reply is authoritatively reported to be hedged with impossible conditions. However, the Commission is represented as believing that the Arabs are more amenable to peace negotiations than recent public statements from that camp seem to reveal.

The Commission also believes that Israel is over-optimistic in planning on reaching an agreement with the Arabs without the Commission. It is pointed out that the United States is not prepared to exert pressure on the Arabs except through the Commission itself. In addition, Commission sources point to the results of the recent tour of the Near East by Claude de Boissanger, French chairman of the three-nation body, as evidence that Israel will have some hard bargaining to do before peace is achieved because the Arabs do not wish to appear as suing for peace.

ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES COLLABORATION WITH JEWISH AGENCY; APPOINTS NEGOTIATORS

JERUSALEM, May 4. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today discussed the question of collaboration with the Jewish Agency in the light of a resolution adopted last week by the Zionist Actions Committee requesting a legal status for the Agency in Israel.

The Cabinet appointed a committee to negotiate with the Agency executive. It also appointed a committee to draft a citizenship bill for presentation to the Parliament. Minister of Justice Pinhas Rosen reported that he intends to introduce in Parliament a bill providing for the abolition of the death penalty.

EBAN MAY BE NAMED ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON; ELATH TO BE ENVOY IN LONDON

LONDON, May 4. (JTA) -- A report that Aubrey Eban, Israel's permanent representative at the United Nations, is likely to be nominated to the post of Israel Ambassador to Washington was published here today. The report is attributed to "usually reliable sources" in Tel Aviv.

Eliahu Elath, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, will probably be transferred to London as successor to the late Dr. Mordecai Eliash, the report said. The Israel legation here refused to comment on the report, while the British Foreign Office said that "a name has been submitted for agreement, but according to diplomatic usage no announcement can be made prior to the completion of formalities and approval by the King."

(In Washington, Ambassador Elath refused to comment on the report. Mr. Eban, who was not in New York today, could not be reached for comment.)

WEIZMANN PERMITTED TO TAKE SHORT WALKS IN HIS GARDEN; RECOVERED FROM THREE-DAY ILLNESS

TEL AVIV, May 4. (JTA) -- President Chaim Weizmann was permitted today by his doctors to take short walks in his garden. The President, who was indisposed for the last three days, was reported as fully recovered. His temperature was said to be normal.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT APPROVES GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON TRANSJORDAN'S ANNEXATION MOVE

JERUSALEM, May 4. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament last night approved the government's policy on Transjordan's annexation of the Arab part of Palestine by a vote of 53 to zero, with many members abstaining. All opposing party motions on the question were defeated.

Replying to left and right-wing criticisms of the government's lack of action in relation to King Abdullah's move, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett declared that the annexation remained an "open question" as far as Israel was concerned. He also declared that the Jewish state would remain on guard because of the British attitude toward the incorporation of Palestine territory into Transjordan.

Pointing out that Israel is prepared to arrive at a peace settlement with any of the Arab states, he cautioned that peace with Transjordan is "still an unhatched egg." Although Israel desires to break the Arab blockade surrounding it, it will not do so at any price, he stated. But the Jewish state is prepared to go to war again if the blockade is converted into open attacks, he said. He also expressed the opinion that no regime west of the Jordan River can "consider itself secure" without Israel's "consent and cooperation."

Before the debate ended, Nathan Friedman-Yellin, former Sternist commander and now head of the Fighters Party, called on the government to reopen the war on Transjordan. Insisting that the government should have warned Transjordan that annexation would be considered a hostile act, the one-time underground leader demanded that the Premier issue orders to the Army Chief of Staff to "complete the war of liberation."

Arab States May Follow Transjordan in Peace Talks With Israel, Cairo Reports

LONDON, May 4. (JTA) -- The Arab League may accept Transjordan's annexation of the Arab part of Palestine, according to a report from Cairo published in the London press today. The report says that Arab states, other than Transjordan, may even now be considering peace with Israel.

"The question of peace between the Arabs and Israel will be raised at the meeting of the political committee of the Arab League, for it appears that the solution of this problem can no longer be delayed," the report said, quoting informed Arab circles in Cairo. The meeting of the Political Committee is scheduled to take place on May 10.

The Beirut radio today reported that King Abdullah yesterday declared that the Arab states' opposition to a peace settlement with Israel is contrary to the interests of the Arab refugees. The broadcast also quoted the Cairo daily newspaper Alzman as having said that the League is prepared to accept Transjordan's annexation move on condition that this is only a temporary measure which will remain valid only until a final solution of the Palestine problem is achieved.

51 CONGRESSMEN SUBMIT PETITION TO SECRETARY OF STATE ON SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO ARABS

WASHINGTON, May 4. (JTA) -- A bi-partisan group of 51 members of the House today submitted a petition to Secretary of State Dean Acheson to intercede with the British Government to halt the shipping of arms to Arab countries. The signatories included House Majority Leader John McCormack.

The Congressmen expressed the hope that the Secretary of State will take up the arms issue with British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin when he confers with him later this month in London. Mr. Acheson was urged to ask Sec. Bevin to discontinue shipping arms to the Arab countries until they sign a peace pact with Israel.

Mr. Acheson was asked to determine: to what extent is Great Britain actually shipping arms under treaty arrangements to Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, or other Arab states; how such shipments have been paid for; what supervision is being maintained over the disposition and use of such armament and whether supplying of such arms is either directly or indirectly facilitated by the settlement of Great Britain's lend-lease account, by the mutual defense assistance program, or by E.C.A. aid?

CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES DETAIN U.S. SHIPS SOLD TO EGYPT; RECEIVED NO ORDERS FROM STATE DEPT.

BALTIMORE, May 4. (JTA) -- Customs authorities here today denied that they had been ordered by the State Department to inspect two speedy U.S. Navy frigates sold to Egypt in order to establish whether those ships were "demilitarized." The statement that such inspection had been ordered was made by the State Department following complaints by reporters that all gun mounts and ammunition bins were still intact on both ships, while crews were already aboard prepared to sail for Egypt.

The customs authorities emphasized that the ships had been cleared by the Navy and were eligible to sail today. However, in view of the various reports concerning their "demilitarization" they will not be permitted to leave for the time being, although no specific request to this effect has been received from the State Department.

A group of 40 seamen of the Egyptian Navy has arrived in Baltimore to man the vessels. The frigates--a Navy designation for a ship similar in size and purpose to a destroyer escort--were built in 1944 for the U.S. Navy and saw service during the war. Each was equipped with three-inch guns, 40 millimetre anti-aircraft batteries and depth charges.

In Washington, the State Department said this afternoon that it has "satisfactory assurances" that the two frigates will be used by Egypt "for commercial purposes only." Spokesmen for the Department said that the Navy has reported that the vessels have been "demilitarized by Navy standards."

"The State Department is taking steps to ascertain, however, whether there is material aboard which can be classified as arms, ammunition, or implements of war from the standpoint of export control. If the Department determines that these vessels are still demilitarized, they will be released," the State Department announcement said.

MEMBERS OF ISRAEL LEGATION IN LONDON PRESENTED TO KING GEORGE AND QUEEN ELIZABETH

LONDON, May 4. (JTA) -- Members of the Israel Legation here were presented to King George and Queen Elizabeth at a presentation party at Buckingham Palace this afternoon. The arrangements for the affair, at which the staffs of several legations were presented to the British rulers, were made several months ago and there was no connection between the party and Britain's recent de jure recognition of Israel.

J.T.A. CORRESPONDENT IN RUMANIA OUSTED FROM JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION AS "AMERICAN SPY"

WASHINGTON, May 4. (JTA) -- The State Department was advised today from Bucharest that Marcel Poino, correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Bucharest, and Leonard Kirschner, representative of the Associated Press there, have been expelled from the Foreign Correspondents Association in Rumania, because of their alleged "subversive activity as Anglo-American spies." Both correspondents have been under arrest since last week.

The Association is composed mostly of pro-Soviet journalists and Rumanian citizens working as correspondents for foreign publications. The resolution to expel Mr. Poino and Mr. Kirschner from the Association was supported by 17 members, with the only contrary vote being cast by the correspondent of France Presse, a French news agency, the State Department report said.

BRITISH POLICE ALERTED TO HALT ANY ATTEMPT BY MOSLEYITES TO HOLD PARADE IN LONDON

LONDON, May 4. (JTA) -- James Chuter Ede, Home Secretary, today announced in Commons that police measures have been taken to prevent Sir Oswald Mosley and his fascist Union Movement from holding a parade through the East End of London this Sunday.

Originally, Mosley announced that he would lead such a parade this Sunday, a week after a ban on political processions in London was scheduled to be lifted. However, the ban was extended until July 2, and Mosley announced that he would not march but would address an open air meeting of his party in the heart of the district, which is heavily populated with Jews.

STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY ON GERMANY CRITICIZED BY AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- "The near-sighted and intransigent campaign of the State Department and elements in the U.S. High Commissioner's Office for Germany to thwart any responsible and objective review of occupation policy in the Western zone of Germany," was scored here today by Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the American Jewish Congress, following a meeting here of the Congress' national executive committee.

Rabbi Miller labeled as the "height of official nonsense" the statement of an official in High Commissioner McCloy's office who defended the return of former Nazis to civil service jobs on the grounds "that it is better to have these many thousands of white collar people working under supervision than to allow them to become a disgruntled free-lance class." By the same logic, Rabbi Miller asserted, all the subversive elements in America should be rounded up and enrolled in the civil service of this country.

In another resolution, the A.J.C. executive committee expressed its growing concern over the delay of action by the U.S. Government on Israel's request for permission to purchase arms in this country. "The Secretary of State has again reiterated that Israel's request has not been rejected and still is under consideration," said the resolution. "However, Israel's request has been 'under consideration' for three months while the Arab States have been and are continuing to be systematically armed by Britain," the resolution charged.

U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION POSTPONES ACTION ON PROBLEM OF MINORITY RIGHTS

LAKE SUCCESS, May 4. (JTA) -- The U.N. Human Rights Commission today decided to postpone consideration until its next session of a Secretariat legal opinion that the multilateral system of minority rights established after World War I has ceased to exist.

FORMER DP IMMIGRANTS MAKING "GOOD AMERICANS," I.R.O. OFFICIAL REPORTS AFTER SURVEY

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- Most displaced persons who entered this country as immigrants are "making good Americans," Ruth Safran, public relations officer of the American office of the International Refugee Organization, declared here today following a 60-day tour of 22 states. Some 5,000 former DP's were covered in the survey.

Miss Safran reported that 65 percent of all adult ex-DP's were wage earners and that 80 percent of all over 21 years of age have already applied for U.S. citizenship, while the remainder are awaiting the arrival of documents needed for filing an application. Miss Safran also said that only five percent of all persons who sponsored the immigrants have failed to make good on their agreements to provide jobs and housing for the DP's.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD HOLDS CONVENTION IN CINCINNATI; TRUMAN LAUDS FRANK WEIL'S SERVICES

CINCINNATI, May 4. (JTA) -- President Truman in a message to the three-day convention of the Jewish National Welfare Board, which takes place here this week-end, today lauded the role which Frank L. Weil, president of the J.W.B., has played in Jewish communal life during the last ten years.

"You have richly earned the thanks not only of your co-religionists but of your country generally for a decade of constructive leadership and accomplishment," President Truman said in his message. Mr. Weil is retiring as president of the National Jewish Welfare Board after ten consecutive years of service. A testimonial dinner will be tendered to him on Sunday, during the convention.

The 500 delegates attending the convention will discuss plans for expanding and intensifying relationships among Jewish community centers, synagogues, and Jewish schools. The convention will also formulate a public affairs program to guide Jewish centers in their work.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH EDUCATION INTENSIFIES SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- Two specific steps to intensify educational services rendered to local communities by the American Association for Jewish Education were announced today by Michael A. Stavitsky, president of the Association. They are: the formation of a Commission on Bureaus of Jewish Education, which will correlate the activities of the 39 central community educational agencies; and the reorganization of the Committee on In-service Training and Placement of Educational Personnel.

The Commission, composed of the heads of local and regional community agencies for Jewish education, will provide a medium through which these agencies may exchange experiences on a national basis, seeking answers to common problems and planning co-operative efforts in research, personnel training and elevating educational standards.

The Committee on In-service Training and Placement of Educational Personnel, organized in cooperation with the National Council of Jewish Education, the fellowship of professional Jewish educators, will attempt to stimulate in-service training of educators in supervisory and administrative positions and establish uniform standards for placement on various educational levels.

LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRING TO EXPORT ARMS TO ISRAEL

LOS ANGELES, May 4. (JTA) -- A number of men were charged here today in a new indictment with conspiring to export arms and ammunition to Israel, through Mexico, in 1948 without a license from the U.S. Government. Those charged include Herman Greenspun, Lawrence Ives, Al Ellis, Nat Ranter, Lawrence Rosenblum and Henry Bellows.

JEWISH COMMUNITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, MAPS PLANS FOR 200TH ANNIVERSARY

CHARLESTON, S.C., May 4. (JTA) -- Extensive plans are being formulated for a series of celebrations this fall to mark the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish community of Charleston, it was reported today by Dr. Allan Tarshish, rabbi of Temple Beth Elohim here.

Although there were Jews living in Charleston as early as 1695, the establishment of the community here dates to the inauguration of Congregation Beth Elohim, which was formally organized in 1750. Prior to that year, Jews in Charleston worshipped in private homes.

Congregation Beth Elohim counted among its members Moses Lindo who, before the Revolutionary War, developed the fabulous Carolina indigo trade, and Joseph Levy, who fought as a lieutenant against the Indians in the Cherokee War of 1760. Another of the synagogue's first members was Francis Salvador, probably the first Jewish officer in America to cast his lot with the Revolutionary cause, who was elected a deputy to the Provincial Congress of South Carolina. Salvador lost his life during the Revolutionary War.

Charleston's Jewish population today numbers 2,000. There are four synagogues in the city, two of them are Orthodox, one Reform and one Conservative.

JEWISH BOYS ATTACKED AT DETROIT HIGH SCHOOL GAMES; POLICE PROMISE GREATER PROTECTION

DETROIT, May 4. (JTA) -- Increased police protection at schools and other public sites of high school athletic events was promised by Police Commissioner George Boos, as a result of an outbreak of fights and beatings following high school basketball games in which a number of Jewish boys were victims.

The Police Commissioner made his pledge to Louis Rosenzweig and B.M. Joffe of the Detroit Jewish Community Council, Mrs. Eli Fried of the Better Schools Association, and William Bell of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who met with him in an effort to end the recent post-game incidents.

PHILADELPHIA TEEN-AGERS ASSAULT JEWISH GIRLS; RINGLEADER IS COMMITTED TO REFORMATORY

PHILADELPHIA, May 4. (JTA) -- A group of eight Philadelphia teen-agers--four boys and four girls--were convicted of charges of hooliganism against a group of Jewish girls. The ringleader of the hoodlums, aged 16, was sentenced to a term in the reformatory while a 15-year-old member of the gang was placed on probation. The assaults on the Jewish girls took place in the south Philadelphia section of the city, which is heavily populated by Jews.

JEWISH YOUTHS IN PHILADELPHIA COLLECT 2,500 PIECES OF ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT FOR ISRAEL

PHILADELPHIA, May 4. (JTA) -- Over 2,500 pieces of athletic equipment and bicycles were collected for Israel in a city-wide drive conducted by the B'nai B'rith youth organization of this city. The shipment will be arranged through Materials for Israel.

LEONARD BERNSTEIN GIVES FIRST PERFORMANCE OF HIS NEW MUSICAL COMPOSITION IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 4. (JTA) -- Leonard Bernstein, the young American composer and conductor, last night conducted the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in the first performance of his work "The Age of Anxiety." The performance was greeted enthusiastically by the audience.

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