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ISRAEL PARLIAMENT OPENS DEBATE TODAY ON NEW "BIG THREE" ARMS POLICY FOR MIDDLE EAST

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- The U.S.-British-French joint declaration on Middle East arms will be considered in a general debate in the Israel parliament, beginning tomorrow. Premier David Ben Gurion is scheduled to open the debate.

A discussion of Israel's substitute plan for Jerusalem, which was to be aired in the parliament, has been postponed, as was a scheduled vote on the proposed Israel constitution.

(The Anglo-American-French decision on the shipment of arms to Middle East countries was bitterly assailed last night in the Egyptian parliament during a debate on foreign policy affairs, Reuters reported. The Speaker of the parliament proposed that the "bitter words" spoken against the United States and Britain be stricken from the record.)

Israel Foreign Minister Satisfied With New Arms Policy

JOHANNESBURG, May 30. (JTA) -- General satisfaction with the new Anglo-American-French policy on supplying arms to Israel and the Arab countries was expressed here today by Moshe Sharett, Israel's Foreign Minister, who is visiting South Africa.

Upon his return here today from Capetown, where he was received by Premier Daniel F. Malan, Mr. Sharett told a press conference that he hopes the three-power policy "will signify the end of the unilateral discriminative supply of arms to some governments in the Middle East." He expressed gratification at the hope voiced in the declaration for an early Arab-Israel peace and emphasized that Israel is willing to enter into any peace talks. At the same time he voiced concern over the arms already supplied to Arab countries in the Middle East.

On the prospect of an Arab-Israel peace, Mr. Sharett said that he was unable to make any definite statement. "We are ready for peace," he said. "If the other side is, then peace can be concluded. Otherwise, the present position may continue for a long time."

The Foreign Minister said that the Israel Government would like to see the "cold war" between the Western democracies and the Soviet bloc ended. "Our policy is one of not allying ourselves with any group powers," he said. "This does not mean we are indifferent to ideas and systems of government," he added. He emphasized that Israel pursues a policy of non-identification with any foreign power and that this policy is dictated by the interests of the Jewish people. "We cannot risk harming Jews anywhere by a policy of identification," he declared.

Mr. Sharett revealed that during his meeting with Premier Malan he discussed various aspects of the situation in Israel and expressed appreciation on behalf of the Israel Government for the sympathetic consideration given by the government of South Africa to all issues involving the Jewish state. At the same time he emphasized that his visit to South Africa has no international character, but constitutes a good-will visit to South African Jewry.

SHARP EXCHANGE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND IRAQ DELEGATES IS CHECKED AT UNESCO PARLEY

FLORENCE, Italy, May 30. (JTA) -- An animated exchange of unpleasant remarks between Iraqi and Israel delegates was checked at today's session of the United Nations Economic and Social Conference (UNESCO) here by the chairman following a report from Zalman Shazar, Israel's Minister of Education, which was read in his absence by Shlomo Ginnossar, Israel delegate.

The Israel Minister said that despite moments of disappointment with the United Nations, Israel puts its faith in the U.N. and wants to work with and for the UNESCO. He dwelt at great length on educational activities in Israel but emphasized that these activities are handicapped by the fact that no peace has as yet been concluded between the Arab nations and the Jewish state.

Stressing that Israel deeply desires peace with her Arab neighbors, Mr. Shazar cited the recent appeal for Arab-Jewish friendship voiced by President Chaim Weizmann at the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Hebrew University, whereupon the Iraqi delegate--Mohammed Fadhil Jamali--on a point of order read a press report stating that Israel attacked an Arab village near Hebron. "Was this the kind of peace referred to in the speech of the Israel delegate?" he asked.

The Iraq delegate vehemently declared that the people in his country lost faith in all international organizations, including the UNESCO, and that one of the main reasons for this attitude was the adoption by the United Nations of the Palestine partition decision.

The Egyptian delegate tried to pacify the Iraqi representative, while the Israel delegate declared that he is not in possession of sufficient information on the incident to which the delegate of Iraq referred, and that the matter would in any case come before the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission.

MEMBER OF ULTRA-ORTHODOX SECT IN ISRAEL IS SENTENCED FOR REFUSING TO SERVE IN ARMY

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- Leib Weissfish, a member of the ultra-Orthodox sect "Neturei Karta" (Guardians of the City), was sentenced to six months imprisonment today for refusing to enter Israel's armed forces on "moral and religious grounds."

The presiding magistrate pointed out to the sectarian that the Jewish religion does not ban war and that the Bible justifies a war of liberation.

INTENSE HEAT WAVE CAUSES FIRES IN ISRAEL; FIELDS IN GALILEE SUFFER GREAT DAMAGES

HAIFA, May 30. (JTA) -- Agricultural settlements in Upper Galilee lost thousands of dollars worth of grain during the past few days as a result of fires which broke out following an intense heat wave. In addition to the grains which were lost, many barns burned down in the blazes.

A brush fire which started in Syrian territory yesterday spread across the border and threatened the fields at Kfar Szold and other points in Eastern Galilee. Several other fires broke out nearer this city and Haifa's fire department was busy helping the settlers combat them.

ISRAEL DEDICATES "GOVERNMENT HOUSE" IN ELATH; TO HOUSE NEGEV ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

TEL AVIV, May 30. (JTA) -- Israel's new "Government House," which will house the administrative offices of the southern portion of the country, including the Negev, was dedicated at ceremonies in Elath today. Keys to the two buildings were turned over to Y. Chizik, who represented Premier David Ben Gurion.

70,000 RUMANIAN JEWS RECEIVED PERMITS TO GO TO ISRAEL, IMMIGRATION OFFICER REVEALS

TEL AVIV, May 30. (JTA) -- Seventy thousand Rumanian Jews have applied for and received emigration permits for Israel this year, it was announced here last night at a press conference by David Giladi, immigration officer for Israel in Bucharest, who has just returned here from the Rumanian capital.

Meanwhile, a contingent of 1,070 Jewish immigrants from Rumania landed in Haifa yesterday aboard the Rumanian liner Transylvania. According to Hador, afternoon Tel Aviv newspaper, 6,000 Jewish immigrants will henceforth arrive in Israel monthly from Rumania, principally aboard the Rumanian liner, Transylvania.

NUMBER OF JEWISH DP'S RECEIVING I.R.O. AID DECLINING; ONLY 25,000 REFUGEES LISTED

GENEVA, May 30. (JTA) -- The number of Jewish displaced persons receiving assistance from the International Refugee Organization in Europe declined during the month of March, statistics released by the I.R.O. revealed today.

Jewish DP's accounted for only nine percent of the total on I.R.O. rolls. Their number was 24,916 during March of a total of 281,938. An indication that the Jewish DP problem in Europe is almost solved--except for "hard core cases"--was seen in the fact that only 256 DP's left for Israel during that month.

(The New York Times reports from Geneva that in recent weeks it has "become almost impossible" to get Jews in Austrian camps to go to Israel. The dispatch states that refugee officials attribute this development to the fact that a "few dozen" persons returned to the camps from Israel and spread reports of bad conditions in the Jewish state.)

WEST GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION URGES RESTITUTION AND INDEMNIFICATION FOR JEWS

MUNICH, May 30. (JTA) -- The fourth convention of the West German Social Democratic Party, following an address by its chairman, Dr. Kurt Schumacher, adopted a resolution calling for a fight on prejudice and neo-militarist and neo-Fascist movements.

The resolution further states that the party remembers Germany is "obliged to restore the injustices to Jewry." The convention urged full restitution and indemnification to the Jews who had suffered at the hands of the Nazis and declared its "readiness to continue to fight discrimination against Jews and political persecutees."

The meeting agreed that "German homogeneity cannot be restored before a reconciliation and peace are regained with Jewry." The party expressed its opposition to the recent "West German Federal Government's declaration regarding restitution as 'hardly satisfactory.'"

FORMER GESTAPO GENERAL IN STETTIN GETS FIVE-YEAR JAIL TERM FOR MISTREATMENT OF JEWS

FRANKFURT, May 30. (JTA) -- Former police chief and Gestapo general in the city of Stettin, Fritz Karl Engel, was sentenced to five years imprisonment by a Flensburg court today. He was found guilty of crimes against humanity and of ill-treatment of Jewish prisoners in the Bredow concentration camp, of which he was commandant.

B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT REVEALS THAT BUTTENWEISER WAS NOT INVITED TO SPEAK BY A.D.L.

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- The recent action of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in refusing to allow Benjamin J. Buttenweiser, Assistant U.S. High Commissioner for Germany, to deliver at its Chicago convention an apologetic report on the failure of carrying out an effective denazification program among the Germans was defended here last night by Frank Goldman, national president of B'nai B'rith.

Speaking at the 98th annual convention of B'nai B'rith District No. 1, at the Waldorf-Astoria, Mr. Goldman told the 1,500 guests and delegates that Mr. Buttenweiser's report was a "calculated insult" to the Jewish people. He revealed that the Anti-Defamation League had not invited Mr. Buttenweiser to address its Chicago parley but had acceded to a request received from members of Mr. Buttenweiser's family.

Declaring that "it would have been an insult to his audience to let Mr. Buttenweiser speak," the B'nai B'rith president said that there was no denial of free speech, since the doctrine of free speech does not compel one to provide a platform "for someone who has requested that platform through his family." The United States, he insisted, must impose denazification "on American terms, not on German terms."

WISCONSIN LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION IN ECTEL RESORT INDUSTRY

MILWAUKEE, May 30. (JTA) -- Acting under an 1895 anti-discrimination law, the state of Wisconsin has launched a campaign to eliminate all religious and racial discrimination from its largest industry--the resort business. A special resort committee of the Governor's Commission on Human Rights has been set up to start the drive by removing all "Gentiles only" and "restricted clientele" signs from resort hotels.

The committee addressed a communication to 6,400 hotel and tourist home owners, reminding them of the state's anti-discrimination law and calling for compliance with it. The resort division of the State Conservation Commission has at the same time declined to circulate any resort literature containing discriminatory phrases. All Wisconsin maps will hereafter include the legend that state law "guarantees full and equal enjoyment of all places of public accommodation or amusement alike to all persons of every race or color."

108 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM SHANGHAI TAKEN TO ELLIS ISLAND; MAY BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN U.S.

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- A group of 108 Jewish refugees from Shanghai were today enjoying a 12-day reprieve at Ellis Island with the hope that they will prove eligible to remain in the United States as immigrants under the new DP immigration act which is now in Senate-House conference.

The group arrived here from San Francisco in a sealed train after being transported there from China under the auspices of the International Refugee Organization and the Joint Distribution Committee. They were to be sent from New York to Germany and Austria--their native countries--on an I.R.O. ship yesterday. However, a last-minute ruling of the U.S. Attorney General's Office saved them from immediate repatriation. Most of them planned to apply for U.S. immigration visas after reaching Europe, since they would be entitled to such visas under the liberalized DP law.

U.S. EXPERT WILL INVESTIGATE OIL POSSIBILITIES IN ISRAEL; TO COOPERATE WITH GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, May 30. (JTA) -- Max W. Ball, ex-director of the oil and gas division of the U.S. Department of Interior, will leave for Israel to investigate oil possibilities, it was learned today. Mr. Ball, who is recognized as one of the world's leading petroleum consultants, will complete work in Venezuela before beginning his Israel assignment, it was learned. His work in Israel will be in cooperation with the Israel Government.

ISRAEL MINISTER URGES PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN JEWISH STATE; SPEAKS AT BOSTON CONVENTION

BOSTON, May 30. (JTA) -- A plea for Americans to make private investments in Israel was made here by Mrs. Golda Myerson, Israel's Labor Minister, at the 27th national convention of the Labor Zionist Organization of America.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency's American section, called for an alliance between the "progressive, constructive and liberal type of General Zionism and Labor Zionism as a basis for a real partnership between the Zionist movement and the state of Israel." Dr. James G. Heller, of Cincinnati, told the 1,000 convention delegates Jews are now coming to Israel from the East, "but the spirit of the land must be of the West."

Mrs. Myerson said that it is important to establish new plants in Israel for two reasons: firstly, because Israel must produce some of the things that the Jewish state must now import and in that way save foreign currency and, secondly, because Israel must create permanent places of employment for new immigrants.

Questioned about the Israel Government's policy regarding capital investment, Mrs. Myerson pointed out that the Israel parliament has approved a bill encouraging foreign investments. The policy of the government guarantees equal opportunity to individual and cooperative enterprises, she said.

HAPOEL HAMIZRACHI PARLEY HEARS GOLDMANN URGE CAUTION ON BIG THREE ARMS DECLARATION

GREENFIELD PARK, N.Y., May 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, last night expressed reservations about last week's statement of policy on arms shipments to the Near East by the United States, Britain and France. Dr. Goldmann spoke at a session of the 27th annual convention of the Hapoel Hamizrachi of America, which is being held here.

"It would be a dangerous illusion to assume that with this declaration the threat to the security of Israel will be eliminated," he declared. "Past experience has taught us to await implementation of such declarations." Chaim Chancowitz, national director of Hapoel Hamizrachi of America, reported to the convention that more than 80 American members of the organization settled in Israel settlements during the past year.

KLATH FORESEES FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES; POINTS UP OBSTACLES

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- The belief that "cooperation between Israel and its Arab neighbors is not only possible, but will be achieved in the future," was expressed here last night by Israel Ambassador Eliahu Klath, addressing an audience at the New School for Social Research.

Common interests will come to the fore and will favor or even force both parties to cooperate, he said. However, he warned that "the road to friendship and cooperation with our Arab neighbors will no doubt be long and beset with obstacles." As long as the Arab leaders think and speak about "a second round" and have not given up the hope of destroying Israel, the Jewish state must keep its eyes open and be ready for aggression if it comes again, he emphasized.

"Israel," the Ambassador declared, "sincerely desires to reach a just and stable peace with her neighbors for "this is vital for the Middle East and for the preservation of peace in the world."

SPEAKER OF ISRAEL PARLIAMENT RECEIVED BY ARGENTINE PRESIDENT; LAUNCHES U.J.A. DRIVE

BUENOS AIRES, May 30. (JTA) -- Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset, who arrived here last week to launch the campaign of the Argentine United Jewish Appeal, was received today by President Juan Peron and Foreign Minister Hipolito Paz. He was accompanied by Israel Minister to Argentina Yaacov Tsur.

Earlier, Mr. Sprinzak addressed an open-air rally in Luna Park officially launching the U.J.A. campaign. The meeting was attended by some 25,000 persons. Mr. Sprinzak told the audience that not Israel but the new immigrants in Israel require the financial assistance of Jewish communities overseas. Simon Mirelman and Samuel Rabinovich were reelected co-presidents of the current U.J.A. drive.

The crisis within the ranks of the Argentine Zionist Federation was resolved during the week-end when Dr. Mateo Goldstein, who resigned the post of president, was reelected to the presidency while a number of other leaders of the group who had resigned with him were reinstated in top positions.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY MARKS SECOND ACADEMIC YEAR; RECEIVED OVER \$1,334,000 LAST YEAR

WALTHAM, Mass., May 30. (JTA) -- Brandeis University received a total of \$1,334,259 in contributions, grants and other funds during its second academic year, Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president, revealed in his annual report at the second annual convocation exercises of the non-sectarian, Jewish-sponsored University. The sum represented an increase of \$115,000 over the University's income in its first academic year.

George L. Alpert, president of the University's board of trustees, was presented with a gold medal and folio as tribute to his "distinguished service to the advancement of learning." Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who delivered the principal address, said that vast spiritual strength was needed to solve today's world problems.

JACOB BLAUSTEIN AWARDED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL BY JEWISH WAR VETERANS

BAITIMORE, May 30. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, was honored here last night by the Jewish War Veterans, Department of Maryland, for "outstanding service to his city, state and nation," before a gathering of notables in the War Memorial Building. U.S. Senator Millard E. Tydings, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, was the guest speaker at the ceremony marking the award of the Distinguished Service Medal to Mr. Blaustein.

DR. PETEGORSKY LEAVES FOR ISRAEL AND NORTH AFRICA; CONDUCTS STUDY FOR JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- Dr. David W. Petegorsky, executive director of the American Jewish Congress and a member of the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress, left for Israel and North Africa today. He will make an on-the-spot survey of the conditions of Jews in North Africa.

U.S. AMBASSADOR ATTENDS INSTALLATION OF AMERICAN LODGE OF B'NAI B'RITH IN PARIS

PARIS, May 30. (JTA) -- U.S. Ambassador to France David Bruce was the guest of honor last night at ceremonies marking the installation of the American Lodge of B'nai B'rith. Lewis Neikrug, president of the lodge, and Gaston Kahn, president of the French B'nai B'rith, participated in the ceremonies.

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