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ISRAEL AND JORDAN SEEK TO PREVENT BORDER CLASHES AFTER 48-HOUR BATTLE IN NEGEV

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, which met here today to consider Israel's complaints of new raids in Southern Israel by a band of irregulars, set up a special investigating sub-committee to study the affair and make recommendations for preventing the occurrence of further incidents. It was reported that this session of the joint body met in a friendly atmosphere, unlike many earlier sessions this year.

The inquiry group will proceed to the Beit Jibrin area tomorrow to view the "battle scene" where several Israeli Army trucks were mined and where Jewish patrols fought a 48-hour engagement before they forced the Arabs back across the border into Jordan. The investigating team will also visit the Arab town of Idna which was shelled by Israeli artillery in the course of the battle.

The inquiry body has also been instructed to make specific recommendations to put an end to the repeated violations of the border and to begin to put their ideas into operation. In addition, the Israeli delegation at the Mixed Armistice Commission asked for an early demarcation of the frontier in the Southern Negev in order to put an end to the possibility of violations by "error."

Meanwhile, an Israeli military spokesman this evening announced that a new "incident" occurred in Southern Israel, with the marauders eventually retiring after an exchange of fire. In the two incidents Monday and Tuesday, Israel suffered six casualties in the landmining of the two vehicles alone.

The Arab newspaper Falastin, published in Jordan, reports that a Jordan military court in Nablus sentenced 10 Arabs to from five to 15 years imprisonment for illegally crossing the frontier into Israel. The 10 had been apprehended by Israeli patrols and returned to Jordan territory.

900,000 VOTERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ISRAEL NATIONAL ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- Some 900,000 persons will be eligible to vote in the forthcoming general elections in Israel, it was announced in Parliament today. Registration for the elections will be based on residence as of March 1, 1951.

In anticipation of the elections, attempts are being made here to bring about the merger of the General Zionist Party with the Progressive Party. A meeting to this effect took place here today with the General Zionists represented by a group headed by Peretz Bernstein, while the spokesman for the Progressives were headed by Pinhas Rosen, Israel's Minister of Justice.

Participating in the discussions were Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Rose Halprin and Fred Monosson, all of the United States. The parley was called at the initiative of Mr. Monosson. A second meeting will be held within a few days.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE NO LEGAL ACTION TO OUTLAW RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

LONDON, March 8. (JTA) -- The British Government has no intention of introducing legislation to outlaw racial discrimination in this country, it was stated here today by G.S. Freitas, Undersecretary of the Home Office. The statement was contained in a letter replying to Laborite M.P. Emrys Hughes who asked for such legislation in view of "the race prejudice which is displayed in clubs, hotels and restaurants."

MOSCOW CLAIMS MINORITIES SUFFER NO DISCRIMINATION IN USSR; IGNORES JEWISH CHARGES

LAKE SUCCESS, March 8. (JTA) -- The United Nations was informed today by the Soviet Government that no racial or religious discrimination exists in the Soviet Union and that national minorities are protected by law.

The Soviet communication took no note of charges voiced recently by the Jewish Labor Committee and the American Jewish Committee that Jewish cultural life is being "liquidated" by the Soviet authorities through systematic arrests of Jewish writers and the suspension of publication of Jewish newspapers and books, as well as the closing down of Jewish institutions.

The Soviet statement, dated February 10, quoted Articles 123 and 124 of the Constitution of the USSR, Article 13 of the Declaration of Rights of the Peoples of the USSR, and Article 59 of the Soviet Criminal Code of 1926. These include guarantees of equal rights to all Soviet citizens in economic, cultural and social-political life; freedom of worship; self-determination; the right of free development of all nationalities, and prison terms for those who disseminate propaganda of national or religious enmity.

The Moscow communication was sent to the United Nations in reply to a questionnaire on the treatment of national minorities. This questionnaire was sent by the U.N. to all member governments with a view to establishing the exact facts concerning the situation of ethnic and religious groups in various countries.

Jews IN AUSTRALIA SUBMIT DATA TO GOVERNMENT ON IMMIGRANTS WITH NAZI RECORDS

SYDNEY, Australia, March 8. (JTA) -- The Executive Council of Australian Jewry today submitted to the government and to members of the Federal Parliament a list of 40 names of individuals resident in Australia who have a record of Nazi collaboration. The Council also submitted detailed arguments against the admission of 100,000 Germans into Australia in the next four years, advocated by Immigration Minister Harold Holt.

The action of the Council was preceded by a protest wired to Minister Holt against his "continued reference to Jewish opposition against German immigration as sectional bitterness." Termining this reference as "unfair distortion," the Council pointed out that large-scale German immigration to Australia would be a grave security risk for the country, since records show that Nazis have entered Australia despite screening. The Council appealed to the Minister to abandon the scheme "in Australia's best interests."

ARGENTINE JEWRY PROTESTS CLEMENCY TOWARD NAZI WAR CRIMINALS; INFORMS DIPLOMATS

BUENOS AIRES, March 8. (JTA) -- The DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jews, today decided to forward a statement protesting the granting of clemency to Nazi war criminals in the American zone of Germany to all foreign embassies and legations in this city. The session decided to take every means of informing the public of the Jewish community's feelings on this matter, even to the extent of holding protest meetings if necessary.

WORLD ORT UNION ADOPTS \$2,500,000 BUDGET FOR 1951; THANKS AMERICAN JEWRY FOR ITS AID

GENEVA, March 8. (JTA) -- The adoption of a \$2,500,000 budget by the World ORT Union for the work of the organization in 1951 was announced here today. The announcement, issued by the ORT headquarters, said that the world executive of the organization adopted a resolution of thanks to American Jewry, to the Joint Distribution Committee and to the American ORT Federation, for their aid.

J.D.C. OFFICIAL REPORTS ON JEWISH NEEDS IN EUROPE AND MOSLEM COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- Tens of thousands of Jews overseas are now in more desperate need than at any time since the end of World War II, Morris Iaub, who just returned to the United States to take up his new duties as assistant secretary of the Joint Distribution Committee, declared today at a press conference here.

"The emigration of more than 592,000 Jews from Europe and the Moslem world during the past five-and-a-half years has seen the neediest group remain behind," Mr. Iaub insisted. "Today thousands of aged, ill and handicapped men and women--the so-called 'hard core'--who are still dependent on the J.D.C. for survival, are beset by new fears--fear that they may be the victims of increasing world tensions, fear that aid to them may be halted before a permanent solution can be found."

He added that if intensive J.D.C. rehabilitation can be maintained an estimated 50 percent of the "hard core" will eventually be able to achieve economic independence. He also reported that the J.D.C. in 1951 will aid Jews in Moslem countries by a child feeding program, a medical program and a schooling program.

Moses A. Leavitt, J.D.C. executive vice-chairman, who was also present at the press conference, pointed out that the J.D.C. is also helping the "hard core" cases through Malben, the J.D.C.-Jewish Agency-Israel Government institution for the care of "hard core" cases. He reported that at the present time Malben is caring for 3,300 men and women in Israel and that the number will increase at least to 5,700 by the end of the year.

AMERICAN FOUNDATION GRANTS \$150,000 FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MUSIC CENTER IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- The granting of \$150,000 in cash, building material and equipment, for the establishment of a Music Center in Israel similar to that of Tanglewood in the United States was announced today by the Esco Foundation here, of which Mrs. Rose Jacobs, Hadassah leader, is chairman.

The Esco Foundation, privately established by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cohen of New York, has in the past assisted other cultural and educational projects in Israel. The Music Center, which will have an auditorium seating 3,000 people, will be located at Ein Gey on the eastern shore of Lake Tiberias. Music festivals will be held there twice a year, in the spring and fall.

The center, which will be known as the Esco Music Center, will include a School for Music and other fine arts. Practice studios for music students will be built from building material provided by the Esco Foundation, as will be a modern American-furnished guest house for performing artists. The Esco Foundation is also sending cafeteria equipment for the Center.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS SECURES GOVERNMENT PERMISSION TO BRING 250 DP'S FROM EUROPE

MONTREAL, March 8. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has secured permission from the Federal Government to bring 250 D.P. dressmakers from Sweden and from refugee camps in Austria, Germany and Italy, it was announced here today. The first group of 50 are expected within a few weeks.

The Dress Manufacturers' Guild of Montreal and Toronto is cooperating with the Congress in this project by ensuring employment for those who will come to Canada. Pledges of employment for several hundred dressmakers have already been made.

VOICE OF AMERICA WILL START DAILY BROADCAST TO ISRAEL IN HEBREW NEXT MONTH

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- The Voice of America Hebrew-language broadcasts beamed to Israel will start on April 16, it was learned today. The daily broadcast will run for 30 minutes and will be received in Israel in the early evening, from 8 to 8.30 P.M. Although only Israelis with short-wave receivers will be able to hear the American transmissions, a comparatively large audience is expected for the American program since Israel has a relatively high proportion of short-wave receivers.

STREET IN NEW YORK TO BE NAMED FOR HENRIETTA SZOLD; CEREMONY TO TAKE PLACE ON PURIM

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- Mayor Impellitteri today signed a bill authorizing the naming of a street in New York for Henrietta Szold, founder of the Hadassah movement. The mayor's action followed a decision by the City Council to change the name of Dry Dock Street, in the lower East Side of the city, to Szold Place. The renaming ceremony will take place on March 22, the Purim holiday.

PORTRAIT OF ISRAELI PRESIDENT PRESENTED TO NEW-YORK CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- A portrait of President Weizmann of Israel was today presented to the New York City Board of Education at the opening of an exhibit entitled "Israel: Rebirth of A People and Its Art" at a local high school. The presentation was made by Ambassador Abba S. Eban and was received by Maximilian Moss, president of the Board of Education.

JEWISH SOLDIER SELECTED AS "TYPICAL ENLISTED MAN OF THE YEAR" BY ARMY AUTHORITIES

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 8. (JTA) -- Pfc. Harry Desaner, 20-year-old Philadelphian who lost an eye fighting in Korea, was selected here as the "typical enlisted man of the year" by the authorities of the Brook Army Hospital. He was wounded 22 days after arriving in Korea. Following surgery, a plastic eye will replace the one he lost on the Korean battlefield.

PROF. DAVID PRATO, CHIEF RABBI OF ROME, DIES; RETURNED TO ITALY AFTER FALL OF MUSSOLINI

ROME, March 8. (JTA) -- Prof. David Prato, Chief Rabbi of Italy, died here last night at his home, aged 69. He served as Chief Rabbi of Rome from the middle of 1936 until the end of 1939, when he resigned after Mussolini adopted an anti-Jewish policy, and settled in Jerusalem.

In 1945, he returned to Rome to resume the post of Chief Rabbi which was vacated by Dr. Israel Zolli, who was converted to Catholicism. Dr. Prato headed a Jewish school in Florence for 20 years before becoming Chief Rabbi of Alexandria, Egypt, in 1927, a position he held until he came to Rome in 1936.