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ISRAEL-SYRIAN ARMISTICE COMMISSION RESUMES ITS MEETINGS: EULAH ISSUE AVOIDED

TEL AVIV, May 26. (JTA) -- The first meeting of the Israel-Syrian Armistice Commission since the clashes on the northern frontier took place today in Rosh Pina, a frontier settlement, under the chairmanship of Maj. Gen. William E. Riley, United Nations Chief of Staff.

The Syrian representatives officially notified Syria's acceptance of the cease fire order issued recently by the U.N. Security Council. They then protested against Israel's continuance of work on the drainage of the Eulah swamps. The Israeli representatives explained that this work had been stopped on Arab-owned land. Gen. Riley then declared that the Syrians were not justified in submitting their complaint to the Commission.

The Mixed Armistice Commission, Gen. Riley said, is not competent to deal with disputes of this nature. He pointed out that the Syrian complaint could be submitted only to the U.N. chairman of the Commission who is the only person competent to handle the case. After hearing his views, the Syrian delegate no longer insisted on a discussion of the Eulah issue and both delegations started review of the agenda for their forthcoming formal meeting which will take place next Sunday.

The Israel Government last night complained formally to the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission that Syrian aircraft violated Israeli air three times yesterday. The flights, all during the morning, extended over the demilitarized zone on the eastern border and a distance westward beyond the demilitarized area.

An Israeli military spokesman announced today that the Israel Army had completed "somewhere in Israel" two days of very important exercises. Armored units, artillery and air force unit participated in the maneuvers.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT RESUMES DEBATE ON RIGHT TO ISSUE EXECUTIVE ORDERS TO GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- The Knesset today resumed debate on the constitutional question of whether the legislature has the authority to issue executive orders to the Government. On the decision on this question depended whether the Opposition motion calling on the Government to release members of the Brit Haninim who were arrested under the emergency regulations, would be put to a vote.

When the House assembled today, the Government moved quickly to forestall what had been expected to be a heated debate on alleged police maltreatment of the arrested Brit Haninim members. Minister of Police B. Shitreet moved, in behalf of the Government, that a parliamentary committee be appointed to investigate the charges.

Dr. David Pincas, for the Religious Bloc, asked that the enquiry committee be elected immediately and that it be entrusted with the widest authority. Foreign Minister Moshe Sharet agreed for the Government. The debate on the Knesset's powers was expected to extend into the evening, with the Government reply expected to take about an hour.

JEWISH COUNCIL IN GERMANY TO SUIT LARGE INDUSTRIAL CONCERN FOR SLAVE LABOR OF JEWS

FRANKFURT, May 28. (JTA) -- Reports that an agreement has been reached between the gigantic I.G. Farben Industry in Germany and Jewish representatives for the payment of indemnity by the company for the slave labor of Jews it employed at several of its plants at Nazi concentration camps were termed "premature" here today by Dr. H.G. Van Dem, secretary-general of the Central Council of Jews of Germany.

In a statement, Dr. Van Dem admitted that negotiations had been initiated by Norbert Wollheim, member of the Council, with Farben, but that the latter had refused to recognize the validity of the claim. The Van Dem statement further stated that a law firm has been instructed to prepare a suit against Germany's largest chemical manufacturing concern.

Dr. Van Dem declared that "it is morally, politically and legally inadmissible to allow a major industry to retain profits made through the exploitation of slave labor. It is amazing that the industry, on its own initiative, has not yet seen its way to reaching a tolerable agreement."

GERMAN COURT DROPS PROCEEDINGS AGAINST FORMER GESTAPO MEN CHARGED WITH DEPORTING JEWS

STUTTGART, May 28. (JTA) -- A German criminal court here has dropped proceedings against five former Gestapo and Nazi police officials charged with having played an active role in the deportation of 2,463 Jews from Wuertemberg. The reason for the court's action was that the "subjective guilt" of the defendants had not been proved.

The Nuremberg war crimes court is hearing an appeal against the decision of a lower court giving two former Nazi officials three-year, one-month sentences on several charges including responsibility of large numbers of Jews from Nuremberg to certain death in camps outside Germany.

The defendants are B. Martin, one-time police chief of Nuremberg, and Dr. Helmut Rudersdorf, former advisor to the Gestapo in this city. The men were convicted of unlawful detention of the Jews and of blackmail, but were cleared of direct responsibility for the deportations on the grounds that they acted on orders from their superiors. This mitigating circumstance was not accepted in the case of 12 other co-defendants, leading to the present reconsideration of the case.

FRENCH JEWRY IS FACING RESURGENCE OF ANTI-SEMITISM, JEWISH LEADER REPORTS IN LONDON

LONDON, May 28. (JTA) -- French Jewry is facing a resurgence of anti-Semitism, with Vichy elements again coming to the fore, Marc Jarblum, president of the Zionist Federation of France, said in an interview here today. While the French-Jewish authorities, he said, have not yet organized a systematic defense program against anti-Semitic activities, cooperation has been established to safeguard Jewish interests.

ONLY JEW IN WESTERN SAMOA ELECTED TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY; IS ONE OF FIVE EUROPEANS

LONDON, May 28. (JTA) -- A report received here from the island of Samoa said that A.M. Gurau, the only Jew living in western Samoa, was elected to the Western Samcan Legislative Assembly. He is one of five Europeans elected to the legislature. Mr. Gurau has been a member of the Australian Jewish Historical Society since its inception.

BRITAIN APPOINTS BODY TO ACT ON RESTORATION OF PROPERTY IN GERMANY; TWO JEWS INCLUDED

LONDON, May 28. (JTA) -- The British Foreign Office today announced the appointment of a special committee, including two Jewish representatives, to inquire into the progress in the British zone of Germany of the restitution of identifiable property of victims of Nazi persecution. The two Jews on the committee are Prof. Norman Bentwich and Alexander Easterman.

The committee, headed by Chief Justice to the British High Commission in Germany, will start its activities in Germany today, the announcement said. It will examine the progress made in the disposal of claims, ascertain the causes of delays in the disposal of such claims, make recommendations concerning any action which might be taken by the British High Commissioner prior to relinquishing of his reserved powers in the field of restitution, and remove or reduce the causes of any delay in the disposal of claim.

Jewish leaders here welcomed the appointment of the enquiry committee as an indication of the desire on the part of the British Government to achieve a speedy settlement of 14,000 claims pending in the zone and another 20,000 claims filed with the Jewish Trust Corporation which is dealing with heirless Jewish property in the British zone. The committee is authorized to invite individuals or organizations to give evidence orally or in writing.

BLAUSTEIN APPEALS FOR UNITY IN AMERICAN JEWISH LIFE; OPPOSES RELIGIOUS ISOLATIONISM

PHILADELPHIA, May 28. (JTA) -- An appeal to American Jews to promote unity and harmony "so essential in these times of crisis" was voiced here today by Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, addressing about 400 local members of the A.J.C. here.

"We American Jews can contribute actively and constructively to promoting that unity and harmony which is so essential today only by a thorough understanding of our special responsibilities as American citizens and as Jews," he stated. "We must remember that hostility and disunity do not grow out of differences but out of the way men regard differences. And it may grow from the way Jews regard these differences. Thus, it is essential that Jews understand clearly the meaning of their Jewishness. Upon this understanding depends their attitude, among other things, toward their fellow Americans, toward Israel, toward their co-religionists everywhere.

"We must be deeply concerned with promoting a way of life that is wholly America-oriented and at the same time involves an enriched and flourishing Judaism. Mr. Blaustein continued, "This does not mean that we must adopt a cultural or religious isolationism, or be forgetful of the universal character of Judaism. It means only that American Jews will spontaneously and naturally think of their situation as an American situation and of their future and the future of their children as an American future. It is right and fitting that this should be so," he emphasized.

SECRETARY OF INTERIOR PREDICTS ISRAEL WILL PROVIDE GOODS FOR MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman today told the oil and coal industry division of the United Jewish Appeal that Israel can look forward to providing goods for the Middle Eastern countries. "All this is predicated," said Mr. Chapman, "on my belief that, even though at the moment there is a degree of coolness and omity between its neighbors and Israel, as the years wear on, and not to long hence, peace and understanding will prevail so that Israel can make progress as fast its intelligence, initiative and effort will permit it to do."

The Secretary of Interior point out that "until the people of Israel can achieve an industrial and agricultural development which will make it possible for them to rely on their own resources, they will require help from the outside."

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS DECIDES TO EXCLUDE LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS FROM MEMBERSHIP

MONTREAL, May 28. (JTA) -- The Dominion Council of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Division, has decided to exclude from membership the United Jewish Peoples Order and its affiliated bodies which have a leftist orientation. These organizations will, according to the decision, not be asked to send delegates to the forthcoming plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress. The decision now needs ratification by the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The Council has also considered steps for the financial rehabilitation of the Jewish Peretz Schools, which are on the verge of closing their doors after an existence of 30 years. Over 600 children received their education in the Jewish Peretz Schools. The amalgamation of the Peretz Schools with the Yiddish Folks Shulen was suggested as a solution of the problem.

THREE CHRISTIAN MINISTERS GRADUATE FROM DROPSIE COLLEGE OF HEBREW AND COGNATE LEARNING

PHILADELPHIA, May 28. (JTA) -- Three Christian ministers were among the four graduates of the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning who today received their degrees from the College. The three received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy for completion of their graduate studies in Semitics.

Honorary degrees were awarded by the College to Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan of New York, professor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and Dr. Nelson Glueck of Cincinnati, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The degree, Doctor of Literature, was conferred upon the two Jewish scholars by Dr. Abraham A. Haiman, president of Dropsie.

MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL IN CHICAGO LAYS CORNERSTONE FOR NEW \$3,000,000 BUILDING

CHICAGO, May 28. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 persons attended the cornerstone laying ceremony here yesterday for Mount Sinai Hospital's new \$3,000,000 Research and Professional Services Building.

One of the high points of the ceremony was the presentation of a \$1,000,000 check by Mr. A.G. Ballouner, president of the Jewish Federation of Chicago, representing the initial payment of approximately \$2,500,000 allocated to this project by the Federation's Hospital Building Funds.

PHILADELPHIA ALLIED JEWISH APPEAL EXTENDS ITS 1951 DRIVE; \$5,000,000 RAISED

PHILADELPHIA, May 28. (JTA) -- In an effort to insure the success of the combined campaign of the 1951 Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal and the Medical Center building fund of the Federation of Jewish Charities, Ephraim R. Gombert, Allied Jewish Appeal executive, announced here that the drive has been extended to allow additional time to complete the coverage of approximately 6,000 pledge cards still unsolicited. While the campaign total to date of \$5,001,618 in pledges and cash is well over the amount realized in 1950, Mr. Gombert emphasized the fact that "the needs and responsibilities in this crucial year are far greater."

JENS AND ANTI-SEMITES TRADE BLOWS AT SOCCER GAME IN AUSTRALIA; HAKOAH WINS

SYDNEY, Australia, May 28. (JTA) -- A fist fight broke out here between followers of the Jewish soccer club "Hakoah" and the new Australian soccer team "Hungarian," following a game in which "Hakoah" emerged victorious. Seeing their team lose, some of the followers of "Hungaria" shouted: "It's a pity that Hitler did not finish all you Jews." This precipitated an exchange of blows, which was halted by the police.

CAUSE OF DECEMBER DAY THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON THURSDAY