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ISRAEL VOICES CHARGES AGAINST SYRIA AT U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL; APOLOGIZES FOR BOMBING

LAKE SUCCESS, April 25. (JTA) -- In a fighting speech today before the United Nations Security Council, Ambassador Abba Eban, head of the Israeli Delegation to the U.N., charged Syria with attempting to carry out a preconceived plan to grab Israeli territory. "The same tenacity we showed in defending our deserts we will show again in defending our swamps," he warned.

In an address lasting for about one hour, Mr. Eban defended Israel's right to drain the Huleh swamps. He pointed out that the Huleh reclamation project is an integral part of Israel's development because of its importance as a source of irrigation for the arid regions of the Jewish state.

At the same time, the Israeli representative publicly apologized to the United Nations for the recent retaliatory bombing of Syrian positions after the murder of seven Israeli policemen by Syrian troops who invaded Israeli territory in the demilitarized zone. "Israel regrets that it felt constrained to take action which may not have been compatible with the terms of the armistice agreement," he said.

Mr. Eban asked the Security Council to accept Israel's sincere expression of regret and assurances that it was only the result of extreme provocation and feeling that there was need for energetic self-defense that motivated the bombings. "This provocation has gone on and has indeed assumed a more systematic and scarcely less murderous aspect," he declared.

Eban Insists on Israel's Sovereignty Over Its Demilitarized Zone

The Security Council, which met to discuss the Israeli-Syrian conflict, was told by Mr. Eban that Israel rejects in its entirety the contentions made by Syria and backed by U.N. Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. William E. Riley that under the Israeli-Syrian armistice agreement there was any limitation put on the signatories in respect to a demilitarized zone other than the purely military requirements of keeping the zone free of military forces.

The Israeli delegate blasted the Riley thesis, expressed in a memorandum to the Security Council several weeks ago, that sovereignty was affected in any way by the demilitarization of an area. He told the Council that in meetings and in letters U.N. mediator Ralph J. Bunche had given that concrete assurance to the Israel Government before the latter signed the armistice agreement.

"I solemnly swear to the Security Council that my government would never have set its hand to an agreement which limited its sovereignty in any way," Eban said. He

asserted that Riley had read into the armistice agreement with Syria what was not there.

In the course of his address, Mr. Eban emphasized repeatedly Israel's contention that the armistice agreements were purely military documents--which he noted was why they were supervised by military men--and that they carried no political, economic or social ramifications. On the contrary, he said, it had been Israel's clear understanding with Dr. Bunche that Israel had a moral obligation to develop the demilitarized zone comprising the Huleh region, not to let it languish. He traced the history of the Huleh concession, and said that Gen. Riley exceeded his powers in questioning the legality of the concession.

"There Can Be No Israel Without the Precious Sources of the Jordan," Eban Says

"There can be no Israel without the precious sources of the Jordan," the Israeli diplomat stated. "We shall sign no peace under which they are abandoned. We shall preserve our swamps and we shall make them into healthy and fruitful regions as we are making the desert bloom." He concluded his speech by stressing, as he has often before, that the fundamental and chronic violation of the armistice agreements is the refusal by the Arab states to end the uncertain and temporary period of the armistice by signing a permanent peace. He reaffirmed the desire and willingness of Israel to conclude that peace.

Gen. Riley, who followed Mr. Eban with a statement to the Council, declared that the machinery of the Mixed Armistice Commission was "entirely adequate" to deal with the current dispute and expressed his regrets to the Council that it had been brought into the case. He asked the Council, since the case had come before it, for clarification and guidance on "the troublesome question of administrative authority in the demilitarized zone."

Gen. Riley defended the position he had taken in the memorandum attacked by Israel--a memorandum that had ordered Israel to cease its work on the Huleh drainage project--by quoting Dr. Bunche. He said that Dr. Bunche had authorized him to make a statement which included the following, quoted from Dr. Bunche: "It was recognized that the gradual restoration of normal civilian life in the demilitarized zone could neither be automatic nor left to the discretion of the conflicting parties. It was provided, therefore, that the chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission should be the responsible agent for guiding this process."

Gen. Riley also quoted from a Bunche communication of June 26, 1949, which Riley claimed was the only authoritative declaration by Dr. Bunche on the question at issue, since both Israel and Syria had accepted it as an authoritative interpretation. "As civilian life is gradually restored (in the demilitarized zone)," Dr. Bunche wrote, "administration will take shape on a local basis under the general supervision of the chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission. The chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission, in consultation and cooperation with the local communities, will be in a position to authorize all necessary arrangements for the restoration and protection of civilian life. He will not assume responsibility for direct administration of the zone."

Gen. Riley said that Dr. Bunche shared his view that no other communications between Bunche and the governments concerned could be considered to have any official standing as a basis for interpreting Article Five of the armistice agreement, "since it was this note of June 26, alone which the parties themselves accepted for this purpose." After Gen. Riley concluded his statement, the Security Council adjourned its session until May 2.

DR. SILVER RECEIVES ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME IN ISRAEL; MET BY BRASS BAND AT AIRPORT

TEL AVIV, April 25. (JTA) -- General Zionist delegations from all over Israel met Dr. Abba Hillel Silver at the Lydda airport today upon his arrival from the United States. The Maccabi brass band played the Israel national anthem when the American Zionist leader stepped down from the airplane.

Dr. Silver was greeted by Dr. Peretz Bernstein, president of the General Zionist Party of Israel, and by a representative of Mayor Israel Rokach, on behalf of the largest city in the Jewish state. Mayor Rokach himself could not be at the airport because he is convalescing in Galilee. Visibly moved by the enthusiastic reception, Dr. Silver said he came to Israel after an absence of more than two years to renew contact with the people and to stress American Jewry's unshakeable support of Israel's development.

Preceded by a mounted guard of honor, Dr. Silver left the airport in a motorcade which drove through Petach Tikvah and Ramat Gan, where special ceremonies awaited the guest. The parade later proceeded along Tel Aviv's main streets lined with cheering crowds and halted at the Second of November Square where a group of children presented Dr. Silver with flowers on behalf of the youth of Tel Aviv.

BEN GURION WILL BRING GREETINGS TO TRUMAN; IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON MAY 3RD

WASHINGTON, April 25. (JTA) -- Israel Prime Minister David Ben Gurion will bring Israel's greetings to President Truman and will meet with leading officials of the American Government during his stay in Washington, the Israel Embassy announced today. He will arrive in New York with his wife on May 3rd for a three-week visit.

The Embassy said Mr. Ben Gurion will convey to President Truman and the American people an expression of gratitude from the people of Israel for the sympathy and support extended to them in their struggle for independence. The Israeli Premier will convey Israel's appreciation to American Jewry for its moral and material aid.

The State of Israel "Independence Bond Issue" will be launched with the Prime Minister's participation during his visit, which will cover Washington, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, and Los Angeles. Mr. Ben Gurion will view various American development projects during the visit.

ISRAEL SPOKESMAN DENIES CHARGES CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES HAMPERS BY VISA POLICY

JERUSALEM, April 25. (JTA) -- An Israeli spokesman today denied allegations that the Jewish state "seriously interferes with Catholic activities" in this country by not granting visas for a permanent stay in Israel.

The charge was contained in a statement allegedly made in Rome by Monsignor MacMahon, head of the Pontifical Mission for Relief in the Middle East. The Israel spokesman pointed out that Israel does not yet have a nationality law regulating the admittance of foreigners who desire to become permanent residents. However, he pointed out, pending enactment of such regulations the Israel Government has "freely granted" visas to the clergy.

U.P.A. AGENCIES SPENT \$431,450,000 IN ISRAEL; SYLK NAMED CHAIRMAN OF U.P.A. BOARD

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Funds totalling \$431,450,000, provided with the aid of American Jews, were spent by United Palestine Appeal agencies for an over-all program of immigration, resettlement and upbuilding in the three years since the establishment of the State of Israel, Rudolf G. Sonneborn, U.P.A. national chairman, reported to a board of directors' meeting at the Biltmore Hotel here tonight. William D. Sylk, of Philadelphia, was installed as chairman of the U.P.A. board of directors.

WURTEMBERG-BADEN READY TO MAKE "GLOBAL" SETTLEMENT FOR HEIRLESS JEWISH PROPERTY

FRANKFURT, April 25. (JTA) -- Reinhold Maier, Premier of the province of Wurttemberg-Baden, today announced that his administration is prepared to make a "global" settlement for heirless Jewish property with the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, which represents the major Jewish groups throughout the world.

Premier Maier indicated, however, that he is prepared to complete transactions only in cases where the courts have already ruled on the validity of the Jewish claims. He refused to act on undecided cases because of the possibility that the government will assume responsibility for the claim by paying the JRSO and then find itself involved in a legal dispute with its own citizens.

JEWISH INVALIDS SEEK INTERVENTION AGAINST FREEZING OF RESTITUTION PAYMENTS IN BAVARIA

MINICH, April 25. (JTA) -- The Association of Jewish Invalids in Germany has appealed to the World Jewish Congress to intervene with the Bavarian Government against the freezing of all payments by the state Restitution Office, formerly headed by Dr. Philip Auerbach who is presently in jail facing charges of fraud. The memorandum points out that despite all appeals the office has made no cash payments nor has provided medical care for any of the victims of Nazism entitled to such payments or services since the Auerbach affair.

Bavarian Premier Hans Ehard, speaking in the State Parliament today, promised that the state of Bavaria would make every effort to carry out the payment of indemnification to victims of Nazism. He told the Parliament that since special funds allocated for indemnification payments had been exhausted and that the State's financial position was difficult, further indemnification payments would have to depend on the sale by the Government of property confiscated from Nazis during the denazification proceedings.

The Premier, who replied to numerous questions on the indemnification program during a session of the legislative body devoted to marking the sixth anniversary of the liberation of prisoners from Nazi concentration camps, asserted that two-thirds of the entire restitution program in Bavaria had been carried out and that 12,000 indemnification cases had been settled. Since the German currency reform, he said, Bavaria had paid out 60,000,000 Deutschmarks to victims of the Nazi regime.

"Despite these enormous payments," he added, "only a beginning has been made." He declared the Government was now preparing a special ordinance providing for indemnification to those whose professional careers had suffered as a result of Nazi measures.

In a pointed reference to the activities of neo-Nazi organizations in the country, Premier Ehard said there were people trying to falsify history and the records of what had happened in the concentration camps. Anyone desecrating the remembrance of victims of Nazism, he warned, was also desecrating democracy and striking at the foundation of the State.

Dr. Georg Staw, President of the Parliament, in opening the session, assured victims of the Nazi regime that Parliament sincerely intended to rectify the injustices committed by the Nazis. He called on the people of Bavaria not to forget the horrors of the past.

AMERICAN ORGAN IN GERMANY DEMANDS SUPPRESSION OF GROUP SUCCEEDING THE NAZI PARTY

FRANKFURT, April 25. (JTA) -- A demand that the German Socialist Party be suppressed as a "successor to the Nazi Party" was made here today by the *Neus Zeitung*, official American paper in Germany.

The newspaper attacked the party, which is headed by former Nazi General Otto Reiser, and criticized the West German Government and the Allied High Commission for not using various security laws to "prevent further activities directed against the German Constitution." It pointed out that in program, publications and official statements the party patterns itself on the lines of the Nazi movement.

The Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution today banned a public meeting of the right-wing *Deutscher Bloc*, headed by Karl Meissner. It also dissolved his 300-man bodyguard on the grounds that its members wore a uniform similar to that of the Nazi Party.

A powerful neo-Nazi movement aimed at restoration of a dictatorship in Germany was under ban in the state of Bavaria today as the Federal Office for Protection of the Constitution drew attention to a second powerful neo-Nazi organization now active in Schleswig-Holstein in the British zone of Germany.

Dr. Wilhelm Hoegner, Bavarian Minister of the Interior, announced that activities by the "Nationale Sammelbewegung Deutschlands"--the "National Unification Movement"--headed by Erwin Boerner, would be banned in Bavaria. Boerner recently founded his organization in Stuttgart and Munich and proclaimed a 16-point program calling for a return to a national dictatorship "for the national renaissance of Greater Germany." He denounced the present German government as traitors who are preventing the national awakening of Germany.

The report issued by the federal agency warned of the activities of Karl Meissner, leader of the "Deutscher Block," who is now active in Schleswig-Holstein organizing semi-military nationalist groups. Meissner's organization, which has not yet received the status of a political party, puts its members into uniform. The federal office said today that Meissner's meetings in Flensburg and Kiel were "similar to former Nazi Party meetings with only the Swastika missing."

TWO ANTI-SEMITIC WEEKLIES CLOSED IN TURKEY; PUBLISHED MATERIAL INSPIRED BY "STURMER"

ISTANBUL, April 25. (JTA) -- Two Turkish weeklies which have recently been publishing large quantities of anti-Semitic propaganda have been closed by the authorities on the grounds that their editorial line is "hostile" to the principles laid down by Kemal Attaturk, founder of the Turkish Republic.

The ultra-nationalist publications have been charging the Jews with being "internationalists," "Communists" and "imperialists." They have published much material inspired by the Nazi hate sheet "Der Sturmer."

ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF TRAVEL WILL NOT SANCTION HOTELS SEEKING "RESTRICTED" CLIENTELE

TORONTO, April 25. (JTA) -- Operators of hotels and tourist camps advertising "selected" or "restricted" clientele will be blackballed by the Ontario Department of Travel and Publicity, the third annual Ontario Tourist Conference was informed. J.E. Wright, director of the Department, said to sanction such establishments would be contrary to recent legislation outlawing property or employment restrictions based on race, color or creed.

Establishments discriminating on the basis of race, color or creed will be cut out of a \$100,000 advertising campaign carried by newspapers and periodicals through most of the U.S. and including a New York television show, sponsored by the Ontario Department of Travel and Publicity to attract U.S. tourists to Ontario resorts.

CATHOLIC ORGAN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS, VOICES CRITICISM OF ANTI-SEMITISM

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. April 25. (JTA) -- The official organ of the Springfield Roman Catholic diocese, the Catholic Mirror, this week criticized those who blame the Jews for evils afflicting society. The paper told its readers that "you cannot indict a whole nation." It drew attention to the citation given by the Pope to a Springfield Jewish nurse, Col. Jeanette Flech, for her kindness to a group of nuns in Germany.

J.T.A. CORRESPONDENT HONORED BY CUBAN GOVERNMENT; ZIONIST FEDERATION RECEIVES MEDAL

HAVANA, April 25. (JTA) -- The Zionist Federation of Cuba and the Jewish Center here were awarded medals by the government for arranging special celebrations in connection with the 100th anniversary of the Cuban flag.

Abraham J. Dubelman, correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Havana, who is also an associate editor of the local Jewish newspaper Havaner Leben, was decorated by the government on the occasion of the anniversary. S.M. Kaplan, editor of the Havaner Leben, was similarly decorated.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH LEADER REPORTS IN ARGENTINA ON JEWISH ACTIVITIES IN HIS COUNTRY

BUENOS AIRES, April 25. (JTA) -- Jewish life in South Africa was described here at a press conference for the first time by a South African Jewish leader, Mr. Abel Shaban, who is now visiting Argentina in behalf of the ORT.

Mr. Shaban, a well-known industrialist, revealed that during the war for Israel's independence, his airplanes carried 400 Jewish youths from South Africa who volunteered in 1948 to fight in the ranks of the Haganah. A member of the world executive of ORT, Mr. Shaban came to Buenos Aires to negotiate this year's allocation for the ORT from the United Jewish Campaign here.

80,000 VISIT ISRAEL EXPOSITION IN BUENOS AIRES DURING TEN DAYS

BUENOS AIRES, April 25. (JTA) -- The Israel Exposition in this city has proved to be one of the major points of interest for local residents and visitors to the capital. During the first ten days of the exposition some 80,000 persons visited the exhibitions.

The YAJA, central Jewish representative body, today appealed to Foreign Minister Hipolito J. Raz to have the Argentine Government intervene for the Jews in Iraq.

HIAS BECOMES A MEMBER AGENCY OF THE "CARE" ORGANIZATION; HAS EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Samuel A. Telsky, president of the HIAS, today announced that his organization became a member of the CARE agency through which food parcels are being sent by Americans to their relatives in Israel and other countries. The HIAS is the only Jewish organization in the United States authorized to take CARE orders for Israel.

AMERICAN NOBEL PRIZE WINNER SAYS IRRIGATION WILL HELP ISRAEL AND ARAB LANDS

TEL AVIV, April 25. (JTA) -- Irrigation will not only restore the fertility of the land of Israel and the neighboring states but will even improve the climate of the area, Prof. Harold C. Urey, American Nobel Prize winner, said here today. Prof. Urey is now on a brief visit to Israel to deliver a series of lectures at scientific institutions here.

BECAUSE OF PASSOVER THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON MONDAY