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BRITAIN PESSIMISTIC ABOUT LEGAL INTERVENTION WITH IRAQ AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH PERSECUTIONS

LONDON, April 30. (JTA) -- The prospects of legal intervention with the Iraqi Government against anti-Jewish discrimination are "not very good," Minister of State Kenneth Younger told Parliament today.

The Minister said that the British Government has drawn the attention of the Iraqi Government to the "unfortunate consequences" which might ensue if substance is given to the charge that the Jews are subjected to persecution. He added that the Iraqi Government "had taken note of this approach."

The Minister was asked by a Conservative member of Parliament whether the British Government would, if necessary, take steps with the International Court of Justice in The Hague, in accordance with Article 37 of the Statute of 1945. Mr. Younger expressed doubts as to the validity of the obligations assumed by Iraq towards the defunct League of Nations. "I am prepared to consider the legal situation further, but the prospects are not very good from what I have seen," he declared.

(New York newspapers today carried an official "warrant" by the Iraqi Embassy in the United States reading: "It is required by law that all Iraqi Jews who left Iraq with Iraqi passports since the first day of January, 1948, return to Iraq within a period of two months, effective from April 27th 1951, otherwise it will be considered that they left Iraq for good and to have dropped their Iraqi Citizenship after the expiration of above time. Any person failing to return will be subject to Law No. (5) for 1951. For further information contact Iraq Embassies or Consulates.")

ISRAEL MUST BE PREPARED TO REPULSE ATTACK FROM ANY QUARTER, BEN GURION WARNS

TEL AVIV, April 30. (JTA) -- Israel must be prepared to repulse attacks from any quarter because the only guarantee Israel can have for its neutrality is the respect which belligerent nations have for its sovereignty and internal freedom, Premier David Ben Gurion declared here last night at a Mapai Party conference called to consider its program in the forthcoming national elections.

Mr. Ben Gurion paid tribute to Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and Henry Montor for their aidance of the Israeli \$500,000,000 bond issue in the United States which, he said, appears to be on the "threshold of success." He castigated the General Zionists for their original opposition to the bond drive.

The Premier scored both the General Zionists and the Mapam for failing to participate in the government, taking particular pains to express his criticism of the Hashomer Hatzair wing of the left Socialist party which last week gained majority control of the Mapam. He charged that the Hashomer Hatzair group receives its "directives" from a foreign power. He referred to a "fortress in some foreign country where a self-appointed Divinity pretends to decide what is good and what is bad for the Israeli nation while 2,000,000 Jews there are prevented from expressing freely their aspirations."

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL LEAVES ISRAEL; IMPRESSED WITH COUNTRY'S ACHIEVEMENTS

TEL AVIV, April 30. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie left Israel today declaring at the airport that it has been a "stimulating experience" for him to see the Jewish state and its people. He was seen off at the airport by Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and other high officials of Israel's Foreign Office.

"I leave your country with two convictions," Mr. Lie said. "Firstly, that even under the most difficult circumstances, Israel has people imbued with courage and vitality who are determined to survive and are able to convert barren land into fruitful and productive soil. Secondly, what the people of Israel need and desire above all is peace with their neighbors and peace throughout the world."

Tribute to Israel's dynamic efforts for economic and political consolidation was paid by Mr. Lie last night at a reception given in his honor by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. Minister Sharett replied with a toast to the "great champion of world peace." Gathered at Mr. Sharett's residence for the reception were all members of the diplomatic corps in this city, high church dignitaries, Arab and Jewish notables and political figures from the extreme right to the extreme left. Among the guests was Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

During his visit here Mr. Lie toured the country inspecting industrial and agricultural development projects. His praise of Israel's economic progress is seen here as significant. Yesterday he met with members of the U.N. Conciliation Commission for Palestine and with the U.N. chairmen of the Mixed Armistice Commissions. He also received a report on the resettlement of Arab refugees from Palestine and an Israeli memorandum on the freezing in Iraq of Jewish assets and property.

(The New York Times today reported from Tel Aviv that it is believed that Mr. Lie's Middle East tour has convinced him that the United Nations methods and machinery are inadequate and must be radically overhauled to cope with the Israeli-Arab problems. The opinion is expressed that the activities of the three United Nations agencies now working on Israeli-Arab affairs must be consolidated into one over-all apparatus headed by a forceful personality. The three agencies are: the U.N. Truce Commission, the Palestine Conciliation Commission and the U.N. Works and Relief Administration.)

ARAB REFUSAL TO CONCLUDE PEACE WITH ISRAEL SPELLS TROUBLE FOR MIDDLE EAST, EBAN SAYS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 30. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel's permanent U.N. delegate, told an American radio audience tonight that the real trouble in the Middle East stemmed not from periodic border flare-up such as the current Israel-Syrian dispute, but from the long-term fact that Israel is encircled by hostile states who refuse to establish a permanent peace. This situation, he said, must come to an end, and he asked why do not these states sign a peace treaty with Israel.

Mr. Eban asserted that the region of the Huleh marshes whose draining has caused the Syrian Government to complain to the Security Council was included in the original U.N. partition scheme and was a part of Israel when the state was proclaimed. He said that the armistice agreement in no way forbids civilian development in a demilitarized zone of this area. He added that U.N. truce supervisor General William K. Riley agreed with this but a difference arose between Israel and Gen. Riley on the question of the authority of the armistice commission chairman in the demilitarized zone.

He labelled as "sheer nonsense" a charge made on the same radio program last week by Syrian U.N. delegate Faris el Khouri Bey, that a map hung on the walls of the Israel parliament showing Israeli territory extending from the Nile to the Euphrates. Denying that such a map existed, he declared that Israel's interest was not in the Euphrates but in the Jordan.

TWO ISRAELI SHIPS WELCOMED IN NEW YORK; ARRIVE TO HELP \$500,000,000 BOND DRIVE

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- Flying the blue-and-white flag of King David across the Atlantic Ocean for the first time in history, two Israeli warships--the frigate "Misgav" and the corvette "Haganah"--steamed into New York harbor this morning where they were formally welcomed by Commander James Farrell of the U.S. Navy, by a representative of the Mayor of New York and by Arthur Lourie, Israel Consul General in New York.

Several hundred people crowded around the entrance to the pier hoping to catch a glimpse of the Israel ships. As the two vessels proceeded slowly through the harbor to their pier many passing ships, recognizing the Israeli emblem, saluted the arrivals with steam whistles. Immediately after the formalities were completed, Shlomo Erel, the 30-year-old commander of the flotilla, left to pay courtesy calls on U.S. Navy officials.

The two ships, which arrived here in conjunction with the launching of the \$500,000,000 Israeli bond drive, will be open to inspection by the public during their ten-day stay in New York. An Israeli Navy Day, sponsored by the bond committee of the Labor Zionist movement, was proclaimed today for May 6th. On that day the public will be received by the officers and crew of the ships, many of whom arrived in Israel as part of the "illegal immigration." Members of the crew came to Israel from 24 different countries.

U.J.A. WILL HOLD EXTRAORDINARY NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO; 1,000 LEADERS TO ATTEND

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal today announced that an extraordinary national conference will be held in Chicago at the end of May to map further steps by American Jewry for the rescue of Jews from Arab lands and countries behind the Iron Curtain. More than 1,000 representatives of Jewish communities from 40 states are expected to attend the parley which will open on May 26 at the Palmer House.

The meeting, which will last two days, is being called by the United Jewish Appeal for the purpose of focusing attention on the pressing need for additional resources with which to speed and implement immigration and settlement programs in Israel. Speakers at the conference will include outstanding Israeli leaders.

A special East Coast Leaders Conference of the U.J.A. to consider the impending suspension of all Jewish emigration from Iraq to Israel and to map plans for expediting the air transfer of thousands of Iraqi Jews will be held on May 2, at the Savoy-Plaza Hotel in New York City. The meeting will be attended by more than 250 Jewish leaders of communities in seven seaboard states.

ISRAEL DEPUTY AND WIFE DETAINED ON ELLIS ISLAND FOR SIX HOURS IN VISA MIX-UP

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- Arish Ben Elizer, Herut member of the Israel Parliament, and his wife were yesterday held for more than six hours on Ellis Island following their arrival here by plane. They were released after the intervention of the Israeli consulate.

The immigration authorities said that Mr. Ben Elizer, a former leader of the Irgun, had a transit visa when in fact he needed a visitor's visa because he intended to remain in this country for several weeks. This is the second time in 16 months that Mr. Ben Elizer, who came here in behalf of Shlach, an American organization which aids Irgun veterans' rehabilitation in Israel, has had American visa difficulties. The immigration authorities scheduled a hearing for today to decide Mr. Ben Elizer's case.

ISRAEL NATIONAL BANK TAKES OVER THE ANGLO-PALESTINE BANK TODAY; NO CHANGES ENTAILLED

TEL AVIV, April 30. (JTA) -- The entire business of the Anglo-Palestine Bank will be transferred to the Bank Leumi Le-Israel, Israel's National Bank, effective tomorrow. In connection with the transfer, Israel's national flag will fly for three days over all the branches of the bank throughout the country.

Eight new branches will be opened by the bank during this week, expanding its system to include 31 branches in Israel, a branch in London and a representative office in New York. (In New York, Gideon Strauss, representative of the Bank Leumi Le-Israel, today said that the transfer entails no changes in ownership, management, personnel or policies.)

DIRECT PASSENGER SERVICE FROM ISRAEL TO NEW YORK INAUGURATED BY ISRAELI AIRLINES

TEL AVIV, April 30. (JTA) -- Scheduled passenger service from Israel to New York was inaugurated here today by the Israel National Airlines, El Al. The first plane, a long-range constellation, left today carrying Eliezer Kaplan, Israel's Minister of Finance, and a number of Israeli journalists. Two flights will be made by El Al weekly. The planes are equipped with kosher food. They will be allowed to pick up passengers in London for New York.

ACTION ON BILL REQUIRING BIBLE READING IN SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOLS SHELVED FOR TWO YEARS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30. (JTA) -- Action on a bill pending in the State Legislature which would require daily Bible reading in California public schools, has been shelved for two years by the Assembly's Committee on Education.

The committee referred the bill to the State Board of Education for study with instructions to present a report to the Legislature in 1953. The bill had been opposed by the Board of Rabbis of Northern California, the San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council, the San Francisco superintendent of schools and teachers' organizations.

MEETING TO PROMOTE JEWISH CAUSE HELD IN SWEDISH CHURCH FOR THE FIRST TIME

STOCKHOLM, April 30. (JTA) -- For the first time in Swedish history, a meeting has been held in a Swedish church under joint Christian and Jewish auspices to promote a Jewish cause.

The meeting, held in Enselbrekts Church, saw Bishop Manfred Bjoerquist and Chief Rabbi Dr. Kurt Wilhelm in the pulpit to plead for support of the Swedish-Israeli campaign to establish a Swedish village, Kfar Shvedia, in Israel.

FELLOWSHIP OF JEWISH WRITERS AND JOURNALISTS TO BE FORMED IN AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Australia, April 30. (JTA) -- A decision to form a Fellowship of Jewish Writers and Journalists in Australia was taken last night at a meeting here. The new group will aim to uphold the dignity and standard of Jewish journalism and literature, to protect the ethics of writers and journalists consistent with the interests of the Jewish community, and to educate the Jewish public to the value of the Jewish press as an essential medium for a well-informed public opinion.

A public meeting commemorating the eighth anniversary of the revolt in the Warsaw Ghetto was held here under the auspices of the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies.