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ONE JEW KILLED, THREE WOUNDED IN CLASH BETWEEN JORDAN ARABS AND ISRAELI PATROL

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) -- One Jew was killed and three wounded today in a clash between an Israel border patrol and a large band of Arabs illegally crossing the Israeli-Jordan border today. The Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission met informally to consider the situation in the Beit Jibrin area, where this and other recent incidents have occurred.

U.N. TRUCE CHIEF PRESENTS SYRIAN PROPOSALS TO ISRAEL; CONTINUES TALKS WITH SYRIA

TEL AVIV, April 12. (JTA) -- Col. Bennet de Ridder, Acting United Nations Truce Chief, and Dr. Walter Eytan, director general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, today conferred on the possibility of reactivating the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission on the basis of a four-point program worked out earlier this week between Col. de Ridder and the chief Israeli representative on the Commission.

At the same time, Col. de Ridder placed before the Israeli official three proposals set forth by the Syrians as prerequisites for reviving the armistice commission. They were: 1. Israel must make compensation for the damage wrought in last week's aerial bombing of Syrian positions; 2. Israel authorities must return to the demilitarized zone some 680 Arabs who were transferred to prevent their aiding the Syrians; 3. All drainage work in the Huleh region must cease.

United Nations circles expressed surprise at the Syrian demands, but also felt that there was a possibility of arriving at a compromise. Meanwhile, the situation in the Huleh region remains unchanged, with reclamation work continuing. Syrian claims of having shot down an Israeli plane yesterday were denied today by a military spokesman here.

Following his talk with Dr. Eytan, Col. de Ridder left for Damascus to discuss the results with Syrian officials. He will return to Israel as soon as he has obtained the reaction of the Arab leaders. An Israeli spokesman, describing the meeting between Dr. Eytan and Col. de Ridder, said that it was friendly and that the two men had also considered the problem of a new U.N. chairman of the armistice commission, the present officer being unacceptable to Israel.

The four-point program which had been agreed upon by Col. de Ridder and Col. Shaul Ramati, chief Israeli delegate to the mixed group, at a conference Tuesday evening on the Israeli-Lebanese border, provide: that all military forces be withdrawn from the demilitarized zone on the Israeli-Syrian border; that all shooting in the area cease; that U.N. observers be permitted to carry on their work; and that both sides reaffirm the responsibility of the U.N. chairman of the commission to implement provisions of the armistice pact calling for a return to "normal life" in the demilitarized zone.

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BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT ON THE ISRAELI-SYRIAN CONFLICT

LONDON, April 12. (JTA) — Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison yesterday reported to Commons that the British Government, through its envoys in Tel Aviv and Damascus, had attempted to convince the Israeli and Syrian Governments to settle their differences without further military activity and to withdraw any military forces they may have in the demilitarized zone in northeastern Palestine.

Sec. Morrison also reported that the Cairo Government had appealed to Britain, as one of the three powers which undertook last year to work for a peaceful solution in the Middle East, to intervene in the situation. The British charge d'affaires in Cairo was notified to tell the Egyptian Government that Britain was concerned about the situation and had made representations to the states involved, he said.

When Barnett Janner, Labor M.P. and Zionist leader, asked the Foreign Secretary whether the British Government would undertake to see that the United Nations acted to prevent further Syrian aggression such as cost seven Israeli policemen their lives this week-end, the Secretary replied: "If I may say so, these are matters concerning Israel and the Arab states with whom His Majesty's Government are anxious to live in friendship—all of them."

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE STARTS HEARINGS ON RESERVATIONS TO THE GENOCIDE PACT

THE HAGUE, Holland, April 12. (JTA) — Oral proceedings on reservations to the genocide convention began yesterday before the International Court of Justice here. Dr. Ivan S. Kerno, head of the U.N. Legal Department, told the court that the issue had an important bearing on the orderly application of the convention, which came into force last January.

The U.N. General Assembly sought an advisory opinion from the Court because there is a divergence of view as to the effect of reservations made to the instrument and the objections raised to those reservations. So far four states have signed the convention with reservations and five have ratified with reservations. All the reservations have been objected to by other states which became parties to the convention without reservation.

The Assembly has asked the Court whether a reserving state can be regarded as a party to the convention when its reservations have been objected to by other parties; and, in such a case, what would be the effect of the reservation between the reserving state and the objecting parties, on the one hand, and those which accept, on the other.

This case has aroused widespread interest in international legal circles and no less than 13 states and three international organizations have submitted written statements to the Court concerning it. It is known that whatever is decided in respect to the genocide convention will have considerable significance for all other international conventions.

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION PROLONGS ITS ACTIVITIES; DEADLINE EXTENDED

GENEVA, April 12. (JTA) — The Council of the International Refugee Organization yesterday removed a deadline which had restricted the operation of its program in behalf of refugees. The Council authorized the I.R.O. to continue functioning until its money ran out, rather than cease activities on September 30, as previously decided. It is expected that this will permit the I.R.O. to complete the transfer of refugees to the U.S. if visa deadlines are extended beyond June 30.

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COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM OPENS THREE-DAY PARLEY TODAY; ROSENWALD ATTACKS ZIONIST FUND RAISING

CHICAGO, April 12. (JTA) -- "The status of the United Jewish Appeal and proposals to achieve separation of philanthropic gifts from funds for Zionist and other 'Jewish' nationalist uses" will be discussed at the three-day annual conference of the American Council for Judaism which opens here tomorrow at the Drake Hotel, it was announced today.

"The conference will also consider means of countering Israel-oriented nationalist indoctrination in religious school textbooks and instruction," the announcement said. About 220 delegates will attend the parley at which Dorothy Thompson, the noted journalist, will be one of the principal guest speakers.

In his presidential report, prepared for delivery tomorrow, Lessing J. Rosenwald says that Zionism had successfully reached out for the control of philanthropic institutions and other important areas of Jewish activity through failure of non-Zionist elements to recognize Zionism as a movement to "nationalize" all Jews including those of the United States.

"Only the apathy, the drift, the continued underestimation of Zionism, permits the Israel Government, through its handmaiden the Zionist Organization, to make American Jews finance Israel's national policy, dominate our lives, wreck the Joint Distribution Committee, and vitiate our local welfare funds and institutions," the president of the American Council for Judaism states.

Says J.D.C. Partnership with U.P.A. Helps Zionist Propaganda

Declaring that Zionism's propaganda campaigns have been made possible by the merger of the J.D.C. with Zionist fund-raising organizations, Mr. Rosenwald claims in his report that "through its control of American Jewish philanthropy, Zionism has built a tremendous machine to lobby for Israel." He also deplores the efforts to represent the Israel current bond campaign as an obligation of American patriotism.

"We are witness today," he continues in his message, "of the spectacle of American Jews being mobilized as salesmen for Israeli bonds. American Jews are being importuned to sponsor this campaign to sell bonds of a foreign state because, according to Henry Morgenthau, support of this bond issue is motivated by American patriotism. The only bonds I know of involving patriotism of an American citizen, are the bonds of the Government of the United States."

President Truman, in a message to the conference, said that "the Council deserves high credit for its program dedicated to the increasing national, civic, cultural and social integration of Americans of Jewish faith and for its belief that nationality and religion are separate and distinct." The President expressed his hope that "the success which so far has crowned the efforts of the Council, will continue and grow with the years in the interest of your coreligionists and of Americans of all faiths as well."

Sen. Robert A. Taft, in a message, commended the Council "for its efforts to maintain the basic principles of American tradition by founding its activities on individual rights, which include freedom of religion, and by encouraging the recognition of citizens of Jewish faith as individual Americans, entitled to these individual rights in the acceptance of their responsibilities as Americans first."

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AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ASKS AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT TO PUNISH SALZBURG POLICE

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Chancellor Figl of Austria was asked today by Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, to take "vigorous measures" to punish the policemen in Salzburg who attacked Jews during a demonstration against the showing of the film "Immortal Beloved" produced by Veit Harlan, who directed the Nazi anti-Semitic film "Jew Süss."

In a cable to the Austrian Chancellor, Mr. Blaustein said that observers of the American Jewish Committee in Salzburg reported that more than 30 Jews were injured, about 12 seriously, during the peaceful demonstration when police attacked the Jews with clubs. "Such action is contrary to the democratic principles of free expression of opinion and throws an unfavorable light on the future of democracy in Austria," the cable said.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS PRESENTS AWARDS TO ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR AND OTHERS

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban, Dr. Raphael Lemkin, the American Association for Jewish Education and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People were the recipients tonight of the Stephen S. Wise awards for distinguished service at the annual dinner of the American Jewish Congress sponsored in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. Principal speakers at the dinner included the Marchioness of Reading, Rabbi Irving Miller, Michael S. Stavitsky and others.

The awards--illuminated scrolls and checks for \$1,000 to each of the winners--were established by the American Jewish Congress in 1949. They were presented tonight by Rabbi Philip Bernstein to: Ambassador Eban "for helping to develop mutual and sympathetic understanding between Israel and the United States; Dr. Lemkin for his efforts in the struggle to make genocide an international crime; the A.A.J.E. "for the advancement of Jewish education and culture"; the N.A.A.C.P. for "advancing the civil rights of all Americans."

HOUSE GETS BILL ON RECOGNIZING ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY IN UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, April 12. (JTA) -- A bill to recognize Israel's Independence Day, introduced in the House yesterday by Rep. Arthur G. Klein of New York, was referred to the House Judiciary Committee. The bill recommended that President Truman be authorized by Congress to proclaim the day for appropriate observance.

ISRAEL AGREES TO U.S. REQUEST TO SEND PLANES TO IRAN TO FIGHT LOCUST INVASION

TEL AVIV, April 12. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government today agreed to a request by the United States that it contribute specialized planes to help fight the locust invasion in Iran. U.S. Ambassador Monnet B. Davis was informed this afternoon that four Israeli planes will wait for the American planes which are to pass the Lydda airport and will then join them for the hop to Iran.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT FIXES ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY FOR VICTIMS OF NAZIS

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) -- A law fixing the 27th day of Nissan--which this year falls on May 3rd--as an annual memorial day for the Jews who fell victim to the Nazis was passed today by the Israeli Parliament. Members of the Parliament were moved to tears when aged Rabbi Mordecai Nurok, who himself was rescued from Nazi hands, rose to eulogize the 6,000,000 Jews who perished in Nazi extermination camps and ghettos.