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NEW GURION CONFERS WITH TRUMAN; SAYS BOTH "SAW EYE TO EYE" ON ALL MAJOR ISSUES

WASHINGTON, May 8. (JTA) -- Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion today visited President Truman and congratulated him on his birthday. He also presented him with a Menorah made in 1767. The President remarked that 1767 marked the birth of Andrew Jackson.

"We saw eye to eye on all important issues," the Israeli Premier told reporters later. He said he discussed with the President problems concerning peace and economic development in Israel and the Middle East. Asked if American financial aid to Israel was discussed, Mr. Ben Gurion replied that the discussions covered general topics.

The Israeli Premier said he told President Truman that he was very much impressed by his visit to the Tennessee Valley Authority development project and pointed out that Israel is attempting such projects on a smaller scale. "We believe the main effort of human beings should be directed at development and construction rather than production of the goods of war," Mr. Ben Gurion told the reporters.

Reviews Israeli-American Relations With Secretary Acheson

Following his visit to the White House, Mr. Ben Gurion also conferred with Secretary of State Dean Acheson for more than forty minutes. "The main thing we talked about was how to strengthen peace in the Middle East," the Premier said later.

Secretary Acheson, in a statement to reporters, declared: "The Prime Minister and I reviewed questions which affect Israel and the United States. We also discussed peace in the Middle East and economic questions. He gave me the benefit of his views about these subjects and we talked about them."

Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban, who accompanied Mr. Ben Gurion to the State Department and the White House today, left early this afternoon for New York to attend the session of the U.N. Security Council at which the Israeli-Syrian conflict is to be discussed. The Israeli Premier made a broadcast in Hebrew over the Voice of America this afternoon and attended a dinner in the evening tendered in his honor by the Washington Committee for the State of Israel Bond Issue.

Will Give Outmost Support To Every Measure Which Strengthens World Peace

Speaking at a luncheon at the National Press Club, Mr. Ben Gurion said that the State of Israel will support to the outmost of her capacity "every measure which strengthens world peace and opposes aggression; which promotes understanding among the peoples, and ensures the equality of nations." Many important government officials attended the luncheon.

"Israel is at least twice as strong as we were three years ago," the Premier told the audience. However, he stressed that this military build-up has necessitated

the diversion of resources from constructive purposes. He pledged that Israel's policies "will be inspired by the universal aims of the United Nations."

"We shall cooperate untiringly," said the Prime Minister, "with all those who set their faces against the enslavement of the souls of man; and with all who cherish the ultimate vision of peace as conceived by the prophets of Israel, that men shall beat their swords into plowshares and nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." He emphasized the strategic importance of the Near East, saying in this connection that "the future of our young state is an issue of direct moment to the cause of world democracy."

Ben Gurion Conveys Israel's Thanks for American Aid to Jewish State

Mr. Ben Gurion conveyed to the audience the thanks of the people of Israel for the aid and support rendered by America to the Jewish state. He said: "This support has deep roots in a common spiritual tradition, as well as in the character of your pioneering struggles to build your great country -- an enterprise similar in its essence to the pioneering effort whereby we are establishing our small ancient country anew. It is further strengthened today by our common belief in the cause of democracy -- a cause that America so strongly sustains by the strength of its own institutions, by its efforts to help defend it wherever it may be threatened, and by its far-sighted readiness to render aid to other democratic lands that need such aid to preserve their way of life."

American Export Import Bank financial credit to Israel was valued "not only in itself, but also as a token of confidence in Israel's economic future, and as an indication of Israel's investment potentialities," Mr. Ben Gurion emphasized.

Asked about the prospect of "theocratic rule" over Israel, the Israeli Premier told the National Press Club that "there never was such an" never will be such and you can rely on no such case." He qualified his remark by saying that if by theocracy meant by divine justice we mean, then Israel was in that sense a theocratic state. But when he asked his audience that there never would be theocratic rule, the over-riding message about the world is that was perhaps the great outburst of confidence of the democracy.

By the time we were asked about the plan for Israel, he replied that just as we can't expect to discuss our internal politics, you can't expect to discuss our internal politics. He said that when it comes to Israel for Israel, he replied that "you will find Israelis fighting when necessary. You will find Israelis fighting as bravely as they did three years ago." He pointed out, with regard to the question of making a "kibbutz force" of Israel, that Israel will stand up to hostile nations.

When asked whether alliance with Greece and Turkey is a part of our policy, he replied that we are not aware of nature of such alliance. He said, however, that the relations with Greece and Turkey are good and that, among the people of the world, the Greek and Turkish people are friendly. He added Israel is ready to fight for the sake of the world.

The Premier of the National Press Club mentioned was one of the speakers at the meeting of the club. He said that the club will be a great help to the people of the world which stand up. He said that the club will be a great help to the people of the world which stand up. He said that the club will be a great help to the people of the world which stand up.

U.N. REPRESENTATIVE ORDERS ISRAEL AND SYRIA TO WITHDRAW FORCES FROM DEMARCATON LINE

TEL AVIV, May 8. (JTA) -- Acting United Nations truce chief Col. Bennet de Ridder today called upon both Israel and Syria to withdraw all military and paramilitary forces to a half-kilometer beyond the demilitarized demarcation line. He called for this withdrawal to be effective as of 0900 hours Greenwich Time (5 A.M. New York Daylight Time) tomorrow morning.

The U.N. truce chief asked that this measure be accepted without conditions by both sides so as to create an atmosphere for the convening of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission.

Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett immediately informed Col. de Ridder that Israel refused to accept his call on the grounds that it was out of the scope of the armistice agreement. The Israeli Acting Premier pointed out that the de Ridder letter did not call for removal of all military and paramilitary forces from the demilitarized zone itself. He told the United Nations representative that Israel was prepared to honor the cease-fire agreement reached May 4.

In concluding his answer to Col. de Ridder, Mr. Sharett pointed out that the truce chief's demand was not within the framework of the Armistice Commission and said he saw no reason why the Armistice Commission should not resume its normal activities on the basis of the armistice.

Mr. Sharett received the Ministers of the Soviet Union, France and Turkey and acquainted them with the situation on the Israel-Syrian border. He explained the Israel Government's serious view of the Syrian aggression. This is the first time since the Israel-Syrian dispute began that the Soviet envoy has showed any interest in the matter.

U.S., BRITAIN, FRANCE, TURKEY INTRODUCE "CEASE FIRE" RESOLUTION ON SYRIAN-ISRAEL DISPUTE

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., May 8. (JTA) -- The United States, the United Kingdom, France and Turkey introduced a resolution in the U.N. Security Council today calling upon "the parties or persons" in the Syrian-Israel dispute to cease fire and "to comply with the obligations and commitments" of the general armistice agreement.

In submitting the resolution, the sponsors, both in the resolution's text and in their speeches, carefully refrained from fixing responsibility for the hostilities or definitely declaring Syria rather than Arab irregulars, as a party to the dispute.

Speaking for Israel, however, Abba S. Eban proposed an amendment to the four-power resolution which would specify that all military and paramilitary forces be withdrawn from the demilitarized zone. He said "My Government must continue to pursue its unremitting efforts to secure a due and proper determination" of Syria as the aggressor. He declared that such a finding was "the bounden duty of the Security Council and a crucial test of its moral capacity to approach the parties for a settlement of this conflict."

He insisted that this was necessary because Israel was convinced that the Syrian objective was "the maintenance of tension and violence in a vain hope to arrest the development and progress of the area." Once again he laid out detailed evidence of Syrian assaults on Israeli territory, informing the Council that Israel

had conducted the U.N. observers and "service attaches of disinterested powers" who were able to confirm the existence of regular Syrian Army troops and equipment on Israel soil.

U.S. Delegate Insists on Unconditional Acceptance of "Cease Fire" Order

In introducing the resolution, Warren R. Austin, head of the U.S. delegation, declared that many reports had been received that fighting was still going on in and around the demilitarized zone, but said the information received so far was "too conflicting" for the Security Council to assess responsibility for the outbreak at this time. The important thing, declared Mr. Austin was that the fighting must stop. Otherwise the peace of the entire area would be jeopardized. This situation, he felt, demanded immediate action by the Security Council.

Mr. Austin went on to say that the action of the Security Council would be directed to the parties and persons in the area without prejudice to further deliberation by the council. Later, in assessing responsibility for the outbreak, the council might want to take into account the readiness of the parties to comply with council directives. Neither Israel nor Syria could lay down any conditions for carrying out a security council cease-fire order, he added. The fighting had to be ended by prompt open compliance on the part of all concerned. Only then could the matter be properly investigated.

Mr. Austin thought it proper to remind both parties of their obligations under the charter and their obligations as signatories of the armistice agreement. "The apparent serious threat to peace and the obvious breach of the armistice agreement permit no other course of action," he declared.

The United States representative hoped that the resolution would be adopted today, without delay, as a cease-fire was necessary to safeguard the security of the area and to permit proper investigation of the facts. Adoption of the resolution would in no way mean, he added, that the Security Council was dropping its discussion of the Palestine question. This was merely an emergency step, required by the circumstances. Debate on the main question should continue afterward.

Britain "Gravely Perturbed" by The Syrian-Israeli Fighting, Delegate Says

The British delegate, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, said his government had been "gravely perturbed" by the "recent deterioration" in the relations between Israel and Syria and by the outbreak of the fighting in the demilitarized zone. This development was "especially unfortunate," he observed, in view of the fact that it had occurred when the Security Council was considering how peaceful conditions could best be restored, and the points in dispute be resolved.

Sir Gladwyn said he did not wish to express any opinion on the responsibility for the fresh outbreak of fighting. However, the fighting seemed to be clearly contrary to the armistice agreement and to the U.N. Charter, and the United Kingdom delegation hoped the joint resolution would be adopted by the Security Council. "Whatever the provocation may be, in the view of my government, redress should first be sought through the machinery provided in the general armistice agreement and not through the resort to armed force," Sir Gladwyn declared.

The French representative, Francis Lacoste, said that his government was viewing the "deplorable events" on the Syrian-Israeli frontier with "grave concern." He asked for the immediate adoption of four-power resolution. (No vote on the resolution has been taken by the time the Bulletin went to press.)

U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ADOPTS DECISIONS ON EDUCATION SUGGESTED BY JEWISH GROUPS

GENEVA, May 8. (JTA) -- The United Nations Human Rights Commission last night adopted a nine-point article on education, part of which was specifically suggested by Jewish groups.

One point offered by the Jewish organizations and adopted by the Commission declares that "education shall encourage the full development of the human personality, strengthen respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the suppression of incitement to racial and other hatreds. It shall promote understanding and tolerance among all nations, racial, ethnic and religious groups and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace and to enable all persons to participate effectively in a free society."

Another proposal of the Jewish groups accepted by the U.N. body states that "the obligations of states to establish a system of free education shall not be deemed incompatible with the liberty of parents to choose for their children privately established systems of education which conform with the minimum standard laid down by the states."

Still another recommendation accepted by the U.N. Commission was one that says that "in the exercise of any function which the state assumes in the field of education it shall have respect for the liberty of parents to ensure that the religious education of their children is in conformity with their own convictions."

SURVEY ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN ENGLAND SHOWS MAJORITY HAS NOTHING AGAINST JEWS

LONDON, May 8. (JTA) -- Results of a survey on the attitude of the average person in England towards Jews were made public here today. The survey, conducted along the lines of the Gallup poll, was carried out in an urban area of Liverpool, with almost no Jews in the population, and in two London districts -- Whitechapel and Golders Green -- both of which have large Jewish populations.

The average figures for both London and Liverpool reveal that of a hundred people asked to state their feelings about Jews, 12 are definitely anti-Jewish, ten are slightly anti-Jewish, 14 are pro-Jewish, 54 "have nothing against" Jews, and ten "do not know."

ARRESTS OF JEWS IN RUMANIA CONTINUE, REPORTS SAY; ANTI-SEMITISM IS INCREASING

LONDON, May 8. (JTA) -- Arrests of Jews in Rumania on charges of conspiracy and anti-Communism are continuing, it was reported here today from Istanbul on the basis of information received by the Rumanian Liberation Committee there. The Committee also reported that Jews in Rumania were not permitted to produce Mazoths for Passover.

Most of the Rumanian Jews arrested, the report said, are Zionists. Other Zionist leaders have been under arrest for many months without having been tried, the Committee said. The Committee also reported that anti-Communists in Rumania are blaming the Jews for the present internal difficulties in that country and there has been a resultant increase in anti-Semitism. Despite a sustained anti-Zionist propaganda program, the Committee said, the majority of the 300,000 Jews in Rumania wish to emigrate to Israel.

ARGENTINE JEWS SEEK GOVERNMENT ACTION TO CURB ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, May 8. (JTA) -- The DAIA, central Jewish representative body, has moved to secure Government action to curb the anti-Jewish activities of the Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista, extreme rightwing anti-Semitic organization.

The Jewish group has asked Minister of the Interior Ansel G. Borlenghi for an interview to discuss the situation. The latest activity by the Alianza has been to plaster walls of this city with anti-Jewish posters blaming "Jewish Wall Street influence" for the condemnation of one of the Porto Ricans involved in the attempt to assassinate President Truman.

JEWS IN ITALY FORM PERMANENT ORGANIZATION TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ISRAELI INSTITUTIONS

ROME, May 8. (JTA) -- A "Permanent Institution for Israel" was formed here at the suggestion of Dr. Raffaels Cantoni, president of the Union of Jewish Communities of Italy.

The purpose of the organization, the first formed in any country in the world, is to convince every Jew in Italy to voluntarily contribute annually to Israeli institutions at least a sum equal to that contributed to support the Jewish community. The slogan of the organization is: "For Italy and for Israel, with equal love."

The central committee of the group includes the heads of the Italian Zionist Federation, Union of Jewish Communities, Rabbinical Council, Association of Jewish Women, Youth Federation, Association of Jewish Teachers and Doctors, Jewish National Fund and other Jewish organizations.

GROUP OF "HARD CORE" JEWS LEAVE GERMANY FOR ISRAEL; WILL BE CARED FOR BY J.D.C.

MUNICH, May 8. (JTA) -- A party of 33 "hard-core" cases and 70 healthy persons, most of whom are relatives of the patients, left yesterday for Israel where the patients will be cared for by Malben, Joint Distribution Committee-assisted program for "hard-core" immigrants to Israel. It was announced here today by Samuel Haber, J.D.C. director in Germany. The party will proceed to Genoa where its members will board ship for the journey to Haifa.

YIDDISH NEWSPAPER IN SOUTH AFRICA CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT

JOHANNESBURG, May 8. (JTA) -- South Africa's only Yiddish newspaper, the Afrivener Yiddische Zeitung, this week celebrates the 20th anniversary of its establishment. A special issue containing messages of greetings from Jewish leaders all over the world was issued to commemorate the occasion. The newspaper was founded in 1914 by its present editor and publisher, Mr. B. Gershan, in collaboration with Dr. E. Aharoni, and played an important role in promoting Jewish communal life in South Africa.

ISRAELI RESIDENT GOLDSTEIN GOES TO ISRAEL TO SURVEY RELIGIOUS CONDITIONS IN THE COUNTRY

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein sailed today for Israel where he will remain for three months during which he will make a survey of religious conditions in the Jewish State, particularly in connection with the religious education of immigrant children.