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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES SECURITY SITUATION; ARMISTICE GROUP MEETS ON NEGEV CLASH

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet met here this afternoon to discuss the security situation in the light of this week's clash between Israel and Jordan armored units in the Negev.

Simultaneously, the mixed Israel-Jordan armistice commission met on the same issue. Presiding at the session was Brig. Gen. William E. Riley, United Nations truce chief in Palestine, who returned from Lake Success, where he was scheduled to remain through a discussion of the Jerusalem issue, in order to take personal command of this new explosive situation.

After the commission's meeting, an official statement was issued declaring that after a "frank exchange of views" it was decided that Gen. Riley would see as soon as possible the heads of both governments with a view toward obtaining their reaffirmation of the authority of the mixed commission to deal with border incidents as outlined by the latest U.N. Security Council resolution. He will also attempt to get them to agree to the appointment of an inquiry body to ascertain in whose territory the disputed portion of the Elath road lies.

ARABS HAMPER PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST, ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER TELLS UNITED NATIONS

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Placing the blame for the absence of genuine peace in the Middle East squarely on the Arab states, Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today warned the United Nations Special Political Committee against taking "the road of deadlock" in seeking a settlement in the Middle East and a solution to the Arab refugee problem.

Leading the Israel delegation for the second day, in a diplomatic campaign reminiscent of earlier Israel battles in the world organization for recognition as a state and in support of Jerusalem, Mr. Sharett defended his government against Arab charges of discrimination in Israel and blasted the Arab governments for refusal to negotiate a lasting peace settlement. He told the 60 U.N. delegates that the crux of the matter was whether the Arabs wanted peace. If they did, it meant full acceptance of Israel, he said. But, he added, if they did not feel this way, then there was no use talking in the U.N. any further.

"The basic issue is the conclusion of peace," he declared. "If that is not possible, let us drop the matter. Let us leave to time the healing of this wound." Asserting that no Arab delegate at any Conciliation Commission meeting had ever been authorized to discuss a real peace settlement, Mr. Sharett said: "This tragic-comedy must come to an end. The Commission should be saved from the indignation and humiliation" of a fruitless process.

Mr. Sharett's attack was aimed immediately against three resolutions before the Committee that either restricted themselves to the refugee problem or made it paramount to peace negotiations. The Israel Foreign Minister declared that the U.N.

would get nowhere unless it insisted that the Arabs join Israel in direct or even indirect peace talks. He pressed an Israel resolution which urges the governments concerned to engage without delay in such talks, recommending that "special and urgent consideration" be given the refugee question.

Replying to Arab allegations regarding the treatment of Arabs in Israel, Mr. Sharett told the Committee that the percentage of Arab children of school age enrolled in Israel schools had risen since 1945 from 45 percent to 83 percent. He said wages of unskilled Arab laborers had risen from 49 percent of the wages paid Jewish laborers to 85 percent. He said Israel policy was definitely the equalization in all spheres of activity.

### Israel Objects to Chinese Proposal on Arab-Jewish Peace Talks

Mr. Sharett, in both morning and afternoon sessions, took pains to explain Israel objections to a Nationalist Chinese amendment to the American-sponsored four-power resolution. The amendment calls for "negotiations" between the parties "either with the Conciliation Commission or directly," rather than "direct discussions without delay," as specified in the American draft. Mr. Sharett pointed out that a pious declaration for negotiations would result in the same old Arab delaying tactics. Beyond this, however, there is fierce Israel opposition to the second part of the four-power draft, which would set up a special office for the handling of the repatriation and compensation questions.

The Israel Foreign Minister asked the acting chairman of the Conciliation Commission, Ely E. Palmer of the United States, the attitude of the Commission toward this amendment. Mr. Palmer said he had not wanted to answer specific questions, lest his words be misinterpreted or he give the impression of "taking sides" in the debate. The Commission recognized that its record of accomplishment was "not much to be proud of," he said, but it did feel that some progress might be made.

In reply to Mr. Sharett's question, he read excerpts from the Commission's supplementary report stating the Commission's view that "direct negotiations between the parties under United Nations auspices offer the best prospects of a final solution of the Palestine problem." Whether this was done "without delay" was relatively unimportant, said Mr. Palmer. Language was unimportant. What was important was the cooperation and good will of all the parties concerned, he emphasized.

### SOVIET DELEGATION AT U.N. PROPOSES DISSOLUTION OF PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The Soviet delegation at the United Nations today submitted a proposal to the Special Political Committee calling for disbanding of the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission. The text of the proposal reads:

"Considering that the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine has proved incapable of discharging its duty of settling the disputes between the parties in Palestine, the General Assembly resolves to terminate the Conciliation Commission for Palestine." Soviet delegate Semyon K. Tsarapkin also moved deletion of all reference to the Commission in other proposals before the Committee.

### BRITISH MINISTER BEVIN SIGNS CIVIL AVIATION PACT WITH ISRAEL; SAYS HE IS "VERY HAPPY"

LONDON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- An Israel-British civil aeronautical agreement was signed here today in the office of Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin. The pact was signed by Secretary Bevin for Britain and Minister Elisha Elath for the Jewish state. After he signed the pact, Secretary Bevin, noted for his opposition to the release of Israel from Mandatory status, declared that this had been a "very happy day" for him. This was the first time that Mr. Bevin signed a document which was written in Hebrew.

SWEDEN CIRCULATES PROPOSAL ON JERUSALEM; WANTS U.N. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HOLY PLACES

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Sweden today circulated the draft of its resolution for the establishment of an international regime for the Holy Places of Jerusalem, thus presenting its views officially on the eve of the expected discussion of the status of Jerusalem at the U.N. Special Political Committee. It is understood that Israel and Jordan are inclined to accept the Swedish proposal.

The Swedish draft is known to be supported by Canada and The Netherlands, although the latter has withdrawn from sponsorship of this document, apparently under Vatican pressure. The Swedish resolution proposes to establish a High Commissioner for the protection of and free access to the Holy Places. The Commissioner would be appointed for three years by the U.N. Security Council, but his annual report would be made to the General Assembly. His headquarters would be in the Government House in Jerusalem.

Under the resolution, the Commissioner, assisted by a deputy Commissioner appointed in the same way, would make arrangements with the governments concerned for implementation of the provisions of the resolution. The resolution contains a provision for the gradual reduction of Israel and Jordan armed forces "in conformity with Article VII of the general armistice agreement," and this reduction is to reach normal peacetime requirements not later than three months after the coming into effect of a peace settlement between the two states. Any disputes under this provision would be referred to the Security Council.

The resolution also empowers the Commissioner to request either government to "modify, defer or suspend" any laws or regulations which in his opinion impair protection of and free access to the Holy Places. There would be a panel of advisers consisting of representatives nominated by the religious denominations and governments concerned.

The resolution provides for an arbitration tribunal, whose members would be appointed by Jordan, Israel and the U.N., to settle disputes, and its decisions would be binding. "Nothing herein shall apply to purely Moslem Holy Places within the territory of Jordan or to purely Jewish Holy Places within territory controlled by Israel," the resolution concludes.

ACTING PRIME MINISTER, OTHER BRITISH GOVERNMENT LEADERS FETE HISTADRUT DELEGATION

LONDON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The Histadrut delegation which is now touring Britain was today given a luncheon by the British Foreign Office. Presiding over the affair was Ernest Davies, Foreign Under Secretary. Among the guests were: A.W. Burdette, head of the Foreign Office Middle East Department, and other officials.

Yesterday, Acting Prime Minister Herbert Morrison presided at a luncheon tendered the delegation by the Parliamentary members of the Labor Party. Lord Morrison, addressing the luncheon guests, hailed the "reconstruction of Israel as one of the greatest social experiments of our time." He conveyed "warmest greetings" to the delegation, in behalf of the Labor Government and the British labor movement, and lauded the collective settlements in the Jewish state.

ARAB NEWSPAPER IN OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM BEGINS PUBLISHING MENAHEM BEIGIN'S MEMOIRS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The Arabic newspaper Ad Diffa, published in the Old City of Jerusalem, today started publishing--in serial form--the memoirs of Menahem Beigin, former commander of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and currently a leader of the Herut Party.

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HISTADRUT-MAPAI AND MAPAM CONCLUDE AGREEMENT FOR UNITED POLICY IN MUNICIPALITIES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The executive of the Histadrut, Israel's federation of labor, announced today the conclusion of an agreement between the Histadrut-Mapai and the Mapam for "concerted action" in newly-elected municipalities.

The agreement provides for a united, labor and progressive policy in all recently-returned municipalities, envisaging individual coalitions between the two labor movements with other parties or lists, wherever feasible, for presentation of a united labor front.

The agreement also stipulates that whenever local differences arise between the two contracting parties, "the issue will be referred to a central combined committee, sitting within the Histadrut, for ultimate jurisdiction."

ISRAEL'S IMPORTS IN EIGHT MONTHS TOTAL \$191,000,000; EXPORTS TOTAL \$25,000,000

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Imports into Israel for the period ending in August increased appreciably, a report issued by the government statistical bureau showed today. During the first eight months of 1950, the Jewish state imported goods valued at close to \$191,000,000. During the same period in 1949 the total value of goods imported by Israel was approximately \$148,400,000.

The government bureau also noted that during the first eight months of 1950, Israel's exports--as compared with the same period in the previous year--increased 28.7 percent, to a total value of approximately \$25,200,000.

ISRAEL MINISTER TO POLAND RESIGNS; MATTER BEING CONSIDERED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Israel Barzilai, Israel Minister to Poland, has resigned, it was officially announced here today. The announcement added that his resignation is still being considered by the Foreign Ministry. Mr. Barzilai's aides, Ariel Uchmani, counsellor, and Dr. Israel Carmel, first secretary, also submitted their resignations.

The resignation was first reported by Al Hamishmar, publication of the left-wing Socialist Mapam, which said that Mr. Barzilai was joined in his action by three other employees of the Warsaw legation. The newspaper added that the four men submitted to Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, together with their resignations, a comprehensive statement of their reasons for the action. Observers here believe that the resignation was prompted by the fact that the Mapam refuses to identify itself with the government's current foreign policy.

FORMER ISRAEL MINISTER TO MOSCOW RETURNS HOME; CITES CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH SOVIET

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Mordecai Namir, former Israel Minister to the Soviet Union, who resigned his post, returned to Israel yesterday.

Addressing a news conference, Mr. Namir stated that relations between the Soviet and Israel Governments continue to be cordial. Israel's gift of medical supplies to United Nations forces fighting Communist aggression in Korea did not evoke unfavorable reaction in Moscow, he reported.

WARSAW TRADE DELEGATION DUE IN ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE EXTENSION OF COMMERCIAL PACT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- A trade delegation from Poland is expected to reach Israel soon to negotiate an extension of the present Israel-Polish trade agreement, it was announced today.

SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HOPES TO END INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF ANTI-SEMITES, MINISTER SAYS

SYDNEY, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Replying to complaints about anti-Semitic pamphlets originating in Sweden which have been received in Australia, the Swedish Minister to this country today expressed the "repugnance" of the Swedish people for such propaganda and said he hoped that a law enacted last year by the Swedish Parliament would soon end such activities.

The statement, which was issued by the Swedish legation here, attributes "this disgusting activity" to Einar Aberg, notorious Swedish anti-Semite whose speciality is mailing anti-Jewish propaganda to persons in English-speaking countries. The Minister also pointed out that until 1949 the Swedish Government did not have enough legal power to prevent Aberg's activities but that in that year a law, popularly known as "Lex Aberg," was adopted. It makes a criminal offense the propagation of material which "threatens, lies about or insults any group of people of a certain descent or religion."

"We expect that through this law it will be possible to put a definite end to actions of this kind, which are highly undesirable and most repugnant to the Swedish people," the statement said, adding: "Should you hear any more from this Mr. Aberg--which I seriously hope will not happen--I should appreciate your informing me of it."

HEAD OF JEWISH VETERANS IN AUSTRALIA REAFFIRMS OPPOSITION TO GERMAN IMMIGRANTS

SYDNEY, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- John Einfeld, president of the Federation of Ex-Servicemen in Australia, today warned the Australian Government that the admission of even a "few thousand German settlers yearly" is a threat to the country because of Nazi indoctrination.

Mr. Einfeld added that there is "no room" in Australia for fascists or Communists. His statement was made in reply to Immigration Minister Harold Holt who had declared that "the risk of bringing in a substantial number of undesirables among German immigrants to Australia is negligible." The Minister had also asserted that Jewish veterans were not unanimous in their opposition to the admission of German immigrants. Mr. Einfeld answered this by referring to a resolution of his organization, adopted at its last annual convention, which opposed the admission of the Germans.

U.N. COMMITTEE DECIDES TO CALL CONFERENCE TO FIX STATUS OF REFUGEES AND STATELESS

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The U.N. Social Committee adopted today a British proposal to convene an international conference for final establishment of signature for a convention on the status of refugees and a protocol on the status of stateless persons.

The calling of the conference allows for the participation of non-U.N. members. The resolution calls on the future U.N. High Commissioner for refugees to participate in the work of the conference. It was not decided where or when the conference would be held.

ABRAHAM SUZKEVER WINS 1950 PRIZE FOR BEST WORKS IN YIDDISH PUBLISHED DURING YEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Abraham Suzkever, well-known Yiddish poet who is now residing in Tel Aviv, was the winner today of the European Literature Prize for 1950, for the best literary work published in Yiddish during the year. The prize, which was established by the European section of the Yiddish Cultural Congress, carries with it 1,000 Swiss francs.

J.N.F. OF AMERICA ISSUES CALL TO JEWISH GROUPS; WILL PRESENT 10-YEAR PLAN AT JUBILEE

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund of America today issued a call to Jewish organizations to send representatives to the Golden Jubilee Conference of the J.N.F. which will open in Washington on January 19 at the Hotel Statler. The conference will mark 50 years of the existence of the Jewish National Fund.

Referring to the difficulties now faced by Israel and the ways and means of resolving them, the call says that "the urgency of this historic hour in the lives of our people demands that we assemble to devise plans for the future." It emphasizes that "a Blueprint for the Future" will be presented at the conference by Dr. Abraham Granott, world president of the J.N.F. This blueprint will deal with a ten-year program which includes an irrigation project through the Negev as well as other projects involving a cost of \$500,000,000.

The call was signed by Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund; Dr. Israel Goldstein, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency and chairman of the Golden Jubilee Committee of the Fund, and Mendel N. Fisher, executive director.

JEWISH AGENCY DISASSOCIATES ITSELF FROM ISRAEL TOURING CLUB ASSOCIATION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive issued a statement here today making it clear that it carries "no responsibility whatever" for the activities of the Israel Touring Club Association established in New York.

The statement was issued in connection with an announcement published by the Club that it had established offices in New York "under the authorization" of the Jewish Agency. The Agency says that the Touring Club has no connection with it.

ISRAEL NAVAL HEROES HONORED IN NEW YORK; EXPANDED MERCHANT MARINE FOR ISRAEL SEEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The development of Israel as a democratic country with strong economic bonds with the United States and as a fabricating and distribution center for the Middle East, implemented with an expanded merchant marine and harbor facilities, was forecast by Howard S. Cullman, chairman of the Port of New York Authority, speaking before the American Fund for Israel Institutions at its second annual Israel Maritime League dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Three Israel naval heroes were honored at the dinner including Yochay Bin-nun, a holder of the highest Israel Medal of Naval Affairs; Arie Kaplan, a naval Commander, now on civilian status; and Abraham Zakay, Staff Officer of the Israel Navy. Israel was represented by Avraham Harman, Counselor to the Israel Embassy.

PHILADELPHIA ZIONISTS SEND MACHINERY FOR EQUIPMENT OF NEEDLE TRADES SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Machinery for the equipment of a complete needle trades school in Israel, assembled by the Zionist Organization in Philadelphia, was loaded today aboard the "SS Henrietta Szold" for shipment to the Jewish state. The school, which will be maintained as well as equipped by the Philadelphia Zionist Organization, will be located in the Israel Goldstein Youth Village in Katamon, a suburb of Jerusalem, which has been adopted by the Zionist Organization of America. The village houses immigrant children from some 28 countries.