

## DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

U.N. COMMISSION WILL EXAMINE ISRAELI CHARGES OF MALTREATMENT OF JEWS IN IRAQ

TEL AVIV, April 11. (JTA) -- The United Nations Conciliation Commission on Palestine will examine Israeli charges of maltreatment by Iraqi authorities of Jews emigrating from Iraq, Ely E. Palmer, current chairman of the commission, announced today.

The American diplomat acknowledged receipt of a complaint from Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Israel Foreign Ministry, and said that the commission would examine this complaint at its next meeting April 23. Dr. Tewfik Rushti Aras, Turkish member of the commission, who recently visited Iraq to discuss with the Iraq Government proposals for resettlement in Iraq of Palestine refugees in exchange for Jews emigrating to Israel, will attend this session.

Some 3,000 Jews are now in Iraqi prisons, awaiting trial on various charges, Prof. Ezra Haddad, noted Hebrew scholar and teacher, reported here today following his arrival from Baghdad. He said that all the Jewish schools in Iraq had been closed. The scholar estimated that Jewish property valued at 100,000,000 pounds (\$280,000,000) had been frozen by the Iraqi authorities thus far. The Alien Property Custodian, he said, had notified wealthy Jews now travelling abroad that unless they return to Iraq within two months, their property would be frozen.

Prof. Haddad declared that a total of 108,000 Jews had registered for emigration to Israel. About 30,000 others, he said, had elected to retain their Iraqi citizenship. Most of these, he said, were wealthy persons who elected to remain to protect their interests. The recent widespread hostility displayed by the Iraq authorities, however, he said, and the threat of further anti-Jewish legislation, had convinced many of these people that it would be futile for them to remain in Iraq. They now place all their hopes, he added, on being taken out of Iraq to Israel even at the cost of loss of their wealth.

Iraqi newspapers reaching here predict the imminent proclamation of a new law empowering the Minister of Interior to expel "every undesirable Jew who endangers Iraq's security," it was reported here today. The possibility of the Minister of Interior having such vast discretionary powers are viewed in Jewish circles with the utmost concern. It is feared that the Iraqi authorities will discriminate freely against Jews, particularly wealthy land owners whose property will then be confiscated.

U.N. TRUCE CHIEF TO DISCUSS ISRAEL-SYRIAN CONFLICT TODAY WITH TOP ISRAELI OFFICIALS

TEL AVIV, April 11. (JTA) -- Col. Bennet E. de Ridder, acting United Nations truce chief, will come here tomorrow to discuss the Israel-Syrian border dispute with top-ranking Israel Foreign Ministry officials, it was announced here today. These talks will follow a three-hour meeting held last night at Ras el Nakura, on the Israel-Lebanon frontier, between Col. de Ridder and Lieut. Col. Shaul Ramati, chief Israel delegate to the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission.

The Israel military spokesman said that United Nations observers had been willing and had actually attempted to reach the neighborhood of Ein Gev, southeast of Lake Tiberias, yesterday, to investigate a new outbreak when Arabs opened fire on an

Israel police patrol, but were unable to obtain assurances from the Syrian authorities that they would not be exposed to fire.

The spokesman disclosed that in the meeting with Col. de Ridder last night, the Israel representative filed a new complaint charging Syria with violation of Israel airspace. Syrian aircraft, the complaint charged, have been flying over the demilitarized zones and also over Israel defensive areas for the last four days in violation of the armistice terms. The spokesman said the United Nations chief of staff had received direct confirmation of these charges from U.N. observers.

#### Israel and Syria Requested to Agree to Four Basic Points

The meeting last night resulted in a "full and frank" discussion of recent events in the demilitarized zone and on the mixed armistice commission, the spokesman said. Col. de Ridder, who previously had expressed his deep sorrow over the slaying of seven Israeli policemen in the demilitarized zone, again expressed his deep regret to Col. Ramati.

The spokesman said that agreement had been reached on four points as requisites to be met before the Israel-Syrian Armistice Commission could be reconvened. Official statements would be required from both Syria and Israel that:

1. All military and para-military forces would be withdrawn and will not re-enter the demilitarized zone.
2. That there will not be further firing under any circumstances across the demarcation lines or within the demilitarized zones.
3. That United Nations observers will be given every facility to carry out their work.
4. That the responsibility of the chairman of the mixed armistice commission to implement Article Five of the armistice (return to normal civilian life in the demilitarized zones) will be reaffirmed.

Competent circles here generally understand that with reference to this last point, Israel has its own specific views on the interpretation of "normal civilian life" but considers that the question of the Huleh drainage project is beyond the competence of the truce supervision machinery.

#### FIRST DOGFIGHT BETWEEN ISRAELI AND SYRIAN PLANES; DRAINAGE WORK IN HIJIB CONTINUES

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- The first aerial dogfight between Syrian and Israeli planes took place this afternoon when a Syrian fighter appeared over Israeli territory near the frontier. He was driven back into Syria after an exchange of fire with an Israeli fighter.

Earlier, five Syrian planes flew over the defense zone, violating the provisions of the armistice agreement. Israeli authorities lodged a protest with United Nations officials against the newest Syrian violation of the pact.

Quiet prevailed today in the Ein Gev district and the surrounding area of the Israeli-Syrian frontier while the drainage work in the Huleh area, to which Syria objects, proceeded without interference. The Israeli police patrol which was pinned down yesterday in the Ein Gev area by intermittent fire from Syrian troops returned to its base this morning under cover of darkness.

NATIONWIDE SURVEY ON JEWISH EDUCATION IN U.S. TO BE CONDUCTED BY SPECIAL COMMISSION

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Oscar I. Janowsky, Professor of History at the City College of New York was named chairman of a commission which will conduct a nationwide study of Jewish education in the United States, it was announced today by Michael A. Stavitsky, president of the American Association for Jewish Education.

The survey will include the history, development, present conditions, effectiveness and status of educational institutions maintained by Jewish communities and organizations, as a supplement to the public school system, for the instruction of American Jewish youth in the religion, culture and traditions of the Jewish people. It was projected by the unanimous vote of the delegates, representing all sectors of Jewish life, at the first National Conference on Jewish Education, held January 14 and 15 in New York City.

YALE PROFESSORS ASK FOR LEGISLATION TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION IN SELECTION OF STUDENTS

HARTFORD, Conn., April 11. (JTA) -- The Connecticut General Assembly was asked yesterday to approve proposed legislation that would eliminate discrimination in the selection of students to be admitted to Connecticut colleges and universities.

The request was made in a letter signed by 18 members of the faculty of the Yale University Law School. The letter pointed out that fair educational practices acts had been approved in New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey.

PERON PERMITS IMMIGRATION OF 500 JEWS TO ARGENTINA; RECEIVES JEWISH LEADER

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- The Society for the Protection of Jewish Immigrants in Buenos Aires today informed the HIAS here by cable that President Peron granted special permission for 500 European Jews to enter Argentina as immigrants. The permits were issued to the Society following a visit paid by Jacob Feuermann, president of the organization, to General Peron this week, the cable said.

AMERICAN FEDERAL AGENTS SEIZE CONTRABAND WAR MATERIEL DESTINED FOR SYRIA

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- Federal agents have seized a huge shipment of contraband war materiel destined for Syria aboard a Dutch ship at Houston, Tex., it was reported here today. The contraband included 722 bales weighing 300 pounds each. It was made up of such items as ammunition belts, ammunition sacks, pilots heated uniforms, navy blues and whites, and other equipment consigned to Damascus and listed as "rags."

WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL LAUNCHES \$500,000 DRIVE FOR GIRLS' HOSTELS IN JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- A \$500,000 drive for girls' hostels in Israel was launched here today by the Women's League for Israel at a luncheon in the Hotel Astor. The League is supporting five homes and training centers for refugee girls in the Jewish state.

VOICE OF AMERICA TO START DAILY BROADCAST IN HEBREW TO ISRAEL THIS SUNDAY

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- The Voice of America will begin a daily broadcast in Hebrew this Sunday, it was announced at a press conference here today. The broadcast, which will be beamed to Israel, will be heard there at 9 P.M. Israeli time. Messengers from President Truman, Senator Herbert H. Lehman and Ambassador Abba Eban will be included in the first broadcast.

NEW YORK JEWISH MORNING JOURNAL FAILS TO APPEAR AFTER 50 YEARS OF EXISTENCE

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- For the first time in the 50 years of its existence the Jewish Morning Journal, one of the leading Yiddish daily newspapers in the country, was not published today. The paper is in financial difficulties.

KOREA AWARDS CITATION TO B'NAI B'RITH GROUP IN RECOGNITION FOR AID TO KOREAN CHILDREN

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- The first secretary of the Korean embassy yesterday awarded a citation to a Washington B'nai B'rith lodge in recognition of relief contributions in the form of clothing made some time ago to the women and children of Korea. The citation was presented at a luncheon of the annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith Women's Council now taking place here.

Mrs. Truman was enthusiastically applauded at the luncheon as an honored guest. Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban, speaking at the luncheon, paid high tribute to President Truman for his aid in the establishment of Israel. He outlined the similarities between American and Israeli democracy and conveyed the greetings of the people of Israel to the B'nai B'rith and to Mrs. Truman.

At a session of the Council today Frank N. Tracer, program director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith accused "professional bigots with pro-fascist backgrounds" of conspiring to keep schools from teaching "democratic concepts which would make of our children good American citizens." Washington A.D.L. director Herman Eeldeberg told the women that "while bigotry has always been losing politics in America and will remain losing politics so long as Americans remain true to the democratic faith, it is unfortunate that Congress has not yet fully caught up with public opinion in this respect."

JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE HONORS DR. BERNHARD KAHN; SCROLL PRESENTED BY WARBURG

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Bernhard Kahn, vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, was today honored by the agency's leadership on the occasion of his 75th birthday. A scroll citing Dr. Kahn's "more than 40 years of great humanitarian service to Jews throughout the world" was presented to him by Edward M.M. Warburg on behalf of the J.D.C.

The J.D.C. leaders pointed out that "to an extent equalled by few men in our time" Dr. Kahn has earned the gratitude of Jews throughout the world. "We are keenly aware," the citation said, "that in the period between two devastating wars, the accomplishments of J.D.C.--relieving suffering and rebuilding lives for vast numbers of Jews abroad--were owing largely to your singleness of purpose and far-sighted vision. Those associated with you in this effort will never forget with what high courage and devotion you met the impact of the Nazi terror, when the very lives of tens of thousands depended upon your resourcefulness to bring them aid and speed them to safety."

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN TOLD OF NEED FOR TRAINED PERSONNEL IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- It may take as long as four generations before the 61 nationalities now represented in the Israeli population will be interrelated into a common culture, Mrs. Abraham Harman, wife of the Councillor to the Israel Embassy in Washington, today told a session of the International Council of Jewish Women, which is holding its first conference in the United States since its founding in 1912.

"There is a common misconception in America that as soon as an immigrant enters Israel he becomes an Israeli," Mrs. Harman stated. "This is not so. The Oriental peoples flooding into the country need to bridge a gap of centuries of civilization before they can really become a part of Israel's modern culture. In the meantime, there is a tendency for numbers of them to exist in a cultural vacuum."

She pointed out that there is urgent need for trained personnel in the fields of education, social work and medical work to rehabilitate the newcomers, and declared that the scholarship program of the National Council of Jewish Women of the United States, which brings outstanding students in these fields from Israel for advanced training in American universities, is helping to solve the need for personnel.