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KNESSET CENSURES GOVERNMENT FOR USING EMERGENCY DEFENSE LAWS; ORDERS NEW LEGISLATION

JERUSALEM, May 23. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament last night voted to censure the government for invoking the emergency defense regulations to smash the religious underground movement Brit Kanaim and to imprison, without the benefit of legal assistance and without the right of habeas corpus, a number of the leaders of the movement on charges of plotting to blow up the Parliament building.

The Parliament also voted to instruct its legal committee to prepare within two weeks legislation to replace the emergency defense regulations. The vote on the first part of the motion--which was put forth by an unprecedented coalition of the Mapam, Horuth, Religious Bloc, Communists and General Zionists--was 53 to one. The 48 members of the Mapai and the Progressive Party abstained. The vote on the second part of the motion was 58 to 12 with the Mapai supporting the request for new security legislation.

A debate on whether the Parliament could nullify the orders detaining the Brit Kanaim members under the emergency defense regulations was postponed until next week. In the meantime, the police were busy today preparing an indictment against four of the arrested members of the underground organization. The indictment contains ten charges, the most important of which is "an attempt to sabotage the Parliament building" and conspiracy against the state.

Sharrett Promises Early Trial of Zealots Implicated in Bombing Plot

Throughout the debate last night, Acting Premier Moshe Sharrett fought hard for additional time for the government to conclude its investigation of the underground movement and to prepare legislation to replace the emergency defense measures, thus removing the government from an uneasy position. Itzhak Bar Yohuda, Mapam deputy, speaking for the majority, said that the majority voted for the motion in order to halt the government's further use of the emergency legislation.

Earlier, every member of the Cabinet spoke on the resolution and the police raids and arrests which provoked the situation. Religious Bloc leader Rabbi I.M. Lowin, Minister of Social Welfare, criticized Mr. Sharrett, charging that he had ordered the use of the emergency defense regulations without consulting other members of the Cabinet. Donouncing zealots for actions endangering the state, Rabbi Lowin made an impassioned plea to the government to bring to trial immediately all those against whom charges can be proffered and to release all other suspects.

Acting Premier Sharrett promised an early trial for some of the defendants. He also assured the House that some of the detained underground members would be released, while new arrests would continue to be made. Those suspects against whom definite evidence does not exist, but whom the police suspect are implicated in the plot and whom they continue to detain, will have access to a special appeals committee, he promised.

ISRAEL SUSPENDS WORK IN DISPUTED HULEH AREA; U.N. OFFICIAL ISSUES OPTIMISTIC STATEMENT

JERUSALEM, May 23. (JTA) -- The work on the drainage project in the Huleh was interrupted today for 24 hours in order to enable the reorganization of the drainage operations in a manner which would not be contrary to the order of the United Nations Security Council to halt the work in the seven disputed acres in the demilitarized zone of the Huleh area.

Work will be resumed tomorrow in the other parts of the Huleh swamps which are not involved in the dispute with Syria. The suspension of the work in the seven acres of the demilitarized zone was ordered today following a decision to this effect taken last night by the Israel Cabinet. Maj. General William Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff, was informed of this decision last night by Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

In his letter to Gen. Riley, Mr. Sharett pointed out that Israel repeatedly offered to satisfy the Arab landowners in the disputed section of the Huleh either by monetary compensation or by exchange of land. The letter pointed out that in complying with the order of the Security Council, Israel holds to what it considers its inalienable right to bring the project to a successful close in the interests of Israel and the inhabitants of the region.

A statement issued here today by Gen. Riley said that as a result of his conferences with the Israel and Syrian governments he is able to state that "both sides are most anxious to solve their differences and restore peace in the area." The U.N. official emphasizes in his statement that "both parties have reiterated their desires to abide by the terms of the general armistice agreement."

"On Monday, May 28th, I will be meeting with the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission to discuss certain problems that have arisen in the past few months and which come within the competence of that body," Gen. Riley revealed. "I will also discuss other problems that have arisen which are within the competence of the chairman in connection with general supervision of the demilitarized zone as set forth in the general armistice agreement. After my series of conferences, I am morally certain that a satisfactory solution will result."

AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL APPEALS TO TRUMAN AGAINST U.N. ORDER TO CEASE WORK AT HULEH

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council today appealed to President Truman "to rectify the injustice" of the U.N. Security Council's order to Israel to suspend reclamation of swamps in the demilitarized zone of the Huleh area.

President Truman was urged to instruct the U.S. delegation to the United Nations "to ensure that Israel will be permitted without delay to resume her constructive land reclamation program, free from threat and attack by the adjacent Arab states." Suspension of the Huleh project, the Council pointed out, cannot be reconciled with the United Nations principles and declarations to promote the advancement of the living standards of underdeveloped territories.

The New York Times, in an editorial today, says that the United Nations resolution on the Huleh "was not intended--and must not be taken--as a means of indefinitely deferring the reclamation of the Huleh marshes." The New York Herald Tribune said in an editorial that the cessation of the Huleh project "settles nothing" and should not be accepted as a vindication of the Arab position. The U.N. resolution "must be used to help, not hinder, a speedy settlement of the Huleh swamp question," the editorial states. It stresses the fact that "Israel's insistence on the drainage of the Huleh swamps "is prompted by a desire to promote the general welfare."

BAD FLYING WEATHERS HAMPER SEARCH FOR ISRAELI PLANE LOST IN LABRADOR

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- Bad flying weather--a low ceiling and poor visibility--yesterday hampered the search for the missing Israeli Mosquito cargo plane which is believed to have made a forced landing last Thursday near an Eskimo village some 125 miles north-west of the Goose Bay, Labrador, Airport.

Although planes were aloft five hours, because of poor visibility, they were unable to establish contact with the Eskimo village or to sight the grounded plane. With weather forecasts promising clearer weather for today, rescue officials are hopeful of scouring the area from the sky and also of landing a search party at the village by helicopter. Meanwhile, the air and sea search continues throughout the area.

STUTTGART JURY DISMISSES TRIAL AGAINST GESTAPO MEN WHO SENT JEWS TO EXTERMINATION CAMPS

STUTTGART, May 23. (JTA) -- The Stuttgart Grand Jury yesterday dismissed a trial against five leading Gestapo officials charged with maltreatment and deportation to death centers of 2,463 Jews of Wuertemberg. The Jews were deported to the infamous Nazi death centers at Oswiecim, Theresienstadt and Rim. The court ruled that, under Occupation Law 10, it is not entitled to conduct trials for war crimes. The court's decision was appealed by the prosecution.

A German court in Berlin today sentenced Frieda Busch, 42, to 18 months imprisonment for insulting Jews. Frau Busch was arrested after a brawl in a tavern during which she berated the bartender and a Jewish customer when the bartender refused to serve her because she was obviously drunk, but did serve the Jew. Before the police were called, Frau Busch shouted: "Times will change and then it will be your turn again for refusing to serve me, and serving a Jew. Unfortunately that rascal was forgotten in the massings."

ERON HONORED BY JEWS IN ARGENTINA; ASSURES FRIENDSHIP TO JEWS IN HOUR-LONG SPEECH

BUENOS AIRES, May 23. (JTA) -- President and Mrs. Juan Peron, guests of honor last night at a reception sponsored by the Jewish pro-Bronist Organizacion Israelita Argentina, proclaimed their friendship to the Jewish people. The President and his wife were greeted with a lengthy ovation by some 3,000 persons representing Jewish communities and Jewish organizations from all parts of the country.

In the course of an hour-long speech President Peron declared: "Five years ago the Jews suspected me of partiality and ultra-nationalism, but I understood that the Jews who had suffered always and everywhere were sensitive and I proved during my administration that I was just toward them and toward everybody. Our doctrine is brotherhood, goodwill and dignity of the human being." He added: "In humility I say to the Jewish community that I feel I am among friends. You know our thoughts. We wish harmony and mutual tolerance."

JORDAN CROWN PRINCE SHOTS AND WOUNDS GLUBB PASHA, BRITISH COMMANDER OF ARAB LEGION

JERUSALEM, May 23. (JTA) -- John B. Glubb Pasha, British Commander of Jordan's Arab Legion, was shot and wounded over a week ago by Crown Prince Talal of Jordan in a fit of insanity, the Jerusalem Post reported here today. The Prince, who had been sworn in as Regent of the country during the absence of his father, King Abdullah, became angry over what he fancied was a slight to his dignity and honor and accused Glubb Pasha of being responsible.

JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS U.N. TO CONSIDER PERSECUTION OF MINORITIES AN INTERNATIONAL CRIME

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress headquarters here today sent a memorandum to United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie pointing out that the persecution of national minorities must be considered an international crime even if not undertaken in connection with war or preparation for war.

The memorandum is to be transmitted by Mr. Lie to the International Law Commission now holding its third session in Geneva. The Commission has been instructed by the U.N. General Assembly to prepare a draft code of offenses against the peace and security of mankind "indicating clearly the place to be accorded there to the Nuremberg principles."

J.D.C. CARES FOR 4,000 HANDICAPPED IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL; 3,000 MORE EXPECTED IN 1951

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- About 4,000 aged, ill and handicapped newcomers to Israel are now under the care of the Joint Distribution Committee in hospitals, sanatoria, old age homes and other medical and custodial care institutions throughout the Jewish State, it was reported today by Dr. Lee Janis, J.D.C. overseas medical director.

An additional 3,500 "hard cases," the J.D.C. medical director indicated, are still waiting in Europe until the facilities of Malben, J.D.C.'s agency in the Jewish State, can be expanded sufficiently to care for them. By the end of 1951, he said, Malben is expected to have some 7,000 men, women and children under its care.

Dr. Janis, who has just returned to the United States after a survey of J.D.C. medical installations in Europe and Israel, indicated that the most significant Malben achievement to date has been registered in the field of tuberculosis care. "In the course of some 15 months of operation," he said, "Malben has been able to hospitalize more than 1,100 TB patients. Of this number, more than 300 have already been discharged, as their illness became quiescent. However, I would estimate that there are at least 3,000 cases of tuberculosis in Israel today which require hospitalization, and for whom there are no facilities yet available."

JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY PLANS EXTENSIVE PROGRAM; JUDGE LEVINthal RE-ELECTED

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- A long-range publication program reflecting the contribution of the Jew to literature, religion, culture and scholarship was outlined at the 63rd annual meeting of the Jewish Publication Society, held here at the Warwick Hotel. Outstanding scholars and authors came from various parts of the country to attend the sessions and to participate in the deliberations.

In his annual report, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president of the Society, reviewed the achievements of the past year. The total number of books distributed during 1950 was 137,710, representing a considerable increase over the number distributed the previous year. In keeping with its established program, six books were issued during that year. Judge Levinthal was re-elected at the meeting to serve a third term as president.

CARDINAL SPELLMAN CONTRIBUTES \$1,000 TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- Cardinal Spellman, head of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, has made a contribution of \$1,000 to the 1951 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, Sylvan Gotshal, chairman of the board of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, announced today.

"The interest in the U.J.A. of the Cardinal, a leader of one of the world's great religious faiths, should give hope and comfort to men of good will everywhere," Mr. Gotshal said. "The sense of understanding and mutual assistance among Americans of different faiths--which is exemplified in Cardinal Spellman's action--has made, and will continue to make our country the happiest and the greatest the world has ever known."

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