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ISRAEL INFORMS U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION ARAB STATES ARE HINDERING PEACE TALKS

TEL AVIV, May 21. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry announced here today that it has advised the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission in Geneva that "it now seems, from the reported reply of the Arab states to the Commission, that the Arabs still insist on their condition they will not enter into direct peace talks with Israel unless the latter first agrees to take back Arab refugees and re-establish them."

The Israel Foreign Ministry said that "this means the Arab governments are deliberately making it impossible for peace negotiations to begin. Israel, which explicitly accepted the Commission's original offer, is still ready at any time to enter into direct negotiations with any Arab state or states and declares its willingness to negotiate a final settlement of all outstanding issues."

Recalling that in its original reply to the Commission's proposals of March 29, Israel requested the Commission to inform it which Arab state or states are ready to negotiate a final peace settlement, today's Foreign Ministry statement emphasizes that no such reply has as yet been received.

The Cairo radio, monitored here, stated during the week-end that the Arab states have decided to reject a proposal by the Conciliation Commission that a committee of Arab and Israel representatives be established to discuss a final settlement, unless certain conditions were met. The conditions, Radio Cairo declared, are: acceptance of the repatriation of the Palestine Arab refugees; and, acceptance of the original U.N. partition decision as the basis for discussion.

BEN GURION URGES MAPAI TO FORM VOLUNTEER BATTALIONS TO SERVE TWO YEARS WHERE NEEDED

TEL AVIV, May 21. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion, addressing a Mapai rally here, proposed today that the Mapai--the right-wing labor party which dominates the government--organize "volunteer battalions with each volunteer devoting two years to any pioneering mission to be decided upon by a High Pioneering Command."

The Israel Premier, who earlier attended military maneuvers in northern Israel carried out by reserve units, said that the volunteers must be above 20 years of age and must have completed two years of compulsory military service. He said that between now and the annual congress of the Mapai on June 29, some 2,000 such volunteers were needed.

"More than at any other time," the Premier continued, "we now need a central force; guidance and education, to pave the way for the masses to come to Israel. In addition to capital, planning and professional proficiency, we need a pioneering force and impetus," he concluded.

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BRITAIN RECALLS ATOM EXPERT FROM ISRAEL; HAD BEEN LECTURING AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

TEL AVIV, May 21. (JTA) -- An unnamed atom expert who until last year was lecturing in Canadian and British universities and is now lecturing at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem was today invited by the British atomic research institute to return to Britain.

BRITISH GOVT. URGED TO TAKE STRONGER STAND ON EGYPT'S BAN ON OIL TANKERS TO HAIFA

LONDON, May 21. (JTA) -- The British Government was requested in Parliament this week-end to adopt a stronger line of action against Egypt's refusal to permit British oil tankers to travel through the Suez Canal to Haifa refineries.

During a discussion on the rationing of gasoline in Britain, Conservative M.P., J.S. Arbuthnot drew the attention of the government to the situation in the Middle East. "It seems to be an absolutely absurd position," he said, "that we are sending airplanes to Egypt while the Egyptian Government violates international law by refusing to allow British tankers to pass through the Suez Canal.

"If the government would have pursued a stronger line of action with regard to Egypt," the Conservative M.P. continued, "we could have got our tankers through and could have been keeping the Haifa refinery going." He emphasized that the government was responsible for the present difficult position of the British refineries in Haifa which have been rendered idle by Egyptian boycott measures against Israel.

FIRST GROUP OF JEWS EVACUATED FROM IRAQ TO ISRAEL ARRIVES AT LYDDA; NUMBERS 170

TEL AVIV, May 21. (JTA) -- The first group of Iraqi Jews to be evacuated to Israel arrived here today by air aboard two giant Skyliners. The Jews, numbering 170 men, women and children, stopped at Cyprus en route to Lydda. The aerial transfer of the Iraqi Jews to Israel--which must be completed within one year--has been dubbed "Operation Ali Baba."

The Jewish Agency spent over \$35,000,000 for maintenance of immigration transit camps, housing and absorption of immigrants in Israel during the six-month period between October, 1949, and March, 1950, it was announced today. Over 84,000 immigrants arrived in Israel during the same period.

SECOND GROUP OF HUNGARIAN JEWS PERMITTED TO GO TO ISRAEL LEAVES BUDAPEST; NUMBERS 250

BUDAPEST, May 21. (JTA) -- A group of 250 Israel-bound Jews from Hungary--composed principally of aged women--left here for Venice where they will board a vessel for Haifa. This is the second contingent of Hungarian Jews permitted to emigrate under the terms of an Israel-Hungarian agreement providing for the transfer of 3,000 Jews to Israel.

ISRAEL SPOKESMAN DENIES BAN ON FALASHA IMMIGRATION IS BASED ON REASONS OF HEALTH

JERUSALEM, May 21. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has not decided to bar the immigration of Ethiopian Jews for reasons of health, an Immigration Department spokesman declared today, although medical experts have warned against the admission of immigrants from tropical countries without prior medical examination. The spokesman said that such examinations would be carried out when the issue of Falasha immigration arises.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT REVEALS IT DOES NOT PLAN TO RATIFY GENOCIDE CONVENTION SOON

LONDON, May 21. (JTA) -- The British Government made it clear during the week end that it does not intend to ratify in the near future the international genocide pact which outlaws mass extermination of a people. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Kenneth Younger told the House of Commons that while Britain supported the U.N. genocide pact, its ratification would involve alterations of existing national legislation affecting the right to grant asylum.

One of the articles of the genocide convention stipulates that no country can refuse to surrender a person accused of genocide on the grounds that it was a political crime. There had been cases recently when Britain was not prepared to give up political refugees who were granted asylum in England. The Minister of State pointed out that similar difficulties are being experienced by other nations on the ratification of the genocide convention. This, he said, is the chief reason why so few nations have ratified the convention.

Barnett Janner, Jewish Laborite M.P., insisted that the British Government should ratify the genocide convention immediately. He emphasized that there was very ample reason for urgency and referred especially to the recrudescence of anti-Semitism in Germany. He pointed out that even in Britain there are some persons who advocate a policy which would lead "to another Belsen and Buchenwald."

Mr. Younger said that the government was consulting the United Nations and other parties, including nations which had ratified the convention. He added that the Soviet decision to ratify the genocide convention with reservations also makes it difficult for Britain to ratify the convention immediately, since the Soviet stand raises "difficult questions of international law." He asked Mr. Janner to be patient.

Jews IN IZMIR BEGIN TO REORGANIZE COMMUNITY; ONLY 5,000 REMAIN AFTER 9,000 EMIGRATED

ISTANBUL, May 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Izmir, which numbers 5,000 following the emigration of 9,000 Israel-bound members of the community, is in the process of reorganization, according to reports received here.

The Chief Rabbinate of Izmir held its first meeting to elect a new Religious and Lay Council. The incumbent president of the lay council, Y. Saltiel, is expected to submit his resignation after he returns from Israel where he handed over to religious authorities in the Jewish state a gift of Scrolls of the Law and ancient Hebrew books, as well as Jewish volumes printed in Ladino.

GROUP OF 68 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM HARBIN ARRIVES IN HONG KONG; NOT ALLOWED TO LAND

HONG KONG, May 21. (JTA) -- The steamer Henrich Jessen arrived here with another group of Jews from Harbin. Sixty-eight Jews from Harbin were aboard the vessel as were another 20 refugees--mostly Jews--from Shanghai.

Since all Harbin travellers had Soviet visas, they were denied the right to disembark at Hong Kong or to receive visitors. They were then transferred to another vessel, the Anking, for the next port of call, Sydney, Australia. All the Harbin emigrants are bound for Israel.

PLAN TO HOUSE JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH DP'S IN SAME CAMPS IN GERMANY IS OPPOSED BY W.J.C.

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today urged the International Refugee Organization to drop its contemplated plan to consolidate DP camps in Germany. The W.J.C. charged that such action would mean that Jewish DP's would be placed in the same camps with non-Jewish groups.

In a letter to J. Donald Kingsley, I.R.O. director-general, Dr. Robert Marcus, political director of the W.J.C., pointed out that "since many of the non-Jewish DP's are openly anti-Semitic, it would not be in the best interests of all concerned to house Jews and non-Jews in the same camps." He said that only 11,000 Jewish DP's remain in Germany and that by the end of this year they would all be resettled in Israel or elsewhere. Dr. Marcus stressed it would be unwise to change the policy of separate DP camps for Jews and non-Jews.

Mr. Kingsley, in a radio broadcast today, called the world refugee problem "a formidable and expanding time bomb" and issued a warning on the fate of DP's left in Germany. He said: "I dread to think of what will happen in Germany if any large numbers of the displaced persons are left there when the I.R.O. goes out of existence early next spring. Already, German newspapers are beating the drums against them--against these people who suffered for so long at their hands."

U.S. APPEALS COURT IN GERMANY REDUCES SENTENCES OF GERMANS WHO DAMAGED SYNAGOGUE

MUNICH, May 21. (JTA) -- The Supreme United States Occupation Appeals Court reduced sentences during the week-end on three Germans charged with damaging a synagogue at Martktreditz, Bavaria, on Sept. 26, 1949. Sentences of 10 months on Max Dressel and Hans Riess were reduced to four months each, and a four-month sentence on August Riess was suspended. The Appeals Court also rejected the lower court's finding that the three men desecrated the synagogue.

Twenty-eight tombstones in the Jewish cemetery in Hemsbach, located near Mannheim, were overthrown and damaged during the week-end, it was reported today. Local police officials are conducting an investigation.

TWO-THIRDS OF AMERICANS BELIEVE GERMANY CANNOT BE TRUSTED. A.D.L. SURVEY REVEALS

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- Failure of the American denazification program has resulted in the blossoming forth of a "Germany renazified" and made Germany "the real winner in the cold war thus far," the Anti-Defamation League declared in a report made public today by New York Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink, national chairman of the League. The report includes a poll of American public opinion taken during the past month which declares that the American public recognizes the failure to democratize Western Germany. The poll was conducted by the National Opinion Research Center.

Two-thirds of American adults, the survey reveals, believe that Germans cannot be trusted to be democratic and peaceful at present. A plurality of Americans believe that former Nazis are coming back to positions of influence in Germany. Judge Steinbrink urged the State Department to adopt a positive program which has the endorsement of the Coordinating Council for a Democratic Germany, composed of 17 leading American organizations including the C.I.O., Americans for Democratic Action, American Civil Liberties Union and the Congressional Christian Service Committee.

JEWISH GROUPS JOIN FIGHT ON DRAFT COVENANT APPROVED BY U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

LAKE SUCCESS, May 21. (JTA) -- The Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations and the World Jewish Congress revealed during the week-end that they are supporting the International League for the Rights of Man in its fight on the 45-article International Covenant on Human Rights drawn up by the United Nations Human Rights Commission and forwarded to the Economic and Social Council.

The League branded the covenant as it now stands "wholly inadequate" and a "serious setback to the United Nations" work on human rights and said it would appeal to the Economic and Social Council to modify the document or return it to the Human Rights Commission for "repairs." Twenty of the 90 world non-governmental organizations with U.N. consultative status have discussed the draft covenant on human rights and unanimously deplored it, a League spokesman said.

The draft covenant spells out fifteen rights which ratifying nations would guarantee within their borders without discrimination. Included would be freedoms of thought, religion, information, assembly, association and movement and the right to fair trial. The covenant would come into effect when states ratify, including non-members of the U.N. invited by the General Assembly.

Acting Secretary of State James E. Webb, speaking in Washington called forwarding of the draft Covenant on Human Rights to the U.N. Economic and Social Council "a significant step." It is "vitally important that the United Nations carry forward vigorously its program for promoting and encouraging respect for human rights," he said.

CONGRESSIONAL CIRCLES DOUBT F.E.P.C. BILL WILL BE ENACTED FOLLOWING DEFEAT OF CLOSURE

WASHINGTON, May 21. (JTA) -- Congressional circles here voiced doubt during the week-end that the bill providing for the establishment of a Fair Employment Practices Commission which would outlaw employment discrimination on grounds of race, religion or national origin will be enacted in the near future.

Doubt was expressed following the death blow which the measure received on the floor of the Senate on Friday when the question of adopting closure--to cut off debate and carry the issue to a vote--was defeated by a vote of 52-32. Adoption of closure requires a majority of 64.

N.Y. STATE DISCRIMINATION BODY WILL STUDY A.J.C. COMPLAINT AGAINST MEDICAL JOURNAL

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- The State Commission Against Discrimination will take up the complaint of the American Jewish Congress charging that the American Medical Association, in its monthly Journal, publishes discriminatory situation-wanted advertisements. The Commission will first, however, determine whether it has jurisdiction over such a complaint.

The A.J.C. charged that the A.M.A. official publication publishes position-wanted advertisements containing such terms as "Anglo-Saxon," "native born," "Gentile" and "Protestant." A denial that any valid grounds existed for the charge was issued by Dr. Louis Bauer, chairman of the A.M.A. board of trustees. He said that ads seeking help were not permitted to carry any discriminatory phrases. but ads from persons seeking positions were allowed to state their preferences.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA CALLS ON JEWS IN U.S. TO ATTEND SHAUVOTH SERVICES

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America today issued a message calling on Jews in the United States to attend synagogue services during the Shavuoth holidays, which will be ushered in tonight. The message said that "these are times which call for the strongest reaffirmation of the Commandments of the moral law of God."

DROPSIE COLLEGE SPONSORS 30-VOLUME SERIES OF APOCRYPHA; PROJECT COSTS \$100,000

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- The publication during the week-end of the first volume of a new 30-volume translation of the scriptural writings known as the Apocrypha and the Pseudepigrapha was hailed at a luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria by Christian and Jewish scholars as an important contribution to an understanding of the Judaic-Christian civilization. The luncheon was tendered by Harpor and Brothers, the publisher.

The thirty-volume scholarly undertaking, which will take ten years for completion and cost over \$100,000, is being sponsored by the Dropsie College and supervised by Dr. Solomon Zietlin, Professor of Rabbinical Literature at Dropsie. The first volume of the series is "Maccabees I." It was translated from the Greek by Dr. Sidney S. Tedesche, rabbi of the Union Temple, Brooklyn, N.Y.

YOUNG MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CRT REAFFIRMS SUPPORT TO ORGANIZATION AT ANNUAL CONVENTION

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- American Jewish young men and women today reaffirmed their support of the programs conducted by CRT in providing retraining opportunities for Jewish displaced persons. This support was pledged by 200 delegates attending the 12th annual convention of the Young Men's and Young Women's CRT at the Hotel Martinique. George Akelmacher was elected president of the group.

Principal speakers at the convention included Rep. Jacob K. Javits, secretary of the CRT Congressional Committee, and George Mintzer, chairman of the executive committee of the American CRT Federation. Plans for the forthcoming world convention of the CRT were discussed at the parley.

IZLER SOLOMON WINS 1950 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AWARD FOR PROMOTING AMERICAN MUSIC

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- Izler Solomon, American Jewish conductor who for two seasons directed the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, was today presented with the Columbia University Music Award for 1950. The \$1,000 award is given annually to the person who contributed most during the year to the furtherance of music written by American composers.

Mr. Solomon, who was born in the United States in 1910, last spring received the Award of Merit given by the American Composers and Conductors' Association for promoting and interpreting American music. He has been the guest conductor for symphony orchestras in numerous American cities.

COL. HERZOG, ISRAEL'S NEW MILITARY AND NAVAL ATTACHE IN U.S., IS OFFICIALLY RECEIVED

WASHINGTON, May 21. (JTA) -- Col. Chaim Herzog, new military naval and air attache here for Israel, was presented at the U.S. National Military Establishment. He was presented by Lt. Col. Emanuel Avidor who has acted as chief attache since the return of Col. Efraim Ben Arzi to Israel. Col. Herzog, son of Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, arrived in the U.S. this week.

BECAUSE OF SHAUVOTH, THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON WEDNESDAY