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TENSION HIGH IN HULEH; BRITAIN AND FRANCE NOTIFIED OF ISRAEL'S STAND; CURFEW IMPOSED

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- Tension remained high in the Huleh region today as the Israeli authorities in charge of the drainage project began armoring tractors and trucks used in the reclamation of the vast swamp area located in the Israeli-Syrian frontier.

Israeli workers digging drainage canals on Jewish-owned land in the demilitarized zone of the swamp region have come under intermittent fire from Syrian troops for the last few days. In the latest move to insure the safety of both Israeli workers and policemen and Arabs living in the region, the Israeli authorities today imposed a strict curfew in the area. At the same time, it was learned, the Israeli Foreign Ministry has informed the British and French Ministers at Tel Aviv, who have expressed a keen interest in the situation, of developments.

A representative of the Foreign Ministry explained to the British and French envoys that the Jewish state is not prepared to yield its sovereignty over the demilitarized zone. The Israeli-Syrian armistice agreement, he pointed out, provides only for the demilitarization of the area--imposition of restrictions on military personnel and weapons in the area--but does not prohibit normal development work, such as was initiated in the Huleh area last week.

Syria Agrees to Cease-Fire; U.N. Officials Meet with Israelis

Meanwhile, the U.N. chairman of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, who returned this afternoon from conferences in Damascus with high Syrian government and army officials, said that the Arab troops in the Huleh area would observe a cease-fire as of tomorrow morning to give the armistice commission an opportunity to study the situation. The chairman, Col. H. Boissavy, said that the Syrians have placed two complaints before the armistice unit: one against the alleged bringing of mortars into the area by the Israelis; and the other against the use of Israeli troops in the demilitarized zone.

Col. Boissavy asserted that the transfer earlier this week-end of some 650 Arabs living in the Israeli zone of the demilitarized area was a violation of the status quo. He added that if the Israelis continue to work in the demilitarized zone, they will be violating the armistice pact. The population transfer was carried out to protect the Arabs themselves and to insure that they did not participate in the Syrian attacks on Israeli workers.

Later today, Col. Boissavy and several U.N. aides met with representatives of the Israeli Foreign Office and top army leaders including Brig. Yisael Yadin, Israeli Chief of Staff. A communique issued after the session did not say whether Israel would or would not cease drainage operations in the demilitarized zone. Earlier, the Israelis declared they would not discuss the issue in the armistice commission until a cease-fire had been instituted and observed by the Arabs and until the body included on its agenda Israel's complaints against Syrian firing in the zone.

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INCREASE IN ISRAEL'S SECURITY FORCES REPORTED BY PREMIER; HINTS FIND OF COPPER DEPOSITS

TEL AVIV, April 1. (JTA) -- Israel's security forces have been more than doubled during the past three years, Premier David Ben Gurion revealed last night addressing a public meeting arranged by the Mapai, Israel's Labor Party, at the Mograbi Theatre here. He emphasized that Israel's Army became stronger not only in numbers but also in efficiency.

At the same time the Premier pointed out that in view of the fact that Israel's military victories had not as yet produced ultimate peace with its neighboring countries the security question must remain the principal target to which all the country's strength and efforts must be contributed.

Mr. Ben Gurion expressed his firm conviction that Israel will reach complete economic independence in essentials within a few years. He said that plans are under way to survey the possibility of copper deposits in the country, and that lower rates for electric power are under consideration for the purpose of facilitating the exploitation of iron and mineral deposits.

ARMISTICE COMMISSION MARKS TWO YEARS OF UNBROKEN OBSERVANCE OF ISRAELI-LEBANESE PACT

TEL AVIV, April 1. (JTA) -- Two years of unbroken observance of the Israel-Lebanon armistice agreement was marked yesterday at a meeting of the Israel-Lebanon Mixed Armistice Commission.

Col. de Ridder, Belgian acting chief of the U.N. observer staff, sent a message to the meeting praising the commission's work during the past two years. He cited the commission's success in settling all questions on its agenda and hoped that harmonious contacts would continue until a final peace settlement is reached.

Major Delseries, French chairman of the commission, pointed out that there had been no incidents involving the armed forces of the two countries. He said that headquarters of the U.N. observers had been temporarily transferred from Jerusalem to Beirut. The heads of the Israel and Lebanese delegations also spoke of mutual good relations existing in the commission and the meeting then took up questions on the current agenda.

SURVIVORS WILL GET 5,000,000 MARKS COMPENSATION FOR "ARYANIZED" FAMOUS DEPT. STORE

COLOGNE, April 1. (JTA) -- Survivors of the Tietz family, which owned one of the largest department stores in Germany until the Nazis came to power, will receive 5,000,000 German marks in compensation for the "Aryanization" of the Tietz Department Store by the Nazi regime in 1933, it was reported here today. The sum is to be paid over a period of four years, the report said.

The survivors sought to be named partners in the Kaufhaus Company that took over control of the store, or else to receive 16,100,000 marks in compensation. Soon after the Nazis "aryanized" the Tietz establishment in 1933, the Gestapo arrested Dr. Indris Tietz, son of the owner, and beat him severely for several hours in a cell causing his death.

ZIONIST CONFERENCE DECIDES TO ENFORCE PRIVACY FOR U.J.A.; VOTES TO FORM SPECIAL BODY

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- More than 3,000 delegates representing all Zionist groups in New York today adopted a resolution urging the immediate formation of a special United Jewish Appeal city-wide council which will seek to achieve over-all co-ordination of timing and activities to assure the success of the U.J.A. campaign. The resolution emphasized that privacy will be given to the U.J.A. functions and needs during the duration of the campaign.

The resolution was adopted at a "Zionist mobilization conference" addressed by Edward M.M. Warburg, general chairman of the U.J.A. who emphasized that a minimum sum of \$25,000,000 must be provided to U.J.A. agencies to bring 100,000 Jews to Israel from "danger and deadline areas" in Eastern Europe and Moslem countries within the next four months. Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel, addressing the rally, said that the major effort continues to come from the Israel community itself, but to supplement its own efforts the Government of Israel is now seeking aid from American Jewry as well as from the U.S. Government.

Rudolf G. Sonneborn, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, told the audience that the United Jewish Appeal is not a philanthropy, but a democratic movement of voluntary self-taxation created by the desperate needs of hundreds of thousands of Jews throughout the world. He described the U.J.A. as "unique and irreplaceable" and outlined the achievements reached through the aid given by the United Jewish Appeal. The conference was also addressed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Louis Lipsky, Baruch Zuckerman and other Zionist leaders.

A special Hazzadah printed in Israel and symbolizing the exodus of the Jews from bondage in Egypt 3,500 years ago, was presented to Mr. Warburg in behalf of the people of Israel and the Zionists of the United States. The presentation was made by Ambassador Eban. The citation hailed Mr. Warburg for his leadership of the United Jewish Appeal.

TWO MEMBERS OF ISRAEL'S CABINET ARRIVE IN U.S. TO HELP SALE OF ISRAELI BONDS

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Yaacov Geri, Israel's Minister of Trade and Industry, arrived here today to help in the floating in this country of the \$300,000,000 Israeli Bond Issue. He will also concern himself with problems of American investments in Israel. Moshe Shapiro, Israel's Minister of Interior, Health and Immigration, arrived here during the week-end on the same mission.

Minister Geri is expected to report in detail on the economic development of Israel and the advantage of a rapid subscription to the forthcoming bond drive. An extensive tour, planned under the auspices of the American Financial and Development Corporation of Israel, will take Mr. Geri into more than 20 key cities. During the course of his stay he will also be consulting with the leaders of the United Jewish Appeal.

Minister Shapiro said he will remain in this country three weeks. During his stay, he will attempt to bring a closer understanding between the aims and programs of the religious Jews in Israel and the Jews in America. A leader of the Hapcel Hamizrachi, the religious laborites in Israel, Mr. Shapiro declared that all religious parties in the Jewish state were strongly opposed to any theocratic tendencies there. He estimated that 60 percent of the 360,000 new immigrants who arrived in Israel since the last parliamentary elections are religious Jews.

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U.S., BRITAIN AND FRANCE DISCUSSING ISRAEL'S DEMAND FOR REPARATIONS FROM GERMANY

PARIS, April 1. (JTA) -- A French Foreign Ministry spokesman revealed today that the United States, Britain and France are discussing Israel's demand for \$1,500,000 in German reparations. It is understood here that the three Western powers have decided to issue a simultaneous reply to Israel's claim. France is purportedly holding off on announcing her reply to Israel because of the current talks.

(German Socialist leader, Dr. Kurt Schumacher told a press conference in Hamburg yesterday that Germany should give "speedy recognition" of its "moral debt to Israel." Dr. Schumacher said he was "strongly opposed to a policy of ignoring our debt to the Jews by keeping silent about.")

CONFERENCE OF NEW YORK STATE JEWISH LEADERS PRESENTS \$1,250,000 IN CASH TO U.J.A.

SYRACUSE, N.Y., April 1. (JTA) -- More than \$1,250,000 in advance cash was made available here to the United Jewish Appeal at a regional U.J.A. conference addressed by Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz and Morris W. Berinstein, chairman of the National Campaign Cabinet of the U.J.A.

The speakers told the 500 delegates from 31 communities in New York state, assembled at the Syracuse Hotel, that maximum effort must be made by American Jewry to bring to Israel the Jews from Iraq who must leave their country by May 31, the deadline of emigration set by the Iraqi Government.

AMERICAN STUDENTS TAKE HEBREW EXAMINATIONS; WILL RECEIVE HEBREW UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATES

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- More than 80 students in 9 leading American cities today participated in the four-hour Hebrew examination sponsored jointly in this country by the Zionist Organization of America and the American Association for Jewish Education.

A joint announcement issued from the Z.O.A. and the A.A.J.E. revealed that the oral and written tests, which are now recognized as the world standards for proficiency in the Hebrew language were given in New York City, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Chicago, Miami, New Haven, Newark and Seattle. The examination papers will be graded and all who pass will receive a special certificate issued by the Hebrew University and the World Union for Jewish Education attesting to their excellence in Hebrew.

ANGLICAN CHURCH TERMINATES ITS MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES IN ISRAEL; ISSUES STATEMENT

LONDON, April 1. (JTA) -- Virtual termination of missionary activities of the Anglican Church in Israel was announced here in a statement issued by the Church Missionary Society.

The statement said the Missionary Society "always considered work among the Arabs its primary responsibility and, in consequence of the wholesale dispersal of the Arabs, its work in Israel has come largely to a standstill and its institutions in Jerusalem, Jaffa and Lydda have ceased to function."

RABBI RABINOWITZ, FATHER OF ANA PAUKER, ROMANIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER, DIES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 1. (JTA) -- Rabbi Zvi Rabinowitch, father of Ana Pauker, Rumanian Foreign Minister, died here in the Asutah Hospital at the age of 68. He lived with a son, Schlomo, in Mikveh Israel. He immigrated to Israel in 1946 and had not seen his daughter since he left Rumania.

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