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FOUR-POWER RESOLUTION AT U.N. DEMANDS ISRAEL HALT DRAINAGE OF HULEH SWAMPS

PLUSHING MEADOW, N.Y., May 16. (JTA) -- The United States introduced a four-power resolution in the U.N. Security Council today calling upon Israel to halt its Huleh development project until an agreement for its continuance is arranged through the chairman of the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission.

The resolution also rebukes Israel for its "aerial action" on April 5 against Syrian army posts, but avoids any direct rebuke to Syria for its military action against Israel.

It is expected the resolution will be bitterly criticized by Abba Eban. It was backed by France, Britain and Turkey in addition to the United States. The resolution was, in fact, aimed chiefly at Israel throughout. Its additional provisions called for faithful observance by both sides of their armistice agreement, for acceptance of the Mixed Armistice Commission's interpretation of the agreement in the case of any dispute.

The resolution insists that all decisions of the Mixed Armistice Commission be considered final, instructs both parties not to boycott the Mixed Armistice Commission meetings and endorses the view of U.N. Truce Supervisor Maj. General William E. Riley, which is opposed to that of Israel, that the U.N. truce organization has ultimate supervision over the civilian administration and policing of the demilitarized zone.

The resolution, finally, calls upon Israel to allow "forthwith" all Arab civilians removed from the demilitarized zone for the work project to return to their homes. It instructs that no transfer of persons be undertaken without the approval of the chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission. The resolution requires Gen. Riley to submit a report on compliance with it and allows for the enlargement of Riley's staff in Palestine.

American Delegate Explains Purpose of Four-Power Resolution

In introducing the resolution, Ambassador Warren Austin of the United States emphasized that the purpose of the resolution was to throw the Israel-Syrian problem back to the Mixed Armistice Commission and to strengthen the authority and the responsibility of the U.N. set-up in the field in doing so. He made clear that the members of the Security Council had given great weight in arriving at their decision as embodied in the resolution to the reports from Acting Truce Chief Col. Bennet de Ridder and to the statement by Gen. Riley before the Council last week.

Mr. Austin said he considered the basic cause of the trouble was the conflict of views over the rights and responsibilities of de Ridder in the demilitarized zone, and the resolution was clearly aimed at affirming the supremacy of the position of the

Mixed Armistice Commission chairman in all disputes in the zone, including, obviously, the question of the Huleh drainage project itself.

The U.S. delegate pointed out that he saw no reason why the present difficulty could not be solved as effectively as the Mt. Scopus and El Auja situations. He said also that the United Nations could be expected to accept any solution that was agreed upon by both parties.

The one recognition given by Mr. Austin to a point of view frequently expressed by Israel was in his statement that permanent peace could only come in the area through "decisive negotiations directly between the parties, especially when avenues of direct negotiation exist." He apparently referred to the Palestine Conciliation Commission.

Israel's Sovereignty in Demilitarized Zone Disputed by British Delegate

The most unequivocal blow to continuance of the Huleh project was struck by Sir Gladwyn Jebb of Britain. He stated flatly that the United Kingdom regarded the question of sovereignty in the demilitarized zone as being "perfectly clear," namely, "Neither government exercises sovereignty in the demilitarized zone."

Although Israel has been vigorously contending that the armistice agreement called for no such commitments, the British delegate asserted that his interpretation was that of an interpretive note of June 26, 1949 of Dr. Ralph Bunche which he said was formally accepted by both Israel and Syria. Jebb went to some length to stress that the truce supervision organization, the Mixed Armistice Commission, should have and be considered by all parties to have paramount authority on all questions between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Prior to the introduction of the four-power resolution, the Security Council this afternoon received a report from Col. de Ridder stating that Israel had agreed to withdraw all military and para-military forces from the demilitarized zone, but no formal agreement on this matter had been received as yet from the Syrian Government. Col. de Ridder also informed the Security Council that he had directed the Israel Land Development Company to cease immediately all drainage work in the area of Lake Huleh and the River Jordan "until such time as agreement can be reached under supervision of the chairman or through directives or resolutions of higher authority."

(At the time the Bulletin went to press no vote had been taken on the resolution, nor had Ambassador Eban yet commented on the proposal.)

THREE MEMBERS OF AGUDAS ISRAEL EXECUTIVE ARRESTED IN PLOT TO BOMB KNESSET

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- Three leading members of the Orthodox Agudas Israel Organization are among the most recent members of the religious underground organization to be arrested for plotting the bombing of the Israel Parliament, it was announced here today. All three are members of the Agudas Israel executive committee and one is a member of the municipal council of Bnei Brak, noted Orthodox colony.

ISRAEL'S BOND ISSUE MIGHT BE SUBSCRIBED IN "OVER A YEAR," KAPLAN SAYS IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- Israel Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan met with Assistant Secretary of State George McGhee and later told reporters that the \$200,000,000 Israel Bond Issue might be subscribed in "perhaps over a year." Mr. Kaplan stated that financial and economic problems were discussed at this afternoon's meeting.

Rep. Arthur Klein today conferred with President Truman at the White House on problems concerning Israel.

RESTITUTION WILL BE PAID IN BAVARIA ONLY TO THOSE WHO EMIGRATE FROM GERMANY

MUNICH, May 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Ernest Hebeda, director of the Bavarian Restitution Office, today told the Bavarian Parliament that the Office has agreed to a proposition by various German bankers that it pay off 47 percent of all valid claims for restitution and indemnification. Payment will be made only to those who desire to emigrate from Germany, Dr. Hebeda said.

The North Rhine-Westphalian Government has halted all indemnification payments to victims of Nazism following the discovery of some fraudulent documents. A spokesman here said that the government has been swindled of some 150,000 Deutschemarks by false claims.

ANTI-SEMITES ARE MORE DANGEROUS NOW IN U.S. BECAUSE THEY USE NEW TACTICS, BLAUSTEIN SAYS

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Anti-Semites have become "even more dangerous today" in the United States, although their influence has dwindled steadily, Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, declared today at the Cornell Club during a luncheon ceremony at which he received the Gottheil Medal of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity "for outstanding service to Jewry during 1950."

The anti-Semites of today have adopted a new and more subtle and dangerous line, Mr. Blaustein explained. "They infiltrate into respectable groups honestly concerned with pressing current problems--communism, education, etc.--and they utilize these groups as fronts which disguise their real motivation."

"Even these tactics might not prove alarming if a certain set of attitudes and climate of opinion did not prevail in America today--that is, if there were guarantees that Americans were utterly unresponsive to the lies and distortions of the bigots and agitators," Mr. Blaustein continued. "Unfortunately, however, that is not wholly the case. The investigations of the American Jewish Committee regarding American attitudes towards Jews, reveal information that gives us pause and demonstrates to us the width of the gap between the American promise and the American performance."

The award to Mr. Blaustein was made by Col. Harold Riegelman, past national president of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, the largest and oldest college fraternity of Jewish membership in the country with 47 chapters in American and Canadian colleges and universities. Last year's Gottheil Medal recipient was Bernard Baruch.

SCHOOL AUTHORITIES IN MONTREAL SUBURB REFUSE TO EMPLOY JEWISH TEACHERS

MONTREAL, May 16. (JTA) -- Although 80 percent of the pupils in the Protestant schools in Outremont, a suburb of Montreal, are Jewish, the school authorities refuse to employ Jewish teachers, it was charged here at the fourth annual conference of the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations. The conference decided to probe this discriminatory policy.

The refusal to employ Jewish teachers in the Outremont schools "virtually closes the teaching profession to the majority of high school students," the report stated. The report also expressed alarm over the increase in the number of Jewish parochial schools not only in Outremont but elsewhere in Montreal.

WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATION IN CALIFORNIA ASKS DAILY NON-SECTARIAN PRAYERS IN SCHOOLS

LONG BEACH, Calif., May 16. (JTA) -- The District Federation of Women's Clubs in convention here passed a resolution petitioning school authorities and legislators to provide time for non-sectarian prayer in assemblies or classrooms every school day.

NEW YORK U.J.A. PASSES \$20,000,000 MARK IN ITS 1951 DRIVE; U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL HOWARD

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- More than \$20,000,000 has been collected by the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York to date in its 1951 campaign, it was announced last night by Monroe Goldwater, president of the New York U.J.A., at a dinner tendered in honor of U.S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath. The dinner was arranged by the lawyers' division of the U.J.A.

Addressing the 350 guests, the Attorney General said: "The democratic nations of Western Europe are being immeasurably bolstered by the U.J.A. programs which set thousands of their Jewish citizens, who suffered so terribly under the Nazis, back on the road to economic self-support. Similarly, here in the United States, the United Jewish Appeal gives Jewish displaced persons--victims of war and persecution--the precious chance to become free and productive citizens again and, in so doing, strengthens the social and economic fabric of our nation."

JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL MAKES THREE POETRY AWARDS; HONORS DR. JOSHUA BLOCH

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Three poetry awards and one for a book of fiction were made by the Jewish Book Council of America at its annual meeting today. Judah Stampfer received a \$100 prize for his "Jerusalem Has Many Faces," a book of poetry in English. A \$100 award for a work of Hebrew poetry went to Aaron Zeitlin for his "Sherim U' Peomot," and one for the same amount was given to Ber Lappin for his volume of Yiddish poetry, "Der Fuller Krug." Soma Morgenstern won the fiction award of \$250 for "The Testament of the Lost Son."

Dr. Joshua Bloch, noted Jewish scholar and author, and chief of the Jewish Division, New York Public Library, received a testimonial from the Council for "his unique contribution to Jewish literature and in recognition of his generous support of the ideals and goals of the Jewish Book Council." The citation noted that he had "made available his rich resources of Jewish literature and information to many scholars, authors, students and laymen." The Jewish Book Council is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

N.Y. JEWISH COMMUNITY HONORS RALPH SAMUEL UPON RETIREMENT AS FEDERATION PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Ralph S. Samuel, retiring president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, was honored here last night at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. More than 800 persons attended the affair at which Mr. Samuel, who became president in 1948, was presented with a bronze plaque and a golden pen and pencil set in recognition for his services.

J.N.F. TO PLANT FOREST IN ISRAEL IN HONOR OF MR. AND MRS. ARCHIBALD SILVERMAN

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- A forest will be planted in Israel in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Silverman by the Jewish National Fund of America, the organization announced here today. The Silvermans are being honored for a half-century of service to the J.N.F. The tribute was announced in conjunction with the celebration of 50 years of marriage by the Silvermans.

JEWS IN ARGENTINA MARK ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY WITH NUMEROUS MEETINGS

BUENOS AIRES, May 16. (JTA) -- The third anniversary of Israel's independence was marked here with a number of celebrations during the week. The largest meeting, sponsored by the Central Zionist Council, attracted thousands of people many of whom remained in the streets outside the meeting hall after it was jammed. They heard the speeches of the featured speakers, Israel Minister Tsaur and DATA president Ricardo Dubrovsky, over loudspeakers hooked up outside the hall.

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