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U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL IN ISRAEL; URGES ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE; VISITS WEIZMANN AND BEN GURION

JERUSALEM, April 29. (JTA) -- A strong plea for peace between Israel and the Arab states was made here today by U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie who arrived during the week-end. He spoke at a press conference, following visits paid to President Weizmann and Premier David Ben Gurion.

"I return to the U.N. headquarters convinced that real and lasting peace between Israel and the Arab countries is possible despite all the obvious and serious difficulties," he said. "However, the governments concerned must join in a new effort based firmly on a clear recognition of their over-riding mutual interests and animated by a spirit of true tolerance and mutual respect for the rights of others."

Mr. Lie called for an end to "the tensions, bitterness and dangers of the present stalemate with its uneasy armistice, its unsolved problem of Palestine refugees and the strangulation of normal trade." The refugee question, he said, is one of greatest urgency "since it poisons all relationships and continues to promote greater hatreds and bitterness. It is the duty of all 60 member-states of the United Nations to participate actively and contribute to a solution of this problem," Mr. Lie stated.

"I very much hope that between now and the opening of the next session of the U.N. General Assembly the groundwork can be laid for new and vigorous attempts by the United Nations and its organs in the Middle East to make substantial progress toward peace," Mr. Lie told the news conference. He declared that in his capacity as Secretary-General of the world organization he would use all the influence of his office to that end.

Speaks of Need for Economic Development of Middle East; Warns of Danger of World War III

"My second impression concerns the great need for U.N. aid in the economic and social developments of all the countries in this part of the world," he asserted. "This I believe, is a necessary part of ultimate peace in the Middle East." Mr. Lie said that he was "impressed by the vast results that could clearly be achieved by really adequate development projects to be carried out in stages during the next 20 years."

Emphasizing the point, Mr. Lie said that he had seen with his own eyes "what devoted and intelligent work can do to make a desert bloom." He reminded the newsmen that he had advocated such a development program in his proposal for a 20-year peace plan now under consideration by the United Nations.

"It is necessary for all concerned today to think of the regional problems and the national problems in their relation to the serious world crisis," Mr. Lie declared. "All of us now face the danger of a third world war which would engulf all nations in disaster," he warned. However, he added that the United Nations is now striving to build up a system of collective security "to protect all peoples from such a disaster while continuing to seek peaceful solutions of the present conflicts through negotiation, mediation and conciliation."

BAVARIAN PARLIAMENT APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE RESTITUTION OFFICE ACTIVITIES

MUNICH, April 29, (JTA) -- The Bavarian State Parliament today appointed a 14-man committee to investigate the manner in which the provincial Restitution Office has been run. Dr. Philip Auerbach, its former chief, has been arrested on charges of fraud.

Meanwhile, Dr. Auerbach's successor, Dr. Franz Zdralek, has discharged three more employees and has placed five on notice as of the end of June. Since Dr. Auerbach's arrest the office has been in the hands of some 70-odd policemen and has halted all restitution payments and medical services to ill and crippled victims of the Nazis.

Local police officials today denied that Bavarian Chief Rabbi Aaron Ohrenstein was involved in the case of Dr. Philip Auerbach, former head of the Bavarian Restitution Office who is under arrest on charges of fraud. The police announcement stated that Rabbi Ohrenstein was called as a witness to clarify his intervention at the Restitution Office in behalf of 111 Jewish DP's who were about to emigrate and whose restitution claims had not yet been settled. It turned out, the statement said, that part of the documents of the members of the group were forged.

From Bonn it was reported today that a meeting of representatives of the restitution offices of all states in West Germany has been called in Bonn for May 9 in order to confer on the drafting of a Federal law to indemnify victims of the Hitler regime. Non-governmental organizations representing political persecutees and Jews have been invited to attend the session.

MAJORITY MEMBERS OF CABINET IN SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN ARE FORMER NAZIS, PREMIER ADMITS

HAMBURG, April 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Walter Bertram, Minister-President of Schleswig-Holstein, in the British zone of Germany, has admitted that a majority of the members of his Cabinet were once members of the Nazi Party. Five or six of the province's Ministers are known to have been Nazis.

The Bavarian State Parliament today set up a special sub-committee to investigate the mass recruitment in Bavaria of former Gestapo officers into the 30,000-man police corps. Meanwhile, in Bonn, Federal Minister of Interior Robert Lehr warned that right-wing and neo-Nazi groups are gaining in strength in Germany. He ordered an investigation into the activities of the German Socialist Party and the Deutscher Block which he charged with activities hostile to the West German constitution.

TWO FRENCHMEN PUT ON TRIAL FOR ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN NAZI ATROCITIES

LYONS, France, April 29. (JTA) -- The trial of two French wartime collaborators charged with the murder of Andre Moch, son of Jules Moch, France's Minister of Defense, who is a Jew, opened here during the week-end.

The defendants, members of the Fascist Militia, are said to have shot Moch through the head after wounding him in a pitched battle at Grenoble between units of the Militia and the French Maquis. Moch commanded the local Maquis. The defendants are also charged with committing atrocities against Jews and non-Jews during the Nazi occupation.

DISPLACED PERSONS RESIDENT IN U.S. MUST REGISTER FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- Displaced persons between the ages of 18-26 who now live in the United States must register for military service as required by the Selective Service Act, chairman John W. Gibson of the Displaced Persons Commission, announced here. Physicians, dentists and persons in allied specialist categories who have not yet reached their 51st birthday are also required to register.

TRUMAN'S INTEREST IN ISRAEL DEPICTED BY PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- President Truman is taking a great interest in the development of Israel, it was revealed at a press conference here by Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee.

Mr. Blaustein reported on his talks with President Truman and with high officials of the State Department with regard to various aspects of the Israeli situation. He emphasized that he was asked by Premier David Ben Gurion of Israel to take up with Mr. Truman certain problems concerning Israel and that he is in constant touch with Ambassador Abba Eban. He read out letters from the Israeli Ambassador thanking him for the efforts he is making in Washington, some of which have produced very important results for the Jewish state.

(President Truman sent Passover greetings to President Chaim Weizmann of Israel, it was revealed here today. The message of greetings was delivered during the week-end at Rehovoth to Dr. Weizmann by Abraham Feinberg, American Zionist leader, whom Mr. Truman asked to visit the Israeli President. Mr. Truman emphasized in his letter to Mr. Feinberg that he regards Dr. Weizmann "as a personal close friend as well as a great statesman.")

Mr. Blaustein also reported on the work of the American Jewish Committee in protecting Jewish interests in Arab countries and in certain European lands. He revealed his organization will soon publish a volume of materials dealing with the status and life of the Jews in countries behind the Iron Curtain.

DR. SILVER CRITICIZES "SOME ELEMENTS" IN STATE DEPT.; WANTS STRONG ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

TEL AVIV, April 29. (JTA) -- The charge that some elements in the State Department in Washington have still not accepted Israel's existence was voiced here last night by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, American Zionist leader, addressing a huge meeting at the Mograbi Theatre. Thousands of persons who could not get into the theatre heard his address outside the building over loud speakers.

Dr. Silver, who was repeatedly cheered during his speech, said that a strong Zionist organization abroad is essential at least for one more generation. He urged the Israel Government to weigh its attitude towards the Zionist movement and carefully reconsider its position before concentrating in its hand such activities which should remain under the jurisdiction of Zionist bodies. "If the forthcoming World Zionist Congress is not left free to decide its own policy, it will not be worth convening," he stated.

AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL ASKS STATE DEPARTMENT AID IN HULEH DISPUTE

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council has expressed its concern to Secretary of State Dean Acheson regarding "the attempts of the Syrian Government to halt development of the Huleh region in Israel territory by challenging Israel's right to transform the swamp area into a habitable, productive region."

In a letter to Mr. Acheson, which was made public today, Louis Lipsky, chairman of the Council, urged the U.S. Government to use its good offices at the United Nations "to uphold the principle of protecting the rights of a people to develop their own resources." Mr. Lipsky pointed out that the Council's interest in the Huleh dates back to 1934 when contributions of American Zionists enabled the Jewish National Fund to purchase the land.

EXTREME LEFT-WINGERS GAIN CONTROL OF MAPAM PARTY; GET 60 PERCENT OF VOTES IN ELECTION

TEL AVIV, April 29. (JTA) -- The extreme left-wing of the left Socialist Mapam Party of Israel has captured complete control of the party according to the results of last week's intra-party elections for convention delegates, which were released here during the week-end. Ninety percent of the party membership voted.

The extreme leftist faction, formerly Hashomer Hatzair, which is led in Parliament by deputy Meir Yaari, gained 60 percent of the ballots. The Achdut Avoda group, led by deputies Israel Bar-Yehuda and Israel Galili, received 36 percent of the vote, while the Poale Zion faction, under the leadership of deputy Moshe Eren, obtained only four percent.

TWO ISRAELI WARSHIPS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK TODAY TO HELP LAUNCH BOND ISSUE

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- Two warships of the Israel Navy, flying the blue and white flag, will arrive here tomorrow morning on the first leg of a goodwill visit to cities along the east coast of the United States. The vessels are coming here in conjunction with the nationwide launching of the \$500,000,000 State of Israel Bond Issue on May 1.

The flotilla, composed of the frigate "Misgav" and the corvette "Ezranah" will remain in New York for 10 days as guests of the 3rd Naval District before proceeding to Boston, its next port of call. It will be welcomed here tomorrow by a delegation headed by Deputy Mayor Charles Horowitz, Arthur Lourie, Israel Consul General in New York, and other officials.

Both ships are under the command of 30-year-old commander Shlomo Erel, who served with the U.S. Maritime Fleet during World War II. They are manned by 191 officers and men, all veterans of Israel's War of Independence in 1948. The crew members--most of whom are survivors of Nazi concentration camps--emigrated to Israel from 24 different countries.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN PITTSBURGH CONTRIBUTES \$1,000,000 TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

PITTSBURGH, April 29. (JTA) -- More than \$1,000,000 was contributed today in advanced gifts to the United Jewish Appeal at a tri-state regional conference held at the William Penn hotel here, opening the Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia phases of the 1951 U.J.A. campaign.

The advanced funds were presented to Dr. Dov Joseph, Israel's Minister of Communications, who was also presented with the keys of the city of Pittsburgh by Mayor David L. Lawrence. Principal speakers included Dr. Dov Joseph; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the U.J.A.; Eddie Cantor and others. More than 800 leaders of 75 communities participated in the gathering.

JEWISH CHAPLAIN DECORATED FOR SERVICE UNDER FIRE IN KOREA; WAS RABBI IN CHICAGO

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- Chaplain Oscar M. Lifshutz has been awarded the U.S. Army's Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service "in the face of enemy action" in Korea, it was reported today by the National Jewish Welfare Board. He is the first Jewish chaplain to be decorated since the outbreak of the Korean war. Before entering the chaplaincy, he served as rabbi of Temple B'nai Shalom in Chicago.

CHAIRMAN OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS NAMED AS ISRAEL MINISTER TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

TEL AVIV, April 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Leon Kubowi (formerly Kubowitzky), world chairman of the World Jewish Congress, has been named Israel minister plenipotentiary to Prague, it was announced today. Dr. Kubowi will succeed Shmuel Eliashiv, who has been named Israel Minister to Moscow.