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UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL STARTS DELIBERATIONS TODAY ON ISRAELI-SYRIAN CONFLICT

LAKE SUCCESS, April 16. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council convenes here tomorrow to consider Israeli and Syrian complaints arising from the Syrian-Israeli conflict precipitated by the invasion of Israeli territory by Syrian troops and the killing there of seven Israeli civilian policemen.

Eight Syrian charges against Israel will lead off the agenda. They will be followed by three Israeli complaints against Syria. The principal charges brought by Syria before the Security Council are:

1. That Israel violated the Israeli-Syrian armistice agreement by starting and continuing operations for draining the Huleh swamps within the demilitarized zone against the wishes of Syria, Arab land owners and against the advice of United Nations truce supervisors.

2. That Israeli forces occupied demilitarized zones in the Israel-Syrian border and that Israeli police patrols "deliberately" attacked a Syrian post, in an attempt to occupy the village of Hamma "where they were repulsed with loss."

The other Syrian charges claim that Israeli military personnel fired mortars at Syrian military positions; that Syrian military posts and Arab villages were demolished by Israeli bombing and that Israel evacuated Arab inhabitants by force from the demilitarized zone.

The Israeli charges are that Syria violated the armistice agreement by persistent firing at civilian workers on Israel territory in the demilitarized zone; that Syrian armed forces entered the demilitarized zone in Israel territory in the Hamma vicinity and that Syrian troops killed seven Israeli civilian policemen near Hamma.

Syria Follows Israel in Accepting Four Points Proposed by U.N. Official

Meanwhile, it was officially reported here this afternoon that Syria today followed Israel's example in accepting the four points submitted by Col. Benmet de Ridder, acting United Nations truce chief, to both parties as a prerequisite for the resumption of normal activities of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission. Israel accepted the four points last week. They are:

1. All military and para-military forces of both sides to be withdrawn from the demilitarized zone;
2. No further fighting within the zone or across demarcation lines;
3. United Nations observers to be afforded every facility for carrying out their duties;
4. The responsibility of the chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission to implement the article in the armistice agreement concerning resumption of normal life in the demilitarized zone to be reaffirmed by both states.

The Syrian acceptance came on Sunday in the form of a letter to Col. de Ridder from the senior Syrian delegate to the Mixed Armistice Commission, Commander Djid. In the letter, Commander Djid voiced his country's readiness to participate in any

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emergency meeting of the Mixed Armistice Commission convened by the chairman, but he said he felt obliged to bring to the attention of the acting chief of staff that no Syrian military or para-military forces had penetrated the demilitarized zone.

Referring to demarcation "lines," the Syrian official declared that only one such line was defined in the armistice agreement. He reserved Syria's rights regarding such questions as the stoppage of works in the region, the return of Arab civilians to their villages and the compensation of damage to their property in the recent incidents.

#### Eban Takes Issue with Report by Gen. Riley

Israeli chief delegate Abba Eban tonight submitted to the U.N. a legal memorandum taking issue with a number of points raised by U.N. truce chief Maj. Gen. William E. Riley in his progress report covering the period November 17 - February 17. The Eban memorandum claims that Gen. Riley exceeded his terms of reference in seeking to delay the Huleh drainage project since it is a purely civilian operation.

The memorandum asserts that Gen. Riley tried to draw a distinction between Israeli control and Israeli sovereignty in the demilitarized zone. The question created by the truce supervisor, the memorandum says, is whether the Israel Government is to function as a government in the demilitarized zone or whether that area is to be an "island of anarchy dedicated to the maintenance of a swamp."

#### JACOB BLAUSTEIN CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN; DISCUSSES AMERICAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, April 16. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, today called on President Truman.

Later, he stated that he did not feel free to give particulars of the several domestic and foreign matters which were discussed. He could say, however, that one of them had to do with a subject on which he had reported to the President upon his return last September from a second mission to Israel at the invitation of Prime Minister Ben-Gurion--the relationship of Israel to the United States.

#### U.S. SUPREME COURT AGAIN DEFERS DECISION ON CONDEMNED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

WASHINGTON, April 16. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court has again deferred its decision on whether to review the cases of seven Nazi war criminals under death sentence at the American prison at Landsberg, Germany. The Justice Department has urged the Court to deny the review appeal. The Court may decide on the appeal April 23.

#### U.N. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS OPENS 7TH SESSION IN GENEVA; JEWISH OBSERVERS PRESENT

GENEVA, April 16. (JTA) -- The U.N. Commission on Human Rights today opened its seventh session here in an attempt to complete its work on the drafting of an International Covenant on Human Rights and to recommend enforcement measures. Observers of all major Jewish organizations in the United States and Europe are attending the session.

In a memorandum submitted to the session, the World Jewish Congress asks for a number of amendments to the part of the draft of the covenant which has already been prepared. The memorandum proposes that the covenant be drafted in such fashion as to ensure protection against racial and religious discrimination and intolerance.

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COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS REPORTS ON ISRAEL'S EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA) -- A report on Israel's expansion of its agricultural production to keep pace with the immigration tide was made public here today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Fund. The report was submitted by Harold Glasser, director of the Council's Institute on Overseas Studies, who just returned from a six-week study of economic conditions in Israel and Europe.

Mr. Glasser reported that more than \$5,070,000 is being spent each month by the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund on irrigation, agricultural equipment, live-stock and land purchase to make the Israeli farmer more productive, and to make the country self-sufficient as soon as possible. This includes the Eshel swamp drainage project--Israel's biggest agricultural effort. Funds for these purposes, he added, come mainly from two principal sources--the United Jewish Appeal and the United States Export-Import Bank loan.

Major problems in the settlements, Mr. Glasser said, are lack of water because irrigation has not kept pace with settlement, and the lack of farm experience and knowledge among new immigrants. "With the solution of the water problem, and with other favorable developments now in the making," he declared, "the new agricultural settlements should make a substantial impact upon the food shortage of Israel within another year."

During recent months, the Jewish Agency's program for agricultural expansion has witnessed some of "the most productive work now taking place in Israel," Mr. Glasser stressed, adding that other phases of its operation have resulted in many important and favorable economic changes. Israel's foreign exchange position is still critical, he said. The country has maintained itself during the past nine months only through \$50,000,000 in loans negotiated with European countries, large gifts of U.S. surplus commodities and increased austerity, Mr. Glasser reported.

GOLDENHEIM FOUNDATION GRANTS FELLOWSHIPS TO STUDY ANTI-SEMITISM, ISRAELI PROBLEMS' VIEWS

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA) -- Numerous American Jewish scholars, scientists, artists, composers and writers are included in a list of 154 persons who were awarded 1951 fellowships by the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation of New York. The awards, which were announced today, total \$568,000, with the average individual fellowship amounting to about \$3,600.

Eli Lohman, writer and lecturer, was given a fellowship to study the internal problems of the state of Israel; Dr. Robert Frances Byrnes, Assistant Professor of History at Rutgers University, was awarded a fellowship to write a book on "Anti-Semitism in France during the Dreyfus affair."

Other recipients include Dr. Benjamin Albert Botkin, author of books on folklore; Philip Rakev, literary critic; Dr. Nathan Jacobson, Professor of Mathematics at Yale University; Dr. Max Shiffman, Professor of Mathematics at Sanford University; Dr. Irvine Ezra Segal, Assistant Professor of Mathematics at the Chicago University, and others.

DR. UREY ARRIVES IN ISRAEL: WILL ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH SCIENTISTS IN JEWISH STATE

TEL AVIV, April 16. (JTA) -- Prof. Harold Urey, American Nobel Prize winner and one of the world's outstanding scientists and atomic energy experts, arrived in Israel today. He will remain here for several days during which he will establish contact with Israeli scientists.

JEWISH WOMEN WILL SEEK RATIFICATION OF GENOCIDE PACT BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA) -- All affiliates of the International Council of Jewish Women will demand ratification in their respective countries of the Genocide Convention which outlaws mass extermination of national, ethnic, racial or religious groups, it was decided here at the concluding session of a five-day meeting of the organization, at which Mrs. Moise Cahn, of New Orleans, was elected president.

Although the United States was one of the original sponsors of this measure in the United Nations, the Senate has thus far failed to ratify the Convention in the name of this country. Meanwhile, the Convention, having been ratified by more than 20 other nations, has become international law.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM WANTS "NATIONAL DOCTRINES" ELIMINATED FROM RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

CHICAGO, April 16. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism concluded its three-day conference here last night re-electing Lessing J. Rosenwald president of the organization and adopting a resolution urging the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and all rabbinical and lay leaders to take concerted measures to eliminate Jewish nationalist doctrines from religious school textbooks and religious instruction.

Another resolution criticized the efforts by some Jewish groups in this country "to utilize Israeli officials as a means of mobilizing American Jews into a bloc with political or economic responsibilities to the foreign state of Israel."

CULTURAL CENTER DEDICATED IN ISRAEL IN MEMORY OF DR. WEIZMANN'S SON WHO DIED IN WAR

TEL AVIV, April 16. (JTA) -- A cultural center, "Bet Michael," named after Michael Weizmann, son of Israel's President, who lost his life while an officer of the Royal Air Force in World War II, was dedicated yesterday in Kfar Hanaasi, Northern Galilee. Mrs. Chaim Weizmann and many notables attended the cornerstone laying ceremony. President Weizmann, himself unable to attend because of illness, sent a message pointing out that the establishment of a cultural center was a fitting tribute to the memory of his son.

The first trees in the Weizmann Forest were planted during the week-end on the slopes of the Judean hills near Btsaul, in the presence of Mrs. Chaim Weizmann, Premier David Ben Gurion, Viscount Samuel, Lord Nathan, British Minister Alexander Knox Helm and leaders of the Jewish National Fund. Messages from Dr. Weizmann and Winston Churchill were read at the planting ceremony. Mr. Churchill described himself as "a lifelong Zionist."

NEW ISRAELI FREIGHTER LAUNCHED IN HOLLAND; HAS ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PASSENGERS

AMSTERDAM, April 16. (JTA) -- The motorship Rimón, commissioned by the Israeli-owned Zim Navigation Company, was launched here today by Tamara Amir, wife of the Israeli Minister to Holland.

The freighter has specially ventilated holds for fruit cargoes and has cabin space for 12 passengers, as well as a smoking lounge. The Rimón, which is a diesel-driven vessel, has modern navigational equipment, including a radio directional finder and radar. It can reach a maximum speed of 14 knots an hour.

MEXICAN ZIONISTS CELEBRATE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, April 16. (JTA) -- The 25th anniversary of the Zionist Organization of Mexico was celebrated here this week-end with Joseph Serlin, member of the Israeli Parliament and leader of the General Zionists in Israel, participating.

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