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ISRAEL DIPLOMATS CONFER ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE; ISRAEL EXPLAINS KOREA STAND TO SOVIET

TEL AVIV, July 6. (JTA) -- Important conferences of top-ranking Israel diplomats from several countries are taking place here under the chairmanship of Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. The conferences are of special importance as a result of the stand taken by the Israel Government on the conflict in Korea.

It is understood that Mordecai Namir, Israel's Minister to Moscow, has received specific instructions from the Foreign Office here which he will convey to the Kremlin if, and when, required. So far the Soviet Government has not asked Israel for any explanations with regard to the latter's stand on the Korean issue.

It was learned today that immediately after the Israel Cabinet had adopted its decision to support the U.N. Security Council resolution on Korea, important officials of the Israel Foreign Office visited the Soviet Minister in Tel Aviv and explained to him the Cabinet's stand.

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ISRAEL ASKS FRANCE FOR SECOND \$15,000,000 LOAN; REQUEST GETS PROMPT ATTENTION

TEL AVIV, July 6. (JTA) -- Israel has applied to France for a second \$15,000,000 long-term loan, it was revealed here today by the French commercial attache. Speaking to a press conference he said that the first \$15,000,000 had been granted over the period of the first six months of this year for the purchase of French goods.

The attache said that the application was made by David Horowitz, Israel Under Secretary of the Finance Ministry, last week during conferences with French officials. He added that the French Finance Ministry has been ordered to give the application immediate attention.

Israel's development over the last two years has inspired great confidence in France, he said, and France is willing to assist the Jewish state by allowing Israel to use capital goods of Jews migrating to Israel for the payment of French products, as well as by purchasing all Israel goods which can find a market in France and facilitating French investment in Israel industry.

The attache expressed the hope that the Franco-Israel trade pact, which has been in negotiations for many months, will be concluded soon. He said that France will give all possible aid to the development of Israel air and shipping lines.

ARAB INFILTRATORS ATTACK ISRAEL BEDOUINS; RAIDERS REPELLED WITH ISRAEL WEAPONS

TEL AVIV, July 6. (JTA) -- A gang of Arab infiltrators last night attacked some Bedouin tribes residing in Israel, near BeerSheva. The Bedouins, who had been armed by the Israel authorities, repelled the raiders.

Israel members of the joint Israel-Egyptian mixed armistice commission have apologized to their Arab counterparts for the accidental penetration of Egyptian territory by an Israel Army patrol last week. The apology was made at yesterday's meeting of the armistice commission. At the same time, the Israelis protested vigorously against the "fantastic" charges and reports circulated by the Egyptians following the incident.

EGYPT'S REFUSAL TO SUPPORT U.N. ON KOREA DOES NOT AFFECT AMERICAN ARMS POLICY

WASHINGTON, July 6. (JTA) -- State Department sources today indicated that there has been no change in the policy of the U.S. Government with regard to American and British shipments of arms to Egypt as a consequence of Egypt's failure to support the U.N. Security Council's resolution on Korea.

(In Paris, well-informed sources today said that as a result of Egypt's attitude on the Korean conflict the United States has decided to discontinue its own deliveries of arms to Egypt and is pressing Britain not to send lend-lease arms to Egypt.)

Defense Department circles today said that the question of curtailing the shipment of certain categories of arms to Atlantic Pact nations is now under discussion because of the temporary shortage of arms caused by the Korean crisis. It is believed in these circles that arms would first be withheld from nations such as Egypt which remain neutral in the Korean issue.

2,000 ISRAEL NURSES CALL WORK STOPPAGE; DEMAND HIGHER WAGES, BETTER CONDITIONS

TEL AVIV, July 6. (JTA) -- A one-day work stoppage by 2,000 nurses in Israel's public hospitals and clinics, paralyzing all activities except for emergency cases, was called here today. The nurses threaten a general strike unless their demands for improved working conditions and higher wages are met.

WEIZMANN LEAVES ISRAEL FOR EUROPEAN VACATION; ARMED FORCES SALUTE PRESIDENT

HAIFA, July 6. (JTA) -- President Chaim Weizmann today left Israel for a European vacation. During his absence Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Sprinzak will be Acting President.

The President left aboard the Israel vessel Kodmah which flew a brand new Presidential flag presented to Dr. Weizmann by Communications Minister David Remez. The President inspected an honor guard before he and his party boarded the vessel. Port guns fired a 21-gun salute as the Kodmah steamed out of the port. Israel fighter planes circled overhead and escorted the ship until it left Israel territorial waters.

SWEDEN SATISFIED WITH ISRAEL'S REPLY ON BERNADOTTE CASE; CONSIDERS AFFAIR SETTLED

STOCKHOLM, July 6. (JTA) -- The Swedish Government last night announced that it considers closed an exchange of notes with Israel over the assassination in Jerusalem of Count Folke Bernadotte when he was the United Nations mediator for Palestine. Early recognition of Israel by Sweden is expected to follow. The correspondence was concluded with a note to Israel from the Swedish Foreign Office. The note said in part:

"The Swedish Government notes with satisfaction that the Government of Israel admits without circumspection and regrets the shortcomings in the Israel police inquiry in the case which have been pointed out by the Swedish authorities. The Swedish Government notes further that the Government of Israel accepts full responsibility for what has occurred in this respect. The Swedish Government wishes to express its expectation that since conditions in Israel have now been stabilized, continued investigation will one day throw full light on the whole case."

9,000 POLISH JEWS MIGRATED TO ISRAEL SINCE LAST OCTOBER, MINISTER TO WARSAW REPORTS

PARIS, July 6. (JTA) -- Over 9,000 Jews, including 2,500 children under 14 years of age, have left Poland for Israel since the resumption of Jewish emigration from Poland last October, Israel Barzilai, Israel Minister to Warsaw, who is here on route to Israel, declared today. He added that 12,000 passports have been issued to Israel-bound Jews since October and more are expected so that some 4,500 more Jews will leave this month and next.

Mr. Barzilai, who is returning home to report on the first 20 transports of Jews to leave Poland since last year and to discuss plans for future transports, is also carrying the text of a new trade pact between Israel and Poland. The second Israel-Polish commercial agreement, signed last May, provided for a substantial increase in the shipment of goods from Poland which were needed most in the Jewish state and a reduction in the proportion of goods not needed as desperately.

DESCENDANTS OF PORTUGUESE JEWISH FAMILY REVIVE CLAIM FOR POSSESSION OF LABRADOR

THE HAGUE, July 6. (JTA) -- The claim of the Portuguese Jewish family De La Penha to the possession of Labrador, Canadian peninsula, was revived here today by four descendants of the De La Penha family who started a search for documents to "prove conclusively" their right to the peninsula, Reuters reported.

According to records secured by the descendants of the De La Penha family in Canada and in London, King William the Third of Britain was saved from drowning in a shipwreck in 1695 by Joseph De La Penha, an Amsterdam Jewish merchant. In gratitude King William gave De La Penha hereditary tenure forever of Labrador. This grant was legalized in 1697 in a document signed at Het Loo Palace in Holland and renewed in 1732 and 1768, the descendants of the De La Penha family claim.

One of the descendants, Tobias Green of Montreal, discovered in 1927 the original 1732 and 1768 documents. Some time later, a Dutchman in London found the original 1697 document between the leaves of a book borrowed from the Dutch library there.

The Labrador case came to light in 1927 when Isaac De La Penha, a Montreal Jew who is a direct descendant of the Amsterdam merchant, filed a lawsuit claiming Labrador. The case had been prepared for a period of several years and a representative of the family was going from Holland to Canada to support the claim on behalf of all the descendants. However, the second World War broke out while the case was under consideration and it was delayed. Many members of the family were killed in the German concentration camps.

The case came up again after the war, when a number of Belgian descendants sought to contact P.H. Molhado, one of the Dutch descendants. Mr. Molhado has now formed a commission together with other descendants of the De La Penha family to contact all other direct descendants living outside Holland and to begin another suit.

FIRST ELECTIONS IN 20 YEARS HELD FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN ISTANBUL

ISTANBUL, July 6. (JTA) -- The first elections in 20 years for officers of local Jewish councils have just been held in two sections of the city of Istanbul. In the center of the city, where some 37,000 Jews dwell, elections will probably not be held until the end of the summer.

Elections were conducted under the recently-adopted law returning to the various minority communities control over communal affairs. The local community councils administer synagogues, Jewish schools and welfare institutions.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN RUMANIA URGED TO LEAD JEWS ON "ROAD TO SOCIALISM"

VIENNA, July 6. (JTA) -- A conference of heads of Bucharest synagogues was told by H. Sorban Leibovici, general secretary of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Rumania, that leaders of Jewish religious institutions "must guide the Jewish population on the road to productive labor, socialism and peace," it was reported in the latest issue of Unirea, publication of the Jewish Democratic Committee of Rumania, which just arrived here.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS SEND SEVEN-MAN DELEGATION TO JEWISH CONFERENCE IN LONDON

JOHANNESBERG, July 6. (JTA) -- The South African Jewish Board of Deputies today announced the appointment of a seven-man delegation to the Conference of Jewish Representative Bodies of the British Commonwealth which will take place in London from July 16 to July 28.

In a statement, the Board makes it clear that its acceptance of the invitation to attend the conference is not to be construed as an endorsement of any suggestion for the creation of a new Commonwealth body. At the same time, the Board emphasizes that it attaches great importance to the proposed discussions at the parley on the subject of coordinating the activities of Jewish organizations working in the international field.

"The Board is not committed to the establishment of a single unified organization which would speak for all the Jewish communities outside of Israel," the statement said. "At this stage it is not certain that such an organization is either practicable or desirable. On the other hand, there is no doubt that the present situation, in which so many parallel, sometimes competing, bodies function independently, is altogether unsatisfactory."

MEIR GROSSMAN APPEALS IN ARGENTINA FOR AID TO ISRAEL; WANTS FUNDS AND MANPOWER

BUENOS AIRES, July 6. (JTA) -- A call for Argentine Jews to supply both manpower and funds to Israel was voiced here last night by Meir Grossman, veteran Revisionist leader, who arrived in this country to aid the Argentine United Jewish Appeal campaign.

Speaking at a Zionist banquet, Mr. Grossman declared that Jews throughout the world have a stake in Israel, therefore they have the right to influence its policies. He said that the economic situation of the Jewish state is "grave" and called for private investment in Israel as a symbol of middle class initiative in building the state. Finally, he asserted that Zionism's aims will not have been realized until a majority of the Jews of the world live in "historic Palestine."

Z.O.A. APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO FORMULATE POLICY ON PROBLEMS OF WORLD ZIONIST MOVEMENT

CHICAGO, July 6. (JTA) -- A policy committee to help Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, in formulating the policy of the Z.O.A. on questions dealing with the entire Zionist movement was appointed last night by the newly-elected Z.O.A. national executive.

The members of the committee are Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Rabbi Irving Millor, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Louis Lipsky, Judge Simon Rifkind, Dewey Stone and Dr. Samuel Margoshes. Ex-officio members are Mr. Browdy, Rudolf G. Sonneborn and N. Mortimer May.

SOME BUSINESS FIRMS WHICH SUPPORTED MERWIN K. HART ARE WITHDRAWING SUPPORT

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA) -- Merwin K. Hart's anti-Semitic activities have caused leading business firms, which in the past have been misled into supporting his National Economic Council, to repudiate him and withdraw their support, it was revealed today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

