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ISRAEL AND SYRIA PLAN TO MODIFY ARMISTICE PROVISIONS; HIGH OFFICERS TO MEET TODAY

JERUSALEM, March 25. (JTA) -- Certain provisions contained in the Israeli-Syrian armistice pact will be modified "in light of the prevailing circumstances," it was learned here today following an announcement by a military spokesman that members of the Israel and Syrian General Staffs will meet tomorrow at the Syrian frontier to discuss matters pending between the two countries.

The high ranking officers will also examine the dispute between Israel and Syria over Israel's draining the swamps in the demilitarized zone of the Huleh region. Syria opposes the reclamation work, which has already been started by Israel, while Jewish representatives made it clear to the armistice commission that Israel intends to resume the drainage project today, despite Syrian opposition.

Col. Bossavy, United Nations chairman of the Israel-Syrian armistice commission, appealed to Israel authorities to postpone resumption of the work for another five days in order to give him more time to study the problem. The \$16,000,000 reclamation project, which is being financed by the Jewish National Fund, would add 15,000 acres of fertile soil to Israel's farm lands.

The project is part of the overall Palestine development scheme proposed by Dr. Walter Lowdermilk, noted American reclamation expert. The J.N.F. is raising a special fund of \$6,000,000 in the United States for this project. The project is expected to take three years to complete.

100,000 NEW IMMIGRANTS EXPECTED IN ISRAEL WITHIN FOUR MONTHS; MOST OF THEM FROM IRAQ

JERUSALEM, March 25. (JTA) -- Immigration into Israel from Iraq and other countries will be increased to provide for the reception of 100,000 persons over the next four months, according to a decision today by the co-ordination commission of the Israel Cabinet and the executive of the Jewish Agency. The major increase will be in immigration from Iraq.

The Baghdad-Lydda airlift brought in 650 Jews yesterday. Another 100 were brought in from Basrah, on the Persian Gulf, by special planes. They reported that several hundred Jews awaiting emigration to Israel are stranded in Basrah as they are prohibited from travelling from that city to Baghdad. Their situation, according to the arrivals, is desperate and they are facing starvation. The Jews in Basrah, they reported, are subjected to physical violence and Jewish dwellings and shops have been looted.

The liner Transylvania arrived at Haifa port with 1,260 Jewish immigrants from Rumania. They reported that Jewish emigration from Rumania will be increased beginning next month. An average of 8,000 Jews will be permitted to leave Rumania monthly for Israel, they said.

AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL ASKS U.S. INTERVENTION IN IRAQ; SEEKS TO PROTECT IRAQI JEWS

NEW YORK, March 25. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council today addressed an appeal to Secretary of State Dean Acheson asking the United States to use its good offices with the Government of Iraq to halt the persecution of Iraqi Jews and the wholesale expropriation of their property.

The appeal, sent in behalf of all major American Zionist organizations, described the mob violence and discriminatory decrees reported in the eyewitness testimony of the thousands of Iraqi Jews now arriving in Israel. The reports have been corroborated by broadcasts on Arab radios in the Middle East, the appeal pointed out.

ISRAEL INITIATES NEW EFFORT FOR A KOREAN PEACE SETTLEMENT; FORMULATES NEW SUGGESTIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 25. (JTA) -- Israel has initiated a new effort for a Korean peace settlement in a memorandum prepared by chief United Nations delegate Abba Eban and his principal adviser, Gideon Rafael. The memorandum, which has been in the works some three weeks, formulates new suggestions for peace negotiations and has been presented to the U.N. Good Offices Committee informally as an "unofficial" proposal.

The memorandum proposes that an overall peace settlement be reached through two separate conferences with the Chinese Communist government. A first conference set up by the Good Offices Committee would seek agreement on a cease-fire. With such an agreement arrived at, it would then decide on the make-up and agenda of a second conference whose aim would be a settlement of all the political problems involved in the Far East troubles.

The Israel delegation memorandum also pressed the argument that U.N. military forces should halt their northward drive at the 38th Parallel. The point is made that when the General Assembly, in its resolution of last October 7, called for "stabilization" of all Korea, this did not necessarily imply military stabilization in North Korea.

The memorandum recalls that another paragraph of the resolution, which was an amendment offered by Israel, invited representatives of political elements in both North and South Korea to participate in the final peacemaking. The present Israel memorandum maintains that this indicated that political stabilization was contemplated in the North, not military conquest.

GENERAL ZIONISTS INVESTIGATE REPORT ON BEN GURION'S REFUSAL TO INVITE DR. SILVER TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Peretz Bernstein, president of the General Zionist Party in Israel, today said he is investigating the authenticity of the report that Premier David Ben Gurion rejected a proposal that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver be invited to Israel as the official guest of the government. The report was published in the daily newspaper Haaretz, here.

Dr. Bernstein said he fears the report is true since no denial has come so far from government circles. (In New York, Benjamin G. Brody, president of the Zionist Organization of America, revealed today that he sent a cable to Premier Ben Gurion asking for "clarification" on his reported refusal to invite Dr. Silver to Israel.)

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE ASKS STATE DEPARTMENT TO BACK ISRAEL'S CLAIM ON GERMANY

NEW YORK, March 25. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Acheson was asked today by the Jewish Labor Committee to give his full support to Israel's reparations claims from Germany.

Emphasizing that the organization speaks in the name of 500,000 members, the Jewish Labor Committee, in a telegram to Secretary Acheson, said: "We urge that the Government of the United States exercise its full authority and influence to the end that the elementary obligation of the German Government toward its former citizens who were so brutally persecuted be properly and promptly discharged."

AUSTRIAN MINISTER, VIENNA MAYOR, WELCOME NAZI WAR CRIMINALS RELEASED FROM SOVIET PRISONS

VIENNA, March 25. (JTA) -- The Austrian Minister of the Interior and the Mayor of Vienna were among the crowd of several thousand persons who turned out here to welcome a group of 119 Austrian war criminals released by the Soviet authorities from Russian prisons. The repatriated men, in most cases, had been members of Hitler's Elite Guard, the S.S., and had been convicted of war crimes in Poland and Rumania.

A new attempt to show "The Immortal Beloved," a film produced in Germany by Veit Harlan, producer of the Nazi anti-Semitic film "Jew Sues," is running into difficulty here with many groups--both Jewish and non Jewish--once again protesting plans to exhibit the film. Demonstrations have been threatened by these organizations outside any theater which features the film. Four weeks ago, similar protests caused the cancellation of the Austrian premiere of "The Immortal Beloved" in Vienna.

SEVEN ANTI-SEMITES SENTENCED IN ROMANIA FOR ATTACKING JEWS AND DAMAGING JEWISH CLUB

VIENNA, March 25. (JTA) -- Seven persons convicted by a court in Galatzi, Rumania, of "anti-Semitic attacks" have been sentenced to prison terms ranging from three to 18 months, according to word received here.

The report said a group of Galatzi townsmen, most of them Jewish workers, were attacked by a band of seven persons on the evening of Dec. 24, 1950. The Jews had just left a Jewish cultural center where they had participated in a cultural evening. The center, known as the Shalom Aleichem Popular Athenaeum, was damaged by the attackers.

An anti-Zionist exhibit has been opened in Timiscara, Rumania. Andrei Adler, a member of the Timiscara branch of the Communist-led "Jewish Democratic Committee," said in opening the exhibition that the "purpose of the exhibit is to strengthen the work of combatting Zionism." The display features large-size cartoons of what is purportedly the current state of affairs in Israel.

JEWISH CENTRAL BODY IN FRANCE PROTESTS U.S. DECISION ON NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

PARIS, March 25. (JTA) -- The French Federation of Jewish Societies, representing 130 Jewish organizations in this country, forwarded today to the United States Ambassador a protest against the decision to stay the execution of seven Nazi war criminals convicted of atrocities against Jews and of mass murder of Jews under the Nazi regime. The seven men are in the Landsberg prison in Germany.

BEN GURION, OTHER MEMBERS OF ISRAEL CABINET WILL AID THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL DRIVE

NEW YORK, March 25. (JTA) -- Six members of the Israel Cabinet who will arrive in the United States within the next ten weeks--including Premier David Ben Gurion--will participate actively in the 1951 United Jewish Appeal, it was announced here by Edward M.M. Warburg, U.J.A. General Chairman. "The government leaders would lend their efforts to assuring the fullest success of this year's campaign," Mr. Warburg said.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS QUEBEC TO DELAY LAW PROHIBITING NAME CHANGING

MONTREAL, March 25. (JTA) -- Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, has telegraphed Quebec Premier Duplessis asking that the government hold up a vote by the legislature on a bill making it illegal to change one's surname without an act of the legislature.

Mr. Bronfman's wire asked a delay until the Canadian Jewish Congress has had an opportunity for giving its reasons for opposing the measure, which it feels may bring economic and even physical difficulties for thousands of Quebec Jews and non-Jews.

CITY OF TEL AVIV CELEBRATES 40TH BIRTHDAY; UNVEILS MONUMENT IN HONOR OF ITS FOUNDERS

TEL AVIV, March 25. (JTA) -- The City of Tel Aviv celebrated its 40th birthday during the week-end and the 90th birthday of its founder and first mayor, the late Meir Dizengoff.

A monument carved out of Jerusalem stone was unveiled in Dizengoff Square, opposite the Municipal Museum. Engraved on one side are panels showing three phases of the city's development. On the other are the names of the 64 founders of the city. Fourteen of the founders are still living.

NAMED JEWISH TOWN IN ARGENTINA CANNOT OBTAIN MINYAN WITHOUT HIRING MEN

BUENOS AIRES, March 25. (JTA) -- The nearly all-Jewish town of Moises Ville, in Argentina, must hire Jews to make up a Minyan, the traditional congregation of ten Jewish males without whom communal services may not be held, it was reported here in the Yiddische Zeitung, largest Jewish daily newspaper in Argentina.

It was also reported that the Jewish library in town is virtually deserted. Moises Ville is noted as the cradle of Jewish colonization in Argentina.

DIPLOMATS, TOURISTS, CLERGYMEN PERMITTED TO CROSS ISRAEL-JORDAN BORDER ON EASTER SUNDAY

JERUSALEM, March 25. (JTA) -- Jaffa Gate in the Old City walls was today opened on Easter Sunday to permit the Jerusalem consular corps to proceed to the Old City along the traditional route.

Several hundred other pilgrims, clergymen, foreign residents and tourists, have received permission to cross the Israel-Jordan line through the Mandelbaum Gate. Fifty Franciscans from the Jordan-held Old City were permitted by the Israel authorities today to cross the frontier to visit the Cenaculum on Mt. Zion.

S.S. ELATH ON MAIDEN VOYAGE TO UNITED STATES UNDER ISRAELI FLAG

LIVERPOOL, March 25. (JTA) -- The 10,000-ton Israel-American line ship S.S. Elath--formerly the S.S. Verray--sailed for New York from here last night on her maiden voyage under the Israeli flag. The vessel, commanded by Captain Eliezer Ghotorov, will make regular cargo runs between Haifa and the United States. She was turned over to the Israel-American line last week.