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ISRAEL GOVERNMENT SETS UP "SECURITY ZONE" IN AREA WHERE BORDER CLASHES OCCURRED

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion, in his capacity of Minister of Defense, today declared the Hartuv-Beit Jibrin area a "security zone." Hartuv is located about 15 miles west of Jerusalem, while Beit Jibrin is about 12 miles south of Hartuv.

It was this area which was frequently mentioned last week in official Israel reports of battles between Jewish troops and Arab infiltrates from Transjordan territory. The setting off of the area as a "security zone" in an effort to end the infiltrations may be followed by the removal of portions of the local population which has been aiding and abetting the marauders, informed sources said today.

It is understood that this measure will in no way interfere with the functioning of the mixed Israel-Transjordan armistice commission, nor with the operation of the planned mixed border patrols. Neutral U.N. sources have expressed the opinion that the move may help in ending the border clashes.

Last night a total of 66 Arab infiltrates were rounded up by Israel security forces in various parts of the Negev. A number of encounters between Israel units and Arab marauders were reported, with the heaviest attack of the night launched against Kibbutz Saad.

(Five of the seven member states of the Arab League yesterday signed a defensive pact, it was reported today from Alexandria. Transjordan boycotted the meeting and Iraq abstained on the pact. It was reported that the Council sent the U.S., Britain and France a reply on their Near East arms statement refusing to accept the armistice lines in Palestine as permanent boundaries, rejecting big power interference in Arab internal affairs and expressing the hope that the Western powers do not intend to equalize the total of Arab arms with Israel weapons.)

Sharett Greet's Tri-Partite Statement on Near East Arms Policy

TEL AVIV, June 18. (JTA) -- Israel's general satisfaction with the "positive attitude" of Britain, France and the United States in opposing the continuation of the Near East arms race was voiced here today by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. He spoke at a press conference on the recent tri-partite statement of policy on the Near East.

Pointing out that Israel had no intention of modifying the existing situation in the Near East by force or threat of force, Minister Sharett said that Israel is not completely satisfied with the section of the Allied statement which states that arms will be supplied upon the receipt of assurances that they will be used only for non-aggressive purposes. The Foreign Minister said that this did not contain a positive bid for peace, stability and the establishment of normal relations in the Middle East.

Asked about the Western powers' point that the arms shipped to the Near East are meant to be used for the overall defense of the area, Minister Sharett said that Israel's primary concern is with the defense of its own territory.

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ISRAEL GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN DENIES REPORT OF RENEWAL OF PEACE TALKS WITH TRANSJORDAN

TEL AVIV, June 18. (JTA) -- A Foreign Ministry spokesman formally denied tonight a report in the American press today to the effect that the Israel Government has resumed peace talks with Transjordan.

The report stated that a high official of the Israel Government had met in Amman, capital of Transjordan, with King Abdullah, but that the talks had proven unproductive. It added, on the basis of "authoritative sources" that the longstanding stalemate "still obtains" and that substantial progress will not be made without the help of Egypt.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT GREETES MOSLEM CITIZENS AS CELEBRATION OF HOLY MONTH BEGINS

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- The Israel Ministry for Religious Affairs today sent greetings to Moslem citizens in the Jewish state on the occasion of the opening of the Ramadan month of fast. During the entire month, Moslems fast and pray during the daylight hours and rejoice in the evening.

All Moslem prisoners in Israel will be released from work during Ramadan. Double rations of food will be issued by the Ministry of Supply to Moslem citizens who observe the fast from sunrise to sunset and celebrate during the evening with feasts.

The beginning of the observance of Ramadan will be marked with Moslem prayers broadcast over the government Voice of Israel station by Sheikh Taha Tabari, who was recently appointed head of the Moslem religious community in the Jewish state.

ISRAEL'S POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE IMPROVED IN LAST SIX MONTHS, EBAN SAYS

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- Israel's position on the international scene and at the United Nations has improved during the past six months, Aubrey S. Eban, Israel Ambassador to Washington and chief Israel delegate to the U.N., declared at a press conference here this week-end. Mr. Eban will leave for a visit to Israel this week.

He added that as a result Israel is coming into the General Assembly debate on the Jerusalem situation in a much stronger position than last year. At the end of 1949, he pointed out, the Jewish state was under pressure from all sides on the Jerusalem issue. However, he added, many nations which previously favored internationalization of the city have now come to realize that Israel's attitude--as expressed in its latest memorandum to the U.N. Trusteeship Council--is very fair and constitutes the most practical solution of the Jerusalem question.

2,000 IMMIGRANTS FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARRIVE IN HAIFA IN ONE DAY

HAIFA, June 18. (JTA) -- Some 2,000 immigrants from Eastern European countries have landed in Haifa within the last 24 hours. Seven hundred and fifty from Poland and Hungary came aboard the transport Komnuth, while the Transylvania brought 1,250 Rumanian Jews.

One hundred Jewish immigrant families from Teheran, Iran, yesterday established a new settlement in the Judean hills. A new agricultural colony named Kfar Gandhi, in honor of the Indian leader, will be founded soon by Jews from Cochin, India, many of whom are now on the high seas en route to Israel.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT ASSURES JEWS IT WILL NOT TOLERATE ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS IN GERMANY

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews has received assurances from the German Department of the British Foreign Office that a close watch is being kept on anti-Semitic manifestations in Germany and that the government is determined not to tolerate anti-Semitic incidents, it was announced here this week-end by the Board.

The Board also received a report on the progress being made in the establishment of a Jewish trust corporation to administer heirless Jewish property in the British zone of Germany. Arrangements for the institution are nearing completion, it was stated, and the trust corporation will start functioning in the near future. Barnett Janner will represent the Board of Deputies on the Council of the corporation.

TEXTBOOKS CONTAINING ANTI-SEMITIC STORIES BANNED IN SCHOOLS IN GERMAN PROVINCE

MUNICH, June 18. (JTA) -- The Minister of Education of North Rhine-Westphalia this week-end ordered the withdrawal from all schools of a German textbook for children from six to 10 years of age because of two anti-Semitic stories which the volume contains.

The demand for the withdrawal of the textbooks was made by the local Christian-Jewish Society. In ordering the ban, the Minister of Education emphasized that the stories to which the Society objected were not included in the original text of the volume which was approved by the Ministry of Education. These stories were inserted later.

TREND TOWARD ASSIMILATION, MIXED MARRIAGES PROBLEM FOR JEWS OF EUROPE, AJC SURVEY FINDS

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- The trend toward assimilation and mixed marriages has become a serious problem for the Jewish communities of many Western European nations, it was reported here this week-end by the American Jewish Committee. The Committee's report was based on a survey of Jewish communities in Western Europe which were surveyed in a special study by the A.J.C.'s European office in Paris.

The report stated that the strengthening of Jewish community groups and organizations is essential to overcome these problems and to give Jews deeper roots in the countries of Western Europe. The Committee also found that in the past five years, with outside help, the basic elements of Jewish life have been restored in these countries. Synagogues, Jewish schools, hospitals, children's homes and other organizations and institutions are functioning, the study established.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN NAMES MILTON KATZ TO SUCCEED HARRIMAN AS E.C.A. AMBASSADOR TO EUROPE

WASHINGTON, June 18. (JTA) -- Milton Katz, whose appointment to succeed Averell Harriman as special U.S. representative in Europe was sent to the Senate by President Truman this week-end, has been deputy U.S. special representative in Europe since June, 1949.

Mr. Katz joined the Economic Cooperation Administration in 1948 as general counsel for European headquarters. He was acting director of E.C.A.'s program division in 1949. A native of New York City, he earned a law degree at Harvard University and later served as an official of a number of government agencies including the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, National Recovery Administration, Department of Justice, War Production Board, and Combined Production and Resources Board. During World War II he served with the Office of Strategic Services and as Lieutenant Commander in the Navy. He is also a Professor of Law on leave of absence from Harvard University.

TRUMAN URGED TO EXPEDITE SECOND \$100,000,000 LOAN TO ISRAEL BY TRADE UNION PARLEY

WASHINGTON, June 18. (JTA) -- President Truman was today urged to expedite the granting of a second \$100,000,000 loan by the U.S. Export-Import Bank to Israel to enable the Jewish state to absorb the constant stream of new immigrants. The plea was made in a resolution adopted by some 600 delegates to a national conference here of the American Trade Union Council of the National Committee for Labor Israel.

The resolution pointed out that the first American loan is almost exhausted, while immigration to the Jewish state continues undiminished. A second resolution recorded the body's opposition to any proposal for the internationalization of Jerusalem as a whole. The delegates pledged full support to the Histadrut fund-raising campaign and set a goal of \$2,000,000 for itself during the 1950-51 campaign. The council raised \$3,000,000 for the Histadrut in the last three years.

The delegates, representing A.F.L., C.I.O. and independent unions, heard Aba Chmsi, member of the Israel Knesset and secretary of the Haifa Labor Council, report on Israel's four-year plan to absorb 750,000 to 800,000 new immigrants. The Histadrut leader said the plan calls for the construction of 300,000 housing units and 480 settlements. Its cost, he said, is estimated at some 500,000,000 pounds (\$1,400,000,000). He reported on the Histadrut's role in the absorption of new immigrants, including its widespread vocational training program.

Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing, who recently visited Israel, told the conference that Israel will not "go along with the Moscow line" because of the very nature of the Jewish state's national ideology. Mr. Ewing, who commended the Histadrut for withdrawing from the "Communist-controlled World Federation of Trade Unions," added that "in America, our citizens of the Jewish faith have contributed vastly to our industry, our professions, our culture, and our civilization-- and their contribution has helped create the liberal society which flourishes here, despite the rantings of certain Senators and certain newspapers which should know better."

Another speaker at the conference, Joseph Schlossberg, general chairman of the National Committee for Labor Israel, declared that the recent tri-partite announcement on Near East arms policy was so far only a "paper decision." He suggested the constitution of a Middle East regional organization, embracing the Arab states and Israel and assured of adequate guarantees by the U.S., Britain and France. Other speakers at the convention included Jacob Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; U.S. Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Watson B. Miller; and Louis Hollander, president of the New York State C.I.O. Council.

MAJOR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS LAUD TRUMAN'S SIGNING OF NEW DP IMMIGRATION MEASURE

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations this week-end lauded President Truman for signing last Friday the new DP Act which will permit the admission of 341,000 DP immigrants by June 30, 1951, including the 150,000 who entered since July, 1948. The bill also eliminates several clauses in the DP Immigration Act of 1948 which the President called discriminatory.

Hailing the President's action, Walter H. Bieringer, president of United Service for New Americans, declared that Mr. Truman's "signature on the new DP Act is a further reaffirmation of the American people's devotion to the principles of human dignity and freedom. The President, as well as many legislators in Congress who fought long and valiantly to secure passage of the DP Act, are owed a vote of thanks by all liberty-loving Americans."

DR. GOLDMANN URGES CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN ZIONISTS, ISRAEL AT BNAI ZION PARLEY

ATLANTIC CITY, June 18. (JTA) -- Israelis who insist on a "hands-off policy" by Zionists towards Israel, as well as American Zionists who demand absolute autonomy for their own movements in the United States were repudiated here tonight by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, addressing 400 delegates attending the 41st annual convention of Bnai Zion, fraternal Zionist organization.

Dr. Goldmann called for a "rejuvenated, fighting Zionism" which will play a more active role both in Israel and outside the new state. For many years, he declared the "upbuilding of Israel and the ingathering of the exiles must remain the joint task of the state of Israel and the Jewish people." The Zionist movement, Dr. Goldmann asserted, "can fulfill its task only in full and close cooperation with the Government of Israel."

Earlier, Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, declared that the general effect of the three power agreement on Middle East arms shipments will be "to restrain extreme views in the Arab states, but there is as yet no evidence of a change of mood in the British Foreign Office or in the Division of our State Department which deals with the Middle East." He added: "We look to President Truman to exercise, as he has done on former occasions, a restraining influence upon the State Department in this connection."

A plea to American Jewry to continue to render to the state of Israel political, cultural and economic aid was made by Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America. The convention adopted a resolution proposed by the Jewish National Fund head, who is a former president of Bnai Zion, demanding the "continued autonomy and independence of the J.N.F. and its traditional fund-raising activities." Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the J.N.F., reported to the convention that in the ten-month period ending April, 1950, a total of 107 new settlements were established by the Fund in Israel.

50TH CONVENTION OF RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA OPENS; TO HEAR REPORT ON JEWISH LAW

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- The Golden Jubilee Convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America opened ~~here~~ today at the Jewish Theological Seminary. The four-day convocation will be attended by leaders of the Conservative rabbinate representing 500 congregations in every state in the nation, as well as Canada, Sweden, Argentina and Israel.

Fourteen former presidents of the Rabbinical Assembly received honorary degrees and Solomon Schechter Citations at the Seminary's commencement exercises. Among the guests of honor at the Jubilee is Dr. Julius H. Greenstone of Philadelphia, the one surviving member of the original group of 11 graduates of the Seminary who organized the Assembly on July 4, 1901, in Philadelphia.

"PHENOMENAL GROWTH" OF ORTHODOX YESHIVAS IN U.S. REPORTED TO AGUDAS ISRAEL CONVENTION

HURLEYVILLE, New York, June 18. (JTA) -- "The phenomenal growth of Orthodox Yeshivas and all-day schools throughout the United States is an indication of the growing desire by American Jews for a genuine, uncompromising Judaism," Rabbi Morris Shorer, executive vice-president of Agudas Israel, today told the 28th national convention of the organization here.

Rabbi Elijah M. Bloch, a member of the group's pressidium, called for the adoption of the Torah as the Constitution of Israel. However, since it is not possible to obtain a majority of the Knesset to agree to this proposition, Rabbi Bloch said, it would be better to adopt no Constitution and avoid the possibility of a Constitution contrary to the Torah.

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ISRAEL STANDARD OF LIVING SECOND ONLY TO UNITED STATES, SWOPE TELLS INDUSTRIALISTS

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- "A miracle is happening" in Israel, Gerard Swope, former president of General Electric Company, reported here this week-end at a meeting of civic and industrial leaders arranged by the Palestine Economic Corporation. Mr. Swope, who has just returned from a visit to Israel, reviewed the economic and immigration situation in the Jewish state.

The industrial leader, who visited many Near and Far East countries during his recent tour, said that he had found Israel's standard of living to be second only to the United States "notwithstanding all their difficulties and large monthly immigration." He attributed the high standard of living to the high productivity of Israel labor. He pointed out that the average worker in Israel earns about 50 percent of what the average worker in the U.S. earns, in terms of commodities. Mr. Swope added that he had decided to increase his investment in the Palestine Economic Corporation and to increase his support of the United Jewish Appeal.

Robert Szold, chairman of the board of directors of P.E.C., urged American Jews to aid Israel by: contributing to the U.J.A.; investing in Israel; for smaller investors, investing through the Palestine Economic Corporation. Other speakers at the dinner included Nathan Straus, president of WMCA, over which Mr. Swope's speech was broadcast; Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the Radio Corporation of America; and Ben Abrams, president of the Emerson Radio and Phonograph Corporation.

JUDGE RIFKIND GETS HONORARY DEGREE AT JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY 56TH COMMENCEMENT

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- The honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters was awarded today to former Federal Judge Simon H. Rifkind and Dr. Harry J. Carman, Dean of Columbia University, at the 56th annual commencement exercises of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, here.

The commencement was dedicated to the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, which was held this week-end. To mark the occasion, seven past presidents of the Assembly received degrees of Doctor of Divinity, and seven other former presidents were awarded the Solomon Schechter Citation. Seventeen graduates were ordained, while 30 other students received various degrees and diplomas.

\$25,000,000 PLEDGED TO NEW YORK U.J.A.; TOTAL EXCEEDS PLEDGES OF LAST YEAR

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- Contributors in the New York City area have pledged a total of \$25,000,000 to the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York up to the present, Jack D. Weiler, a general chairman of the city drive, announced this week-end. This sum exceeds the pledges of 1949, Mr. Weiler declared.

BARUCH ZUCKERMAN REELECTED PRESIDENT OF LABOR ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- Baruch Zuckerman has been reelected president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America by the new central committee of the organization, it was announced here this week-end. Also named by the committee, in its first session since the recently concluded 27th national convention of the organization, was Dr. Berl Frymer, executive secretary, and Prof. Hayim Fineman, chairman of the central committee.