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ISRAEL FIGHTERS FORCE DOWN LARGE BRITISH PLANE THAT FLEW OVER JEWISH STATE'S AREA

TEL AVIV, May 17. (JTA) -- Israel fighters today forced down an R.A.F. coastal command Sunderland flying boat which flew over Israel territory near Tiberias.

After the British craft refused to obey landing orders, Israeli fighters fired warning bursts at the plane which then landed in the harbor of Tel Aviv. The craft was en route from Bahrein, on the Persian Gulf, to Egypt, according to one report. The eight-member crew was taken ashore in Israel naval launches for interrogation. The plane was later allowed to leave for its destination.

PEACE IN NEAR EAST DEPENDS ON BIG POWERS BACKING DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS, EBAN SAYS

LAKE SUCCESS, May 17. (JTA) -- "The prospects of peace in the Near East depend on the degree to which the principal powers in the United Nations use their influence in favor of direct and unfettered peace negotiations and enable Israel to develop its defenses in proportion to the threat created by Arab rearmament."

This statement was made today by Aubrey S. Eban, Israel's permanent delegate to the United Nations, at a luncheon tendered by the United Nations Correspondents Association at which he reviewed various aspects of Israel's position regarding peace with the Arabs and the role played by those powers in the U.N. which are supplying arms to the Arabs.

Pointing out that "for nearly two years the majority of the Arab states have been busily occupied in evading any process of real negotiation or contact with Israel," Mr. Eban declared: "Certain Arab states not only refuse to make peace themselves; they also pounce indignantly on any of their neighbors which may show a tendency to reach a peace settlement. Resolute peacelessness still remains the dominant tendency in the Arab League, as its current proceedings show."

"By complex and obscure maneuvers around the Conciliation Commission these states seek to conceal a simple and unvarnished truth: Israel is bent on the establishment of peace and stability throughout the Middle East. The Arab states, for the most part, are bent on preventing that result."

It is against this background that the "question of arms supplies becomes especially acute and disquieting," Mr. Eban said. "There is nothing complicated about this question. The Arab states, which but recently sought to destroy Israel are re-arming lavishly with weapons denied to Israel. Israel which is willing to negotiate a peace settlement is denied arms which are made plentifully available to the Arab states which refuse a peace settlement."

"Thus, the military balance in the Near East threatens to become distorted in favor of the very elements which oppose peace and conciliation. It is no answer to say that these states have no intention of renewing their onslaught. Opportunities will breed intentions. You cannot create a sense of Arab military superiority and seriously hope for stability and peace. The Powers most intimately concerned with the maintenance of stability in the Near East will be destroying that stability with their own hands so long as they persist in concerting this extraordinary policy of one-sided rearmament," he stated.

KNESSET APPROVES FORMATION OF SUPREME DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOLLOWING SHARP DEBATE

JERUSALEM, May 17. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament overwhelmingly approved the joint government-Jewish Agency Supreme Development Authority in the field of immigration and absorption following a long and stormy debate last night.

In the course of the debate the agreement was criticized by the left-wing Socialist opposition, Mapam, and rejected by both the parties of the far left and far right--the Communists and the Herut. Both the Communists and the Herut saw in the establishment of the joint authority a threat to Israel's sovereignty. The Communists attacked it as the "intervention of certain Jewish circles represented by (Henry) Morgenthau," while the rightists declared that the Agency no longer represents the Jewish nation and the government must arrange immigration and absorption matters through the passage of laws by the Knesset.

The Mapam deputies, while they welcomed the agreement, expressed fear that it would "subdue" and subordinate the Zionist movement, restrict its activities, "its prerogatives and its vision." Representatives of various small parties asked for representation on the coordinating board.

Premier David Ben Gurion, who took a leading part in the debate, criticized the Mapam for approving the agreement through its representative in the Agency and attacking the same agreement in Parliament. He hailed the establishment of the authority as a means of strengthening the demand of the Jewish state and world Jewry for greater sacrifices in behalf of immigration.

"If the Jewish nation will not fulfill its share, we will increase our own burden, spare no effort or sacrifice, increase taxation to the utmost, but continue to gather in, to build and to develop the state," he said. The Premier climaxed his address by stating: "We have not saved the Zionist movement, but the movement has saved us by contributing what no one ever dreamt it would be able to contribute."

He explained that the agreement was temporary because the Agency could not bind the World Zionist Congress, but expressed confidence that the Congress would ratify the set-up. Throughout the debate, the members of the Jewish Agency executive sat in the gallery listening attentively.

AMBASSADOR ELATH BIDS FAREWELL TO TRUMAN BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON; LAUDS PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, May 17. (JTA) -- President Truman today bid Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath farewell at the White House and presented the Ambassador with a photograph inscribed, "with kindest regards and best wishes."

Mr. Elath told White House newsmen, when he emerged from the President's office, that he thanked Mr. Truman for contributions to Israel. The Ambassador told the President that, as one who has been here five years (he was with the Jewish Agency before the establishment of Israel) he had many opportunities to "learn how much the President contributed personally to Israel's cause." He added: "The President certainly has a great share in making Israel possible."

Mr. Elath also thanked the President for the hospitality of the American people. He said that the purpose of this last visit to the White House was to say goodbye and "to thank the President for everything he has done for Israel." The Ambassador and Mrs. Elath will leave Washington May 26 and on June 5 will fly from New York to Israel. After a brief visit in Israel they will proceed to London where Mr. Elath will assume his duties as Israel Minister to the United Kingdom.

JET FIGHTER PLANES TO BE MANUFACTURED IN EGYPT, BRITISH AIRCRAFT COMPANY REVEALS

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- Plans for the manufacture of jet fighter planes in Egypt were revealed here yesterday by the British de Havilland aircraft company.

In a financial advertisement in the New York Times, the company revealed that Egypt is one of six nations outside Britain with which negotiations had been completed for the local manufacture of the British Vampire plane. The advertisement also listed Egypt among 12 countries which have purchased Vampire jets during the past year. It commented that "considerable sales" had been made to most of the 12 countries.

UNEMPLOYED WORKERS IN ISRAEL STAGE PROTEST AGAINST YEMENITES FOR ACCEPTING LOW WAGES

TEL AVIV, May 17. (JTA) -- For the second time this week, the Rosh Haayin Yemenite immigrant camp was surrounded today by unemployed workers from the labor exchange in Petach Tikvah who complained that the new arrivals from Yemen were competing with them unfairly in the labor market and were accepting wages below the standards set by the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation.

The "blockade" of the immigrant camp was lifted only after arrival of police forces. The dispute between the organized workers and the Yemenites is likely to grow since the labor exchange has demanded action to "halt employment methods detrimental to the interests of the Histadrut."

Meanwhile, representatives of the Israel Attorney-General, Jewish Agency, Chief Rabbinate and police today attended a meeting of Yemenite immigrants in the Beit Lid reception camp to explain to the new arrivals the recently-promulgated law prohibiting child marriages, traditionally practiced among the Yemenites. Some of the Yemenite immigrants complained that their wives were displaying a "rebellious spirit" and urged that their food ration cards be withdrawn as punishment.

DORI NAMED CHIEF OF SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENT TO COORDINATE RESEARCH FOR ARMED FORCES

TEL AVIV, May 17. (JTA) -- Brig. Yaacov Dori, former Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, was today appointed head of the scientific department attached to the Premier's office. He will be responsible for coordinating practical scientific research in Israel vis-a-vis the Jewish state's armed forces. The department will also aid in the establishment of new industrial enterprises aimed at strengthening the new state's security.

7 NEW CASES OF POLIO REPORTED IN TEL AVIV IN 24 HOURS; 84 LISTED IN APRIL

JERUSALEM, May 17. (JTA) -- Eighty-four new cases of polio were reported in Israel in April, the Ministry of Health announced today. The number of polio victims this year exceeds the average reported in previous years, the Ministry said, but added that the proportion of cases corresponds to that in the United States and other civilized countries.

Seven new cases of infantile paralysis were reported in Tel Aviv in the past 24 hours. They were removed to the Pardess Gatz Hospital, which has a polio isolation section.

U.N. TRUSTESHIP BODY TO MEET AT LAKE SUCCESS JUNE 1; TO STUDY ISRAEL, JORDAN REPLIES

LAKE SUCCESS, May 17. (JTA) -- The United Nations Trusteeship Council will convene here for its seventh regular session on June 1, it was announced today. The high point of the meeting will be consideration of replies from Israel and Jordan on their undertakings in respect to the statute of internationalization for Jerusalem drawn up by the Council at its sixth session in Geneva.

75 PERCENT OF OFFICIALS IN GERMAN STATE IN UNITED STATES ZONE ARE FORMER NAZIS

STUTTGART, May 17. (JTA) -- Three-quarters of the officials of the West German state of Wuerttemberg-Baden, in the U.S. zone, are former Nazis, according to an official survey made public here last night by the state Denazification Ministry.

Of some 11,000 officials in the five major ministries in the province, over 8,450 are former Nazis and over 2,000 are of such former high Nazi Party rank as to bring them under an occupation ban on office-holding, the survey revealed.

Maj. Gen. Charles P. Gross, U.S. Commissioner for the state, said that the preponderance of Nazis in the government does not indicate a resurgence of Nazism. He insisted that German officials are extremely cliquish and hire each other regardless of the government in power. The Minister-President of Wuerttemberg-Baden, Reinhold Maier, however, said that it is impossible to find enough able officials to run the government without using former Nazis.

BUTTENWIESER, BARRED AT A.D.L. RALLY, SPEAKS AT AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE MEETING

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- U.S. Assistant High Commissioner for Germany Benjamin J. Buttenwieser, who was denied the platform of the Anti-Defamation League in Chicago last Sunday because of the organization's disagreement with his proposed address on Germany, last night delivered the same speech before a closed meeting of the American Jewish Committee's commission on Germany.

The major thesis of Mr. Buttenwieser's speech was that with many Nazis punished--although some have escaped--it is time to display leniency and bring Germany back into the fold of democratic, anti-totalitarian nations. Queried about the Nazis who escaped punishment, the Assistant High Commissioner said that the accomplishments of the denazification program far outweighed its failings.

He asserted that if the U.S. had erred in Germany, it had done so on the side of decency. Conceding that the British and French had been more severe with the Germans than the Americans, he said that the other two powers maintained more personnel in Germany to carry out their occupation policies.

ITALIAN JEWS REPORT ON PROFESSOR WHO SIGNED MUSSOLINI'S RACIAL DISCRIMINATION PROGRAM

ROME, May 17. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities today informed the Federation of Jewish Societies of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, that Professor Nicola Pende--who is at present in Brazil on a lecture tour--was among the first signatories of the Fascist "Manifesto della Razza" (program of racial discrimination.)

Brazilian Jewish organizations had cabled to the Union for information regarding the background of Professor Pende, in view of the objections raised to his presence in Brazil by both Jewish and non-Jewish groups. Professor Pende is a member of the faculty at the University of Rome. He is an expert in the field of endocrinology.

MRS. ROOSEVELT WARNS U.S. POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANT IN DOUBT

LAKE SUCCESS, May 17. (JTA) -- A sudden turn of events in the United Nations Human Rights Commission late today placed in doubt the position of the U.S. on the projected International Covenant of Human Rights. The commission adopted a proposal of the United Kingdom to transmit the draft covenant without the text for Articles 24 and 25, which are to be drafted by the Economic and Social Council.

The vote was taken in the face of a warning by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, U.S. delegate and chairman of the Commission, that the U.S. would be unable to evaluate the covenant without a decision on the content of Article 24. This article deals with the responsibility of federal states for legislation by its component political elements--such as the state governments in the U.S.--to implement the covenant.

GROWTH OF U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ANALYZED BY COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- A report reviewing the rapid growth of central Jewish community organizations during the last 25 years as one of the outstanding developments in American Jewish life was made public here today by H.L. Lurie, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Mr. Lurie points out that 54 communities had functioning central agencies in 1925. Within a span of 25 years the number of communal units has grown to over 300 serving 800 cities and towns with some Jewish population. Paralleling this growth of organization, there was also an unprecedented increase in the dollars contributed to Jewish programs and services--"from an estimated \$24,000,000 in 1925 to a figure nearly ten times as great in 1949," the C.J.F.W.F. executive director emphasizes.

These significant developments in central organizations, Mr. Lurie explains, were brought to light in a recent study conducted by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on intermediate cities with Jewish population ranging from 5,000 to 40,000. The Council previously studied communities over 40,000. The inquiry revealed that there is a definite trend today toward broadening the scope of central organizations. They are increasingly becoming concerned not only with fund raising, but with community planning as well.

"As Jewish needs increased concurrently with lack of expansion of community chest funds, local service agencies, especially those with cultural or sectarian objectives, turned to the Jewish welfare funds for their maintenance and growth," Mr. Lurie states. "Thus, the central Jewish organization is becoming, more and more, the responsible financing instrument for local Jewish services."

New Areas of Local Responsibilities Assumed by Jewish Agencies

New areas of local responsibilities have been assumed by Jewish central agencies, Mr. Lurie continues, pointing out that they include programs of Jewish education, internal and external community relations, vocational agencies, free-loan societies, community newspapers, arbitration and organizations for dealing with communal problems of Kashruth. One of the most significant developments in present Jewish communal life, he declares, is the increasing interest which local central agencies are showing in the programs and policies of the national and overseas agencies which seek their support.

"The desire for more intensive local participation in guiding the nature and extent of national programs has been sharpened by the overwhelming overseas needs, by the increasing demands of national agency programs, as well as by the pressures for the continuing support of essential local services," Mr. Lurie says.

"The conviction is growing in local communities that they should devote to programs and budgets of national and overseas agencies the same kind of careful analysis and evaluation to which local needs and budgets are subjected. Central community organizations are now developing procedures for greater understanding and improved relationships between national agencies and local communities. In this area the work of national committees of the C.J.F.W.F. has assumed increasing importance."

This expansion of community responsibility engendered a parallel growth in the participation of the various social and cultural groups in the affairs of the central Jewish organization, Mr. Lurie declares. "Where the central organization enters upon programs touching the basic interests of all groups, increased participation has followed," he says. "An example of this is the high index of community participation in the overall campaigns of recent years seeking funds for the whole gamut of local, national and overseas causes."

NEW YORK UJA GETS \$2,100,000 FROM 1,200 PERSONS; EDWARD G. ROBINSON REPORTS ON ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- More than \$2,100,000 was pledged to the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York last night by 1,200 persons attending 10 fund-raising events held as part of "Salute to Israel Week" now being observed in commemoration of the second anniversary of Israel's declaration of independence.

Contributions totalling more than \$1,000,000 were announced at the Hotel Plaza at a dinner of 250 business leaders in honor of Frank L. Weil, who retired last week as president of the National Jewish Welfare Board. Film star Edward G. Robinson, reporting on his recent visit to Israel, paid tribute to the people of Israel for having offered a haven to 365,000 victims of war and persecution in the first two years of their state's existence.

JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL AWARD GOES TO AUTHOR OF "THE WALL"; KISCH GETS NON-FICTION PRIZE

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- Awards to John Hersey for his current best seller "The Wall" and to Professor Guido Kisch, eminent historian of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, for "The Jews in Medieval Germany" were made here today by the National Jewish Welfare Board-sponsored Jewish Book Council of America at its annual meeting held at the Jewish Museum. The two awards - one of \$500 for the best work of non-fiction of literary merit and general Jewish interest, and one for \$250 for a book of fiction meeting the same qualifications - are made annually by the Council.

The money for the non-fiction award - known as the "Isidore Herschfield Award" was provided by friends of the late Isidore Herschfield, of Washington, D.C.; the funds for the fiction award were furnished by Samuel H. Daroff, Philadelphia philanthropist and civic leader. Philip Schiff, Washington representative, presented the award to Professor Kisch on behalf of a group of Mr. Herschfield's friends, who raised the funds to make the award possible. Harold Strauss, editor-in-chief of Knopf, accepted the award for Mr. Hersey, who is now in Paris and who had earlier in a letter to the Council directed that the check for the \$250 be turned over to the Joint Distribution Committee.

CHAIM GRADE RECEIVES JEWISH CULTURE CONGRESS AWARD FOR BEST YIDDISH LITERARY WORKS

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- Chaim Grade, Yiddish poet, today received a \$350 award given by the Jewish Cultural Congress for the best work in Yiddish literature published during the past year. The award will be presented annually on May 16, the anniversary of the death of Lania Bimko, whose husband is the donor of the prize.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TEMPLE IN CLEVELAND TO BE CELEBRATED TODAY; DULLES MAIN SPEAKER

CLEVELAND, May 17. (JTA) -- The Temple of Cleveland will celebrate its 100th anniversary tomorrow evening with John Foster Dulles as guest speaker. Participating in the program will be Governor Frank J. Lausche, Senator Robert A. Taft, Bishop Beverly B. Tucker of the Episcopal Diocese and Mayor Thomas A. Burke. The Temple is one of the earliest and largest Liberal Jewish Congregations in the United States. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has been its rabbi for 35 years.

SHIPMENT OF HERZL'S BOOKS RECEIVED IN ISRAEL; TO BE GIVEN TO JEWISH NATIONAL LIBRARY

TEL AVIV, May 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Isidor Schalit, who served as Dr. Theodor Herzl's first secretary, today received from the Vienna Jewish Community 46 cases of invaluable manuscripts and books, including volumes that were once owned by the founder of modern Zionism as well as rare works saved from destruction by the Nazis. The books and manuscripts will be turned over to the Jewish National Library in Jerusalem.

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