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HIGH ISRAEL ARMY OFFICER REPORTED IN SECRET PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ABDULLAH

JERUSALEM, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Col. Moshe Dayan, war-time commander of Israel forces in Jerusalem and since then one of the Jewish state's top negotiators with the Arab states and the United Nations staff in Palestine, has arrived at Jordan King Abdullah's winter palace for "secret negotiations for a peace treaty," the Damascus radio declared today. In a broadcast monitored here, the Syrian announcer said that Jordan is demanding possession of the former Arab sections of the city as its price for peace.

Israel authorities here, however, disclaimed all knowledge of such a visit and negotiations.

Meanwhile, it was learned today that Lt. Col. Shaul Ramati, Col. Dayan's successor as head of the Israel delegations to the mixed armistice commissions, met last week with Lt. Col. Azmi Nashashibi, his Jordan counterpart, in private talks about the Israel-Jordan dispute over the Elath road. As a result of the meeting, a full session of the mixed armistice commission will be convened Tuesday.

DEFENSE OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE WILL DOMINATE GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY, SHARETT SAYS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- "Israel's foreign policy will remain that of defense of Israel's independence and of the independent attitude of the Jewish state in international affairs," Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett declared here to representatives of the press following his return to Israel after a two-and-a-half month's absence abroad.

The Foreign Minister said that there is no change in Israel's relations with the Arab states and that peace in the Middle East is not imminent. He strongly denied reports alleging that talks are taking place between Israel and Turkey for a military alliance.

Referring to the status of Jerusalem, Mr. Sharett said that the recent discussions at the United Nations about the internationalization of the city indicated a noticeable withdrawal from the original U.N. internationalization scheme. He confirmed reports that Eliahu Elath, Israel's Minister to Britain, met with British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin on the Far East situation. With regard to the world situation he said that the recent developments are "very grave," but added that there is still hope that war will not break out.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the Israel Government has contacted Britain regarding the Egyptian extension of the Suez Canal blockade against Israel by establishing shore batteries at the entrance to the Canal, compelling passing ships to identify themselves, the nature of their cargo, and their destination.

The government of Jordan, it is reported here, is investigating reports that Egypt has established batteries near the tip of the Sinai Peninsula commanding shipping in the Gulf of Aqaba.

ARAB OPPOSITION TO ISRAEL PROPOSAL FORCES ELIMINATION OF ITS KOREAN CEASE-FIRE PLAN

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Arab opposition to Israel's role in the Korean cease-fire resolution this week-end resulted in the elimination of the resolution introduced in the United Nations Political Committee by Aubrey Eban last Friday for a progressive cease-fire to be followed by a conference on Far Eastern problems. The earlier proposal by the three-man truce committee--similar in a number of respects to the Israel plan--was adopted instead.

The last-minute Arab revolt against the Israel resolution was successful despite the fact that no other delegation appeared willing to propose a resolution on a Korean settlement. Earlier the Arabs had supported the principles contained in the Israel resolution, but later threatened to abstain or vote against it.

After the Arab threats the Political Committee recessed for private conference among the 12-member Asian-Arab group. When it reconvened, the Mexican delegate proposed--as a point of order--that the truce committee's principles be adopted at once "at an organic whole." This move removed Israel sponsorship from the proposition.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS HAIL GENOCIDE PACT; ASK U.S. GOVERNMENT TO RATIFY CONVENTION

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations--including the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League--this week-end hailed the international convention against genocide which is now in effect, but called on the American Government to ratify the pact and join the 27 nations which have already signed it.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Western Hemisphere Executive of the World Jewish Congress, expressed the gratification of the Jewish people over the fact that the genocide convention had finally become operative. Dr. Goldstein declared that the convention should be viewed in the broad prospective of international co-operation to protect mankind from new tragedies and as "a very useful precedent in establishing rules of international law against wrongdoers."

U.S. OFFICIALS SAY WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT SEEKS COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

FRANKFURT, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- High American officials here indicated this week-end that the West German Government is seeking an opportunity to renew commercial relations with Israel. However, Dr. Robert M.M. Kempner, former U.S. Deputy Chief of Counsel for the War Crimes Trials at Nuremberg, who arrived here from Israel, said that the mood in the Jewish state is against establishment of diplomatic relations with Germany.

Dr. Kempner was invited by the Israel Government to advise it on how to collect restitution and reparations due to Israel citizens for property confiscated or looted under the Nazi regime. At present, Jews living in Israel are unable to collect money awarded them because no mechanism exists for transferring either goods or cash from Germany to the Jewish state.

PARIS GETS NEW CHIEF RABBI; INDUCTION ATTENDED BY CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT CHURCH LEADERS

PARIS, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- French Minister of Justice Rene Meyer and representatives of other Ministries, as well as representatives of the Catholic and Protestant churches in France, this week-end attended the induction of Paris Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan who succeeds the late Rabbi Julien Weil. Also attending the ceremony were Maurice Fischer, Israel Minister to France, and representatives of the municipality.

FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH EDUCATION ADOPTS FOUR-POINT PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- A four-pronged plan of cooperative action to marshal the diverse religious and organizational elements in American Jewish life behind one common program of improving and expanding Jewish educational activities was adopted today by delegates representing organizations and communities in all parts of the United States and Canada, at the first National Conference on Jewish Education. The conference, held at the Hotel Biltmore, is sponsored by the American Association for Jewish Education, with the cooperation of 32 major national Jewish organizations.

The four-point program adopted by the delegates constitutes the first agreement in American Jewish history on community-wide cooperative action in the field of Jewish educational endeavor supplementary to the public schools. The delegates agreed that diversity in types of Jewish schools and in their underlying philosophies was desirable and in keeping with the American tradition of religio-cultural democracy. They adopted the following four-point program:

1. The creation of a permanent advisory council, representing all the major organizations in Jewish life, to work with the American Association in developing, promoting and expanding Jewish educational activities.
2. The adoption of a basic statement on community responsibility for Jewish education, which declares that Jewish education "must occupy a position of primacy in parental and community responsibility," and which calls upon all Jewish communities, organizations, and individuals in the United States to provide full financial support for Jewish education.
3. The adoption of a resolution calling for a full-scale nationwide study on the history, progress, effectiveness, achievement and status of every Jewish educational institution in the United States, involving the voluntary cooperation of all schools, religious bodies, communities and organizations.
4. The adoption of a "Charter of the Rights of the Jewish Child," which points out that the Jewish community bears responsibilities in relation to its children, supplementary to those owed to all children by the general American community, and pledges to dedicate all efforts, talents, and resources of the community to the discharge of those obligations.

In the opening address last night, Michael A. Stavitsky, president of the American Association, pointed out that the conference was the first assembled solely for the purpose of stimulating Jewish education in America. Prof. Horace M. Ellen of the New School for Social Research presided at the opening session, which was also addressed by Dean Ernest O. Melby of the School of Education of New York University.

JEWISH VOCATIONAL AGENCIES DRAFT PLAN TO AID U.S. IN UTILIZATION OF MANPOWER

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- A nine-point program designed to aid in "utilizing the manpower of the United States to the highest in the present national emergency" was drawn up here this week-end at a conference of executives of Jewish vocational agencies. The conference, held under the auspices of the Jewish Occupational Council, suggested, among other points, exploration of the possibilities of making the facilities of Jewish vocational agencies available to civilian defense authorities for selection and assignment of volunteers.

LEON LOWENSTEIN NAMED TO HEAD 1951 FUND DRIVE OF JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The appointment of Leon Lowenstein as general chairman of the Joint Defense Appeal, the fund-raising arm of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation of B'nai B'rith, was announced here this week-end. The \$6,000,000 nationwide campaign will get under way February 1.

U.A.H.C. STAND ON APPOINTMENT OF WOMEN TO RABBINATE OUTLINED BY DR. EISENDRATH

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations this week-end denied the report that his organization had given approval to the appointment of Mrs. William Ackerman as spiritual leader of the Beth Israel Congregation of Meridian, Mississippi. Mrs. Ackerman was appointed spiritual leader by the congregation to replace her husband, the late Rabbi William Ackerman.

Approving in principle the right of women to serve in the rabbinate, Dr. Eisendrath, leader of the central body of Reform Judaism representing more than 425 congregations throughout the United States and Canada, declared that to his knowledge Mrs. Ackerman did not possess the qualifications of a rabbi.

"To qualify for the rabbinate," Dr. Eisendrath said, "one must receive ordination, which in the United States is generally bestowed by one or another of the Jewish theological colleges upon the completion of a long and intensive course of specialized rabbinical instruction and training. So far as I can gather, Mrs. Ackerman has not received this training nor has she been ordained."

Dr. Eisendrath also declared that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations would have grave reservations on the appointment of a non-ordained Jew--male or female--to a pulpit in a Liberal Jewish congregation. However, he added, congregations affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations are autonomous and have the right to choose their own rabbi regardless of the Union's approval or disapproval.

"There is nothing in the practice and principles of Liberal Judaism which precludes the possibility of a woman serving as a rabbi," Dr. Eisendrath said. "However, she would have to fulfill the prerequisites of rabbinical training and ordination to qualify for that honored post."

EXHIBIT OF JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL SINCE 1882 OPENED AT JEWISH MUSEUM IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- An exhibit entitled "The First Million," a dramatic account in photographs and text of the story of Jewish immigration to Israel from 1882 to the present, opened here today at the Jewish Museum in the presence of representatives of the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency. Prepared for the most part from material in the archives of the Jewish Agency, the exhibit will continue for two weeks. It will be accompanied by showings of the Jewish Agency film "Jerusalem, My City," which has never before been shown outside Israel.

AMERICAN TRADE UNIONISTS HONOR WILLIAM GREEN FOR ASSISTANCE TO HISTADRUT

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- More than 1,500 trade unionists from all over the United States paid tribute this week-end to William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, at a dinner given by the American Trade Union Council for Histadrut at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria. Mr. Green was honored for his aid to the Histadrut, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

JACOB ARONSON, FORMER U.A.H.C. CHAIRMAN, DIES; WAS RAILROAD EXECUTIVE

SCARSDALE, N.Y. Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Jacob Aronson, former chairman of the executive board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, died at his home here yesterday. He was 64 years old. Mr. Aronson retired on January 4 as vice-president and chief of the law department of the New York Central Railroad, a post he had held since 1933.

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