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ISRAEL FORCES DOWN TRANSJORDAN PLANE; NON-AGGRESSION TALKS CONTINUE ON HIGH LEVEL

TEL AVIV, June 13. (JTA) -- A plane bearing Transjordan markings was today forced down by Israel fighter planes along the southern part of the Jewish state, it was officially announced by the military authorities here.

The plane landed undamaged at an Israel airfield and all its six occupants were safe. The pilot wore a Royal Air Force insignia. It is understood that among the occupants were one American and one British civilian. The plane is being held and the crew is being interrogated.

An Israel military spokesman said that for several months Israel has been continuously protesting, through the mixed armistice commission, against violations of its territory by Transjordan aircraft. The last warning was given to Transjordan on May 8, he stated.

The frontier incidents which have been taking place on the Israel-Transjordan border during the last few days have in no way influenced the negotiations for a non-aggression pact between Israel and Transjordan, it was indicated here today. They are reported to be continuing "on a fairly high level."

King Abdullah's personal secretary, Abdul Charan Carmi, crosses the demarcation line regularly into the Israel section of Jerusalem where he confers with officials of the Israel Foreign Office, it was revealed here today. His visits are no longer kept a secret and he is being taken to lunch in leading restaurants of the Jewish section of the city by Israeli officials.

Several new raids by Arab infiltrators from the Transjordan-held "triangle" area and Jerusalem suburbs were reported here yesterday.

Israel Refuses to Evacuate Hill in Gulf of Aqaba Area; Notifies U.N.

An Israel Government representative today handed U.N. Chief of Staff Gen. William E. Riley a note refusing to evacuate Bir Qattar, a hill in the southern Negev dominating Israel territory in the Gulf of Aqaba area.

Evacuation has been sought persistently by the Egyptians for the past few months. Last week, they formally complained to Gen. Riley that the Israel occupation of Bir Qattar violated the Israel-Egyptian armistice agreement, because the hill is in a strip of territory in which, they say, only defense forces may be maintained. The Israelis interpret the pact as giving them the right to maintain in the Bir Qattar area regular military forces.

Andrew Cordier, executive assistant to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie, is expected to arrive in Jerusalem today from Athens to discuss certain changes in U.N. personnel. A number of U.N. observers have been serving here for a long time and have expressed a desire to return home.

KNESSET VOTES COMPROMISE ON ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION; WILL DEVELOP BASIC LEGISLATION

JERUSALEM, June 13. (JTA) -- After a tense two-hour debate the Israel Parliament today adopted a proposal that it concentrate its efforts in the direction of working out basic legislation which will gradually be built into a Constitution.

The vote--50 to 0, with 13 abstentions--came after two other proposals dealing with a Constitution failed to receive a majority. The successful resolution was a compromise offered by the Mapai, Sephardim, Progressives and WIZO. The Religious Bloc had supported a proposal that the drafting of a Constitution be postponed indefinitely, while 37 members of various parties insisted upon having a Constitution drafted immediately.

After the vote, Dr. Moshe Sneh declared that the Mapam will fight the arrangement as voted until it is changed. Eri Jabotinsky, Revisionist delegate, speaking only on his own behalf, said that he will propose the dissolution of the parliament and will ask for new elections.

Earlier, the Parliament voted to approve a report by its Labor Committee on the recent picketing of an immigrant camp by Histadrut workers protesting the fact that some of the immigrants had accepted employment at wages below the union standard. The report approved the policy of the Histadrut labor exchanges in fighting the use of unorganized labor.

U.S. SIGNS AIR TRANSPORT PACT WITH ISRAEL; JEWISH PLANES TO FLY TO NEW YORK

WASHINGTON, June 13. (JTA) -- The State Department today announced the signing in Tel Aviv of a reciprocal air transport agreement which will permit Israel planes to fly across the North Atlantic directly to New York.

The agreement was signed this afternoon by U.S. Ambassador James G. McDonald and Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. It authorizes El Al, Israel National Airlines, the right to begin international passenger service to and from the United States immediately. The American flag carrier, Trans World Airlines (TWA), will continue conducting flights to Lydda. Equal rights for Israel planes in the U.S. are assured in the agreement.

ISRAEL CONTRIBUTES FUNDS FOR U.N. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR BACKWARD AREAS

LAKE SUCCESS, June 13. (JTA) -- Israel announced to the 54-nation U.N. Technical Assistance Conference here today that it was contributing \$28,000 to the United Nations technical assistance program.

Pointing to the achievements of such Israel scientific institutions as the Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute of Science, Agricultural Research Station in Rehovot, and Haifa Technion, the Israel delegate Moshe Witkon declared: "My government will gladly welcome the opportunity of sharing the results of our experience in scientific efforts with other nations through the medium of this technical assistance program."

KNESSET PASSES LAW TO PREVENT CHILD MARRIAGES; MINIMUM MARITAL AGE FOR GIRLS IS 17

JERUSALEM, June 13. (JTA) -- The Israel parliament today adopted by an overwhelming majority a bill designed to prevent child marriages in the Jewish state. The new law fixes the minimum marriage age for girls at 17.

JEWISH AGENCY HEARS FIRST REPORT ON PLANS OF ISRAEL'S SUPREME DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

JERUSALEM, June 13. (JTA) -- The first report on the activities of the Supreme Development Authority, composed of representatives of the Israel Cabinet and the Jewish Agency executive, was submitted today to a meeting of the latter body by Levi Eshkol, Agency treasurer and member of the new joint board.

The report dealt chiefly with plans approved by the joint coordinating body for the conversion of immigrant camps in Israel into workers' camps. Under this set-up the immigrants would be enabled to remain as permanent residents in the areas where they are now living as immigrants and to be supplied with jobs.

The settlement department of the Jewish Agency intends to reduce the number of persons in the immigrant camps by 15,000 within the next few days through converting some of the transit camps into permanent settlement units, it was announced here today by Zvi Herman, director of the department.

Mr. Herman emphasized that the imminent large-scale immigration from certain countries is forcing speed-up in the implementation of current plans for settlement and absorption of new immigrants prepared by the Agency. A revision of these plans will now become necessary, he said.

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF ZIONIST-REVISIONISTS EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN MEIR GROSSMAN

PARIS, June 13. (JTA) -- A resolution expressing confidence in Meir Grossman, Revisionist member of the Jewish Agency executive, was adopted here today at a conference of European leaders of the Zionist-Revisionist Party, including representatives of the executive of the Revisionist Party of Britain. The resolution aims to counteract a decision adopted by the joint Herut-Revisionist group in Israel demanding the resignation of Mr. Grossman from the Agency executive.

Mr. Grossman, who arrived here during the week-end en route to Argentina where he will address meetings in behalf of the United Israel Appeal, reported to the Revisionist conference here on the break which occurred between him and the Herut-Revisionist group in Israel. He charged that the Herut, under the pretext of merger with the Revisionists, has completely eliminated the Zionist-Revisionist Party in Israel. He therefore decided to revive the Revisionist Party in Israel by creating a unit under the name of "Free Revisionist Organization," he reported.

Mr. Grossman announced that the Zionist-Revisionists would launch a shekel campaign in order to elect their own candidates to the next World Zionist Congress which will take place in Jerusalem at the end of the summer. Approving of his plan to conduct a shekel campaign, the conference of the European Revisionists here called upon Zionist-Revisionists in and outside of Israel to maintain unity. The conference, which lasted several days, was held in camera.

IRANIAN MINISTER TO ISRAEL HOLDS FIRST OFFICIAL RECEPTION IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, June 13. (JTA) -- The Iranian Minister to Israel, Reza Safinia, yesterday held a formal reception at his legation, the first such function to be held by a foreign diplomat in Jerusalem since it was proclaimed Israel's capital. Israel Premier David Ben Gurion, several members of the Cabinet and both Chief Rabbis of Israel attended.

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SOVIET AUTHORITIES HALT RESTITUTION OF ARYANIZED PROPERTY IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, June 13. (JTA) -- The Soviet representative on the four-power Allied Commission has again refused to permit the Austrian Government to restore property located in the Soviet zone which was seized by the Nazis from Jewish owners, it was learned today.

One case involved claims by Josephine Stiassny and Friedrich Weinwurm, while the second involved Josef Weiss, now living in Melbourne. In both instances, Chancellor Leopold Figl certified the cases as ready for restitution and the three Western Powers agreed. However, the Soviet representative insisted that the matter lay within the competence of his commanding officer because the property was located in the Soviet zone.

HUNGARIAN MINISTER SAYS JEWS WHO LEFT HUNGARY FOR ISRAEL ARE SEEKING TO RETURN

BUDAPEST, June 13. (JTA) -- Hungarian Minister of Education Jozsef Revai reported to the Hungarian Workers (Communist) Party executive here that the Hungarian authorities "are receiving hundreds of letters from Jews in Israel clamoring to return to Hungary."

The Minister made it clear that Hungary is not inclined to permit large-scale emigration of Jews to the Jewish state. "We are in no way willing to promote the emigration of hundreds of thousands of workers for exploitation in Palestine," he said. The Jews in Hungary should remain in this country "to support the Hungarian workers in their constructive efforts," he stressed.

RUMANIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL-BOUND EMIGRANTS STIFFENING; STRICT SEARCHES INSTITUTED

HAIFA, June 13. (JTA) -- A stiffening attitude by Rumanian authorities toward Jews leaving for Israel was reported here today by some of the 1,086 Rumanian Jews who arrived aboard the S.S. Transylvania.

They reported that last minute searches were made of the belongings and persons of all emigrants and that 20 were ordered to remain. The searches were so thorough that even the soles of shoes were examined and new clothing, blankets and jewelry were confiscated. The emigrants also indicated that it is virtually impossible for persons holding responsible posts in the health services and economic life to leave.

ARGENTINE JEWS ASK BUENOS AIRES MAYOR TO BAN SALE OF ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE

BUENOS AIRES, June 13. (JTA) -- The DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, has appealed to Buenos Aires Mayor Virgilio Delbenedetti to ban the sale of anti-Semitic books in this city.

The DAIA pointed out that books disseminating racist propaganda are banned by the new Argentine Constitution and that President Juan Peron has publicly condemned anti-Semitism. It also reported that copies of the forgeries, "The protocols of the Elders of Zion" and Henry Ford's disavowed "The International Jew" can be purchased at any newsstand or bookshop.

SOUTH AFRICAN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ADOPTS SEGREGATION BILL; MEASURE GOES TO SENATE

CAPETOWN, So. Africa, June 13. (JTA) -- The South African House of Assembly today adopted, by 73 votes to 58, a bill to establish separate living areas for Europeans and non-Europeans. The bill will now go to the Senate.

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PERSONS AIDING COMMUNIST PROGRAM WILL BE BARRED FROM BRITH ABRAHAM MEMBERSHIP

ATLANTIC CITY, June 13. (JTA) -- The Independent Order Brith Abraham, now in session here at its 63rd annual convention, adopted a resolution today declaring that applicants for membership in the organization who "publicly or secretly aid or assist the Communist program shall be barred from membership." Louis A. Weissman, of New York, was reelected grand master of the organization.

The convention also adopted a resolution calling upon President Truman and the United States Congress to "take immediate steps to end the growing arrogance and ingratitude of the western sector of Germany." The resolution added: "We must not permit a resurgence of German power that would result in another massacre of our people and at the same time forever destroy our American way of life." The convention also adopted a resolution expressing wholehearted support for Israel and pledging help to "expand its democratic and creative life, which its people are building for themselves."

FORMATION OF JOINT FUND-RAISING ORTHODOX DRIVE URGED AT RABBINICAL CONVENTION

CHICAGO, June 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Tabak, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, in an address before the annual convention of the Council, called today for convocation of a nationwide conference of Orthodox Jewish institutions in the United States engaged in fund-raising in order to form a joint fund-raising campaign for Orthodox groups.

An appeal to the rabbis to "make synagogue attendance attractive and even fashionable" was made by Rabbi A. Rosenberg, of Savannah, who also advocated a "uniform service for Orthodox American Jewish communities, provided it does not deviate from Jewish law." The convention also took up the need for religious textbooks in Jewish religious schools and the question of "establishment of the synagogue as the focal point in Jewish communal life."

Z.O.A. PRESIDENT REPORTS TO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ON HIS VISIT TO WHITE HOUSE

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- A report on his recent call on President Truman at the White House was presented today by Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, at an all-day session of the Z.O.A. national executive committee, attended by delegates from all sections of the United States.

President Truman, he stated, was reassuring on the point of an honest and fair implementation of the Three Power declaration which not only promised equal treatment to Israel in the matter of the sale of arms, but went further to guarantee the peace and present borders in the Near East. President Truman, Mr. Browdy added, seemed very well informed about Israel and the Zionist movement.

David Moskowitz, chairman of the Z.O.A. convention program committee, reported that 2,000 delegates from every state in the union will attend the 53rd annual convention of the Z.O.A., scheduled to open in Chicago on June 30. Speakers who addressed today's meeting included Dr. Israel Goldstein, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Judge Morris Rothenberg and Dr. Harris Levine.

Westchester Zionists Seek Nomination of Mortimer May for Z.O.A. Presidency

LAKE MAHOPAC, N.Y., June 13. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the drafting of Mortimer May, noted Zionist leader, to be a candidate for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America, was adopted today by the Westchester Zionist Region at its annual conference here. The delegates also expressed the wish that steps be taken "to assure that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver shall assume leadership of the World Zionist Organization."

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AMERICAN ENGINEERS SOUGHT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF \$3,000,000 SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN HAIFA

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- A call for engineers to aid in the design and construction of a \$3,000,000 sea-outfall sewer line was issued here today by two officials of the Israel port city of Haifa.

In an interview held at the offices of the American Technion Society, J.L.A. Watson, chief engineer, and Abraham Erlich, drainage and water supply engineer of the Haifa municipality, disclosed that they are now in the United States to purchase necessary equipment and supplies and are interested in interviewing candidates for employment on this and other Israeli projects.

ISRAEL'S FIRST MINISTER TO AUSTRALIA ARRIVES IN SYDNEY; TO STRENGTHEN FRIENDSHIP TIES

SYDNEY, Australia, June 13. (JTA) -- Joseph I. Linton, Israel's first Minister to Australia, arrived here by air and was welcomed at the Mascot airport by government officials and Jewish leaders. Yehuda H. Levin, Israel charge d'affaires, was also on hand to greet the diplomat.

Mr. Linton said that he wished to help maintain and strengthen the bonds of friendship and sympathy between Australia and Israel, to the mutual benefit of both countries. He pointed out that a number of young Australian Jews were now living in the Jewish state. Mr. Linton, formerly an official of the Israel Foreign Ministry, will live in Sydney at first, and may later move to Canberra.

EDDIE CANTOR WILL RELINQUISH HIS RADIO PROGRAM TO DEVOTE MORE TIME TO U.J.A. DRIVE

TEL AVIV, June 13. (JTA) -- Eddie Cantor, who is now visiting Israel, today told a press conference that he was relinquishing his radio program this fall in the United States to devote 75 percent of his time to the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Cantor, who arrived in Israel at the personal invitation of Premier David Ben Gurion, said that during the six weeks prior to his departure for the Jewish state he raised a total of \$10,000,000 in cash for the United Jewish Appeal. The visit to Israel, he declared, will give him even greater incentive in his work for the U.J.A.

ISRAEL COMMITTEE FORMED TO CELEBRATE 1,000TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF ARAB PHILOSOPHER

TEL AVIV, June 12. (JTA) -- An Israel committee to celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of the death of Avicenna--one of the greatest Arab philosophers and most prominent Arab medical authority of his time--was formed here today. The celebration will be observed throughout the world in 1951.

RABBI GOLD, MIZRACHI LEADER, ARRIVES IN ARGENTINA TO SPUR "RELIGIOUS CONSCIOUSNESS"

BUENOS AIRES, June 13. (JTA) -- Rabbi Zeev Gold, world Mizrahi leader, arrived here from Israel. At a press conference he said that the purpose of his visit was to "intensify religious consciousness among Argentine Zionists." He also outlined Israel Government and Jewish Agency plans to convert Jerusalem into a principal world tourist center and industrial site.

ELIAS SEROUSSI ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL JEWISH COMMITTEE OF URUGUAY

MONTEVIDEO, June 13. (JTA) -- Elias Seroussi was elected president of the Central Jewish Committee of Uruguay at a meeting held here.