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ISRAEL CABINET MEETS; HEARS REPORT ON WORLD SITUATION; MAKES IMPORTANT DECISIONS

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet met today to hear a report on the international situation from Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. No details of the report were made known. The Cabinet also heard a report on the economic situation of the Jewish state submitted by Eliezer Kaplan, Minister of Finance.

At its meeting the Cabinet also approved loans for basic chemical industries as well as a plan to build a road from Sodom to Beersheba. It also prepared a draft of a bill which would enable the transfer to Israel of companies registered in England. The adoption of this bill would make it possible for the Anglo-Palestine Bank to transfer its central office from London to Jerusalem.

ISRAEL DIPLOMAT VISITS STATE DEPARTMENT; DISCUSSES WORLD SITUATION, KOREAN CONFLICT

WASHINGTON, July 27. (JTA) -- Israel charge d'affaires Moshe Keren discussed the world situation, including the Korean crisis, with Assistant Secretary of State George C. McGhee at a meeting late last night which lasted 70 minutes.

Mr. Keren did not divulge the exact nature of the talks, but it is believed they touched on the issue of arms shipments to the Near East in view of the tense world situation. Mr. Keren said that no decision has been reached with regard to the sending of Israel troops to join the United Nations forces in Korea.

Lebanese Minister to the United States, Charles Malik, today lodged a protest with the State Department against Israel, declaring that a Lebanese airliner was attacked by an Israel fighter plane on Monday over the Israel-Lebanon frontier area.

The Lebanese diplomat called the incident "regrettable." Upon leaving the State Department, he told reporters that George C. McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, "was emphatic in expressing genuine concern" over the incident.

Britain Urges Middle East Countries to Unite for Defense Against Attack

LONDON, July 27. (JTA) -- A call to Middle Eastern countries to unite for defense against possible attack was made last night in the House of Lords by Lord Henderson, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, during a debate on British aid to the United Nations action now taking place in Korea.

Lord Henderson said that present events in the Far East are a warning "in terms of the Middle East." If free countries, he declared, wish to remain free, they must not only develop their own internal health and strength, but "must concert with other free nations for their safety."

(The Middle East is high on official lists of places where Soviet Russia may increase pressure next, the Christian Science Monitor reported today from Washington. The report said that even if the United States has time to deliver additional arms to Iran--the bridge between Russia and the Middle East--and advise Iran's troops how to use them, military experts do not believe the Iranian Army alone could fight more than a delaying action.)

EGYPT AND LEBANON COMPLAIN TO U.N. AGAINST ISRAEL; SEEK SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION

LAKE SUCCESS, July 27. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government today complained to the United Nations that an armed Israel force, supported by aircraft, allegedly crossed into Egyptian territory and killed three persons.

A protest against Israel was also lodged yesterday by Lebanon in connection with the incident last Monday when an Israel fighter plane chased a Lebanese airliner which appeared over Israel territory. Both Egypt and Lebanon called for action by the Security Council against Israel.

United Nations officials indicated that the protests may be circulated among member states of the U.N. As to the request by Lebanon to have its charge against Israel placed before the Security Council, the same official said that it was up to a member of the Council to place it officially on the agenda.

The Egyptian complaint, which came in the form of a letter to the U.N. Secretary-General from the Egyptian Foreign Minister, alleged that on June 30 an armed Israel force "of about 60 men" crossed the armistice line east of Rafah and entered Egyptian territory to a depth of 700 meters. The Egyptian communication said that the Israelis "attacked the local civilian population" and burned their crops. "This act of aggression was supported by machinegun fire from at least one Israel aircraft," the communication said.

Although United Nations officials in Palestine had previously informed the U.N. Secretariat that the mixed armistice commission was handling this incident, the Egyptian Foreign Minister insisted that the facts be made known before the members of the U.N. Security Council. Similarly the Lebanese Foreign Minister demanded in his cable that the Security Council undertake an investigation of the airplane incident.

Both Egypt and Lebanon warned the Security Council in their communications that "repeated violations" of the armistice lines by Israel armed forces are threatening peace in Palestine and "might have serious consequences." The Lebanese protest charged that Israel has "repeatedly committed violations of the armistice provisions against all neighboring Arab states."

HEBREW WILL BE LINK BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JEWS WORLD OVER, AMBASSADOR EBAN SAYS

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) -- Hebrew will become one of the most important factors in strengthening the link between Israel and Jewish communities the world over, Aubrey S. Eban, Israel's ambassador to the United States and chief Israel delegate to the United Nations, declared here today, addressing the World Hebrew Congress which is being attended by delegates from many countries, including 90 delegates from the United States.

The Israel Ambassador revealed that the recently-concluded conference of Israel diplomats stationed in more than a dozen countries--which was held here and in Tel Aviv for more than a week--decided to foster the study of Hebrew in the various countries in which Israel maintains diplomatic officials. It was also learned here today that the diplomats' conference pointed up the need for appointing "cultural attaches" to existing Israel legations.

FORMER IRISH PREMIER DE VALERA ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; PLAYS CALL ON CHIEF RABBI HERZOG

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) -- Former Premier of Eire Eamon de Valera, accompanied by Robert Briscoe, the only Jewish member of the Irish Parliament, arrived here today and immediately paid a formal visit to Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, who was once the Chief Rabbi in Eire. Rabbi Herzog will tender a dinner in honor of the Irish statesman tonight, with Premier David Ben Gurion and other top leaders of the Israel Government participating.

EX-MUFTI OF JERUSALEM SOUGHT DIRECT TALKS WITH JEWISH AGENCY, ARAB MEDIATOR REVEALS

TEL AVIV, July 27. (JTA) -- Several days before the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the resolution partitioning Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states, the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem--Israel's enemy No. 1--approached the Jewish Agency with an offer of direct negotiations for solution of the Palestine problem, it was revealed today in the Arab daily Al Yom, published in Jaffa.

The Jewish Agency rejected the ex-Mufti's proposal, the Arab paper says. It relates that on November 27, 1947, the ex-Mufti Haj Amin el Hussein sent to his emissary, Ahmed el Imam in Haifa, the following message: "The Mufti requests you to contact immediately Dr. Mordecai Eliash and ask him to propose secret talks between the Jewish Agency and the Mufti prior to the final decision of the United Nations General Assembly. These talks are to be conducted without the mediation of any of the Arab countries."

According to Al Yom, the ex-Mufti also promised a compromising attitude with a view to bringing his proposed negotiations to a successful conclusion. The negotiations were to be conducted at the Mufti's residence in Lebanon. In making his proposal, the ex-Mufti requested a reply from the Jewish Agency within 24 hours.

Dr. Mordecai Eliash, who after the establishment of Israel became Israel's Minister to England, presented the ex-Mufti's proposal to a meeting of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem. The meeting unanimously rejected the idea of entering into any talks with the ex-Mufti and emphasized its readiness to negotiate with any Arab leader except the ex-Mufti, who not only provoked bloodshed against Jews in Palestine but also aided Hitler in his mass annihilation of Jews.

The reply of the Jewish Agency executive was handed over to the ex-Mufti by Sharif el Shanti, writer of the article in the Jaffa newspaper.

MIZRACHI AND AGUDAH LABOR GROUPS MERGE INTO SINGLE PARTY WITH JOINT WORLD EXECUTIVE

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) -- The merger of the Mizrahi labor organization and the Agudah Laborite group into a joint religious labor party was announced here today. The announcement said that an agreement to this effect was signed this week by leaders of both groups--Hapoel Hamizrahi and Poale Agudas Israel. Merger of the "mother organizations" of both groups--the Mizrahi World Organization and the World Organization of Agudas Israel--is now being negotiated.

Under the pact signed between the two orthodox labor groups, a single world central committee and executive body will be elected, with Poale Agudas Israel receiving one-third of all executive posts. Institutions maintained by the groups will hereafter be conducted on a joint basis.

FULL RESTORATION OF ARAB RELIGIOUS LIFE IN ISRAEL REPORTED BY EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, July 27. (JTA) -- Religious life in the Moslem communities in Israel has been fully restored, it was reported here today by the Israel Embassy. The report said that there are now 150 Moslem religious officials active in Israel: four Kadis (religious judges) in Nazareth, Haifa and Acre, 67 Imams (who lead prayers and deliver sermons), 24 Muzzins (callers to prayer), 21 Mazuns who register marriages and divorces.

The salaries of all these officials are paid by the Israel Government, which in addition also maintains four Sharia courts and 70 mosques throughout the country. A home for aged Moslems is maintained by the Ministry of Social Welfare in Acre, and preparations are under way for the establishment of Moslem orphanages in Jaffa and Haifa.

HUNGARIAN TRADE DELEGATION REACHES ISRAEL; JEWISH STATE SEEKS TRADE WITH YUGOSLAVIA

TEL AVIV, July 27. (JTA) -- A Hungarian trade delegation comprising representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Trade and Finance arrived at Lydda airport last night from Budapest. The Hungarians will negotiate renewal of the trade agreement now in force between Israel and Hungary.

Dr. Moshe Yishai, Israel Minister to Yugoslavia, left today for Belgrade following a brief visit here. Prior to his return to the Yugoslav capital, Dr. Yishai said that his chief task in Belgrade would be conclusion of an Israel-Yugoslav trade agreement.

WORLD JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS DISCUSS COORDINATION OF EFFORTS BEFORE INTERNATIONAL BODIES

LONDON, July 27. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the South African Board of Jewish Deputies and B'nai B'rith--the three organizations which have a joint representation as a consultative body at the United Nations--today met with representatives of other Jewish organizations which enjoy similar rights at the U.N. in order to discuss the coordination of Jewish efforts before international bodies.

Participating in the meeting were representatives of the Agudas Israel World Organization, World Jewish Congress, and Anglo-Jewish Association, which is represented jointly with the American Jewish Committee as a consultative body at the United Nations. All participants were pledged to secrecy. However, it is understood that nothing was achieved, although in principle all organizations represented at the meeting acknowledged the necessity for cooperation.

The difficulty in bringing the various Jewish groups to united action seemed to be claims by the World Jewish Congress which cannot be reconciled with the determination of the other Jewish groups to maintain their independence. An official announcement issued after the meeting declared that the participants unanimously approved recommendations for submission to their constituent bodies. However, the announcement did not specify the nature of the recommendations.

U.N. COVENANT ON HUMAN RIGHTS CRITICIZED AT GENEVA BARLEY; ITS DEFICIENCIES OUTLINED

GENEVA, July 27. (JTA) -- The international covenant on human rights, drafted several months ago by the United Nations Human Rights Commission, has come under sustained criticism in two days of debate here by the social committee of the U.N. Economic and Social Council.

The covenant has been criticized in general by many delegates for what are considered inadequacies and ambiguities, and in particular a general dissatisfaction has been expressed with the Commission's proposed measures of implementation, especially the failure to provide for the right of petition by individuals against violations of the instrument. Jewish groups enjoying consultative status at the United Nations have asked for this right.

Representatives of Denmark, Belgium and Mexico argued that the covenant would be empty and misleading without this right. British, Belgian and Canadian delegates expressed the view that the deficiencies in the draft were too great to enable the covenant to serve any useful purpose in its present form. The right of petition, by states only, as proposed by the Commission, was upheld by the U.S., France, India and Pakistan. The document, in general, was upheld by the latter four states.

DAIA LEADERS HAIL AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN J.C.A. AND ARGENTINE JEWISH COLONISTS

Buenos Aires, July 27. (JTA) -- The recent agreement reached between the Jewish Colonization Association in London and a delegation of Jewish colonists from Argentina who are settled on J.C.A. land was hailed here today at a press conference arranged by the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry.

Dr. Ricardo Dubrovsky, president of the DAIA, emphasized that the fact that the Argentine Jewish community has now secured the right to appoint a member to the J.C.A. Council will make it possible to begin a new chapter in Jewish colonization work in Argentina. The lack of a direct contact between the local colonies and the J.C.A. Council in London has been responsible for many misunderstandings in the past, he said.

It was revealed to the conference that the Jewish Colonization Association will allocate 100,000 pesos to the Fraternidad Agraria, an organization which represents the Argentine Jewish colonists. This sum will be granted in 1951. Leaders of the DAIA at the same time reported that the general trend among Jewish colonists in Argentina is now toward settling in urban areas. The agreement reached in London between the delegation of the colonists and the J.C.A. may have, therefore, come too late in spite of all its positive aspects.

NEW AMERICAN INVESTMENTS IN ISRAEL REPORTED BY JEWISH AGENCY ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT

New York, July 27. (JTA) -- New American investments in Israel are revealed in a report published here today by the Economic Department of the American section of the Jewish Agency. Among the new investments announced are a \$1,500,000 housing development and a \$500,000 investment in Israel's primary building industries.

The housing project, which will be located near Tel Aviv, calls for the establishment of a new settlement with 300 houses and auxiliary farm units by the Kiriat-Bialystok Foundation in New York, a non-profit organization. Through this contribution towards the absorption of immigrants into Israel the Foundation is honoring the memory of Nazi victims of the town of Bialystok in Poland.

The investment in primary building materials is sponsored by a group of businessmen and community leaders from Detroit. The first part of their investment will be the establishment of a modern stone crushing plant, the site to be decided upon after further consultation with the Israel Government.

ZIONIST-REVISIONISTS IN SO. AFRICA FAVOR HERUT-REVISIONIST AMALGAMATION IN ISRAEL

Johannesburg, So. Africa, July 27. (JTA) -- The Zionist-Revisionists in South Africa will support the joint Herut-Revisionist groups in Israel, it was announced at a press conference today by A. Daleski, chairman of the Revisionist Party here.

Mr. Daleski disapproved of the proposal for the formation of an independent Revisionist group in Israel. Such a proposal was recently made by Meir Grossman, one of the founders of the Zionist-Revisionist party and a member of the Jewish Agency executive.

PALESTINE ELECTRIC CORPORATION REPORTS NET PROFIT DURING CURRENT YEAR OF \$476,000

London, July 27. (JTA) -- The Palestine Electric Corporation's net profit for the current year is 170,000 Israel pounds (approximately \$476,000), it was announced today. The net profit in the previous year was 97,000 pounds. The P.E.C. paid a total of 380,000 pounds in taxes during the current year and set aside for the general reserve a sum of 125,000 pounds.

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