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U.N. CHIEF OF STAFF TO NEGOTIATE WITH TRANSJORDAN ON IMPLEMENTING ARMISTICE PACT

JERUSALEM, June 26. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. William E. Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff in Palestine, will go to Transjordan to negotiate with the Transjordan Government over its failure to implement all portions of the Israel-Transjordan armistice pact.

Gen. Riley, who agreed to the trip in the face of Israel demands that he secure implementation of the pact, said to newsmen that "you cannot expect me to make the Jordanians do immediately what Israel likes--it takes time and negotiations." The sections of the agreement which the Arab state has balked at putting into effect include opening traffic on the Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Latrun roads and permitting free access to the Jewish institutions atop Mt. Scopus, in Jerusalem.

COMMANDER OF BRITISH MEDITERRANEAN FLEET VISITS ISRAEL; RECEIVED BY BEN GURION

TEL AVIV, June 26. (JTA) -- Admiral Sir John Ebelsten, commander-in-chief of the British Mediterranean Fleet, today paid his first call to Israel. The Admiral, who is the first British naval officer of his rank to formally visit officials of the Jewish State since the British Mandate over Palestine was terminated May 14, 1948, will spend two days on his visit.

He arrived at Haifa aboard his flagship, H.M.S. Surprise, and was met by a British attache and Israel Naval officers who went out to the British vessel. Ashore, he was greeted by Col. Shmuel Admon and Foreign Ministry officials. For the first time in history a British vessel flew the Israel flag, while the port of Haifa hoisted the Union Jack for the first time since British forces withdrew from Palestine. The British vessel fired a 21-gun salute which was returned by the official port battery.

After inspecting an Israel Naval guard at the port, Sir John proceeded to Tel Aviv in a motor car. After his arrival at the British legation, he and British Minister Alexander Knox Helm called on Premier David Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharrett. Later, Sir John was received by Brigadier Yigal Yadin, Israel Army Chief of Staff. Late in the afternoon the Surprise arrived at Tel Aviv and the Admiral returned aboard.

KU KLUX KLAN OPENS WASHINGTON DRIVE TO ENROLL 3,500 MEMBERS AMONG GOVERNMENT WORKERS

WASHINGTON, June 26. (JTA) -- The Ku Klux Klan has opened a recruiting drive in Washington to organize 3,500 members from among government workers, it was learned today.

Recruiting organizers have arrived here from Atlanta, Ga., it was reliably reported. This development follows a preliminary visit made here recently by Samuel Roper, former police officer who is Imperial Wizard of the Association of Georgia Klans. Roper was told by sympathizers here that 3,500 new members could easily be enlisted here in less than 60 days. A tentative goal has been set at that figure.

Roper said recently that Klan recruiting was progressing "nicely" in Mississippi and Florida and was "picking up" in northern states, especially Pennsylvania and Indiana.

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U.J.A. LEADERS DENY REPORT THEY URGED SIX-MONTH SUSPENSION OF IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 26. (JTA) -- Julian B. Venezky, chairman of the National Campaign Cabinet, and Samuel Rothberg, chairman for initial gifts, of the United Jewish Appeal, denied yesterday that they had made a proposal in Israel last week that immigration be suspended for six months. The U.J.A. leaders returned by plane from the Jewish state on Saturday.

A New York Times dispatch from Tel Aviv published last Wednesday stated that the two leaders of the United Jewish Appeal had urged a temporary halt in immigration to Israel to give American Jews a "breather" in their fund-raising efforts for the U.J.A. "Any proposal for limiting immigration at the present time is unthinkable and highly dangerous," the statement issued by Messrs. Rothberg and Venezky declared. "In conferences with leaders of the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency, we were told that the failure of American Jews to provide sufficient dollars immediately would create very grave difficulties for the entire country.

"We do not believe that the funds available at the present time through the United Jewish Appeal are adequate to meet the critical needs of a 'now or never' immigration that cannot be kept below 15,000 a month. If the Jews of the United States fail to act quickly, Israel itself will be overwhelmed and everything we have tried to build will blow up in our faces. We have seen the Jews from Iraq, Rumania, Poland and from other countries as they have been coming into Israel. We are convinced that our entire outlook must be changed and that the 150,000 immigration figure that was adopted early this year must be sharply revised upward."

20,000 RUMANIAN JEWS RECEIVE EXIT VISAS; TO ARRIVE IN ISRAEL BY SEPTEMBER

HAIFA, June 26. (JTA) -- Another 1,200 Rumanian Jewish immigrants arrived here today aboard the liner Transylvania.

Some of the immigrants reported that the Rumanian Government has distributed exit visas to some 20,000 Jews who will leave the country for Israel between now and September. Another report said that 100,000 Rumanian Jews are prepared to come to Israel.

(In New York HIAS announced that it has appropriated an additional \$100,000 for its Rumanian office. The money will be used to assist Israel-bound Rumanian Jews, many of whom are "destitute" and require aid before sailing. The organization, which expects 4,000 Jews to leave Rumania monthly for the remainder of the summer, also assists the immigrants with documentation, transportation and baggage problems.)

More than 88,000 immigrants were living in camps in Israel at the end of May, according to the Jewish Agency. Over 12,400 new immigrants arrived in the Jewish state that month.

320 URUGUAYAN JEWS IMMIGRATED TO ISRAEL DURING PAST YEAR; MANY ARE TRAINED CHALUTZIM

MONTVIDEO, June 26. (JTA) -- A total of 320 Jews from this country immigrated to Israel during the past year, according to a report issued by the Israel Consulate here. Many of the immigrants are Chalutzim who trained for two years on special farms in Uruguay.

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OPENING OF DIRECT LYDDA-NEW YORK FLIGHT SCHEDULE BY ISRAEL LINE CELEBRATED

TEL AVIV, June 26. (JTA) -- The opening of a direct Lydda-New York flight schedule by the nationally-owned El Al Airlines was formally marked here today at a ceremony attended by Communications Minister David Remez. Actually the first direct flight to the United States by an El Al plane was made last week.

After the ceremony a plane took off for New York with some 25,000 letters from Israelis to friends and relatives in the United States. It also carried several cases of the choicest Israel grapes for New York's Mayor O'Dwyer.

Speakers at the ceremony revealed that Israel has established air communication with 29 countries and that 11 air transport services use the facilities of the Lydda Airport. Twenty-two thousand passengers and 18,000 immigrants arrived at the field during the past six months, with El Al planes carrying 23 percent of the total. The company will operate five regular weekly schedules to Europe and a fortnightly schedule to Turkey, beginning next month.

GOVERNMENT-SUBSIDIZED SHIPPING LINE SAVES ISRAEL TREASURY \$2,500,000 IN FIRST YEAR

TEL AVIV, June 26. (JTA) -- The four cargo vessels owned by the government-subsidized Israeli-America Shipping Line have saved the Israel Treasury an estimated \$2,500,000, it was stated in the first annual report of the company which was made public here today.

The line's four vessels have a capacity of 150,000 tons annually on the U.S.-Israel run. The report revealed that the company is negotiating for the purchase of a transatlantic liner for regular passenger traffic between Israel and the U.S. The company paid a six percent dividend to investors on the basis of the first year's earnings.

ISRAEL SUPREME COURT RULES GOVERNMENT MUST RETURN REQUISITIONED IRGUN VESSEL

JERUSALEM, June 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Government's requisitioning of an Irgun vessel, an immigrant vessel captured by the British in 1947 and acquired by the Jewish state upon its establishment was illegal, the Israel Supreme Court ruled this week-end.

The court ruled that if the IUR Company, a Revisionist-owned corporation which claims ownership of the vessel, can substantiate its claim the government must either return the vessel, the S.S. Ben Hecht, or compensate the owners.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION HEARS REPORT ON ISRAEL'S MANPOWER PROBLEM

GENEVA, June 26. (JTA) -- Israel has a serious manpower problem because 70 percent of the immigrants who are arriving now are unskilled, J. Barshira, representative of the Israel working class movement, today told the International Labor Organization which is currently meeting here. Mr. Barshira appealed to the I.L.O. for guidance in handling this problem.

The Israel workers' delegate also revealed that the current national austerity program has reduced the cost of living in the Jewish state by some ten percent. He also expressed the hope that the Middle East regional I.L.O. conference, which is now scheduled to open early in 1951, is not postponed again and that it will result in the adoption of practical measures for improving the lot of workers.

GOVERNING BODIES OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS APPROVE REDEDICATION TO ORIGINAL TENETS

NEW YORK, June 26. (JTA) -- The executive and administrative committees of the American Jewish Congress, meeting today at the Hotel Statler, approved a statement of rededication to the organization's original principles. The A.J.C., founded 32 years ago by the late Dr. Stephen S. Wise, said in its statement that Jews true to the American ideal and to Jewish tradition "reject every form of totalitarianism as imperilling the survival of the Jewish people and the freedom of mankind."

The statement of principles, made public by A.J.C. president Rabbi Irving Miller, added: "Since the essence of both the American ideal and the Jewish tradition is the sacredness of the individual, we can pursue these objectives only through the free democratic process, and must reject every form of totalitarianism as imperilling the survival of the Jewish people and the freedom of mankind. These objectives flow out of our joint responsibilities as Americans and as Jews. In their realization, our heritage of American democracy and the tradition of Judaism will achieve fulfillment." The statement listed the following goals of the A.J.C.

"1. Assurance and extension of the fundamental freedoms of man through elimination of all forms of political, social and economic discrimination on grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, or national origin.

"2. In order that Jews living in America may be meaningful and creative, the A.J.C. seeks to promote more democratic communal organization, stimulate an informed awareness of Jewish affairs, encourage Jewish scholarship and foster the affirmation of Jewish religious, cultural and historic identity.

"3. Assist the people of Israel to develop in freedom, security and peace, and promote mutual understanding and cooperation between America and Israel and between the Jewish communities of both lands.

"4. The A.J.C. will join in democratic association, through the World Jewish Congress, with Jewish communities of other lands to affirm the unity of the Jewish people and to help secure and protect the civil, religious and economic rights of Jews everywhere."

EUROPEAN BARLEY OF LABOR ZIONIST PARTY CALLS FOR "UNITED ZIONIST ORGANIZATION"

PARIS, June 26. (JTA) -- The week-end European conference of the Labor Zionist Party concluded here last night following the adoption of a number of resolutions dealing with internal Zionist affairs.

The delegates called for a "united Zionist organization" based on the principle of individual membership open to every Jew. Setting the task for its party to explain the ramifications of such an organization during the shekel selling campaign, the parley said that such a party is the only one which could strengthen the World Zionist Organization. The delegates also expressed their satisfaction with the creation of a Supreme Development Authority in which the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency cooperate in handling the immigration and absorption problem.

SENATOR LEHMAN POINTS TO U.N. SUCCESS IN PALESTINE AS SOURCE OF HOPE IN KOREAN WAR

WASHINGTON, June 26. (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman said today on the floor of the Senate that "we have every reason to maintain our faith in the United Nations" in the Korean war crisis, pointing out that the U.N. succeeded in Palestine, Iran and Indonesia.

Sen. Lehman expressed a strong desire for the isolation and containment of the Korean war and the defeat of the Northern Korean Communist forces,

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ARMENIAN BISHOP OF NORTH AMERICA CALLS FOR INTERNATIONAL BODY TO SAFEGUARD JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, June 26. (JTA) -- Tiran, Bishop of the Armenian Church of North America, said in a letter published in the New York Times today that "it should constantly be borne in mind that the religious world has a real interest in Jerusalem as a whole" and that "this interest needs to be made effective and needs to be safeguarded by an international authority."

The Bishop's letter added that as far as protection of the Holy Places is concerned, "one would imagine that the Government of the Kingdom of Jordan, in whose occupation zone these Holy Places are situated, would neither demolish them nor obstruct access to them by bona fide pilgrims. Arab and other Moslem Governments in the past have generally held in high respect the Christian shrines in Jerusalem," the letter added.

AMBASSADOR EBAN FLIES TO ISRAEL FOR FIVE-WEEK VISIT; TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS ON RETURN

NEW YORK, June 26. (JTA) -- Ambassador Aubrey S. Eban of Israel left by air yesterday for a five-week visit to Israel, accompanied by his wife and infant son. Upon his return, he said, he expects to present his ambassadorial credentials to President Truman in Washington.

EDDIE CANTOR RETURNING TO UNITED STATES AFTER TWO-WEEK TOUR OF JEWISH STATE

TEL AVIV, June 26. (JTA) -- Eddie Cantor, famed American comedian and active United Jewish Appeal worker, today left Israel, after a two-week tour, for the United States. Before leaving, he visited a forest at Maale Hamisha which is named in his honor.

500 JEWISH ATHLETES FROM EUROPE WILL BE FLOWN TO ISRAEL TO PARTICIPATE IN MACCABIAH

LONDON, June 26. (JTA) -- Five hundred European athletes, including a team of 60-80 Englishmen, will be flown to the Maccabiah in Israel in a "unique air pilgrimage of Jewish youth to Israel," Lord Nathan, president of the European organizing committee of the Maccabiah, told a press conference today.

ISRAEL SOCCER TEAM LEAVES FOR YUGOSLAVIA; WILL PLAY IN WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

TEL AVIV, June 26. (JTA) -- The Maccabi soccer team of Israel today left for Yugoslavia to play a number of matches. The team will later tour Western European countries.

EDUCATION NEEDED TO PREPARE U.S. JEWISH YOUTH FOR IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL, I.Z.F.A. TOLD

AURORA, Indiana, June 26. (JTA) -- A gradual education of American Jewish youth is necessary in order to encourage immigration to Israel, delegates to the fifth annual convention of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America were told by Dr. James G. Heller, outstanding Reform rabbi and Zionist leader. The convention, held at Camp Shor here, elected Elihu Katz, of Columbia University, as national president of the I.Z.F.A.

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