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ISRAEL RESUMES DRAINAGE OF HULEH SWAMPS; ACTS WITH CONSENT OF U.N. AUTHORITIES

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- Israel today resumed work on the Huleh swamp drainage project in the Israeli section of the demilitarized zone, in accordance with a decision of the United Nations authorities here, announced during the week-end by Gen. William E. Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff. No incidents were reported.

Gen. Riley also announced that he will continue investigations with a view to concluding arrangements with the Arab owners of the seven-acres of land affected by the drainage project to accept compensation or exchange their present holdings for other land in the demilitarized zone. If agreement with the Arab landowners cannot be reached, Gen. Riley may find it necessary to seek further instructions from the U.N. Security Council.

The Arab newspaper Adifaa, published in the Arab-held Old City of Jerusalem, today reported that the Syrian Government sent a telegram to its representative at the United Nations in New York instructing him to protest the decision authorizing Israel to resume work in the Jewish section of the Huleh area. The report said that the Syrian representative was ordered to inform the United Nations that his government does not accept the decision.

Officials of the U.N. truce commission, meanwhile, today continued interviewing Arabs transferred out of the demilitarized zone in the Huleh area by the Israel Government, to ascertain whether they wish to return to their former homes. The interviews are being conducted without the presence of Israel Army or police officers. The Israel Government has agreed to this procedure.

American Officer Designated Chairman of Mixed Armistice Commission

Gen. Riley today designated Col. Samuel G. Taxis, an American, as chairman of the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission. He announced the appointment after consultations with officials of the Governments of Israel and Syria. Col. Taxis replaces the French chairman of the Armistice Commission whose handling of the Syrian-Israeli dispute was bitterly criticized by the Israelis.

It was also announced by the U.N. Truce Commission today that after more than 34 years of service, Gen. Riley has, at his request, been placed on the retired list of the United States Marine Corps. He was retired with the rank of Lieutenant-General, but is subject to recall to active duty by the President. At the same time, he will continue in his present post of U.N. Chief of Staff.

U.N. headquarters here announced that Holzer Anderson, director of the Palestine Conciliation Commission's Refugee Office, arrived today in Beirut, one of the first stops in his courtesy trip which will bring him into personal contact with the highest ranking government officials and with United Nations organs in the Middle East.

MERGER OF PROGRESSIVES WITH GENERAL ZIONISTS IN ISRAEL URGED BY ZIONIST GROUPS

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Nine major Zionist organizations in various parts of the world today issued a joint call, insisting upon the unification of the Progressive Party with the General Zionists in Israel. The statement was issued on the initiative of the Zionist Organization of Canada and the Zionist Organization of America. Among the other organizations which have joined in this action are the Zionist Organizations of Australia, South Africa, Brazil, Mexico, Chili, Belgium and France. The signatories include the heads of all nine organizations and delegates to the forthcoming Zionist Congress.

"The unification of both wings of General Zionism in Palestine in 1946 was a constructive step which paved the way for the formation of the World Confederation of General Zionists and the establishment of its constructive fund later in the year," the appeal says. "The united front functioned with a measure of success at the Basle Congress, and in the period which followed, helped to provide leadership and direction to the whole Zionist Movement. The subsequent rift in Israel, the emergence of two rival parties and its repercussions elsewhere, has seriously imperilled these gains, creating an internal problem for General Zionists throughout the world."

Pointing out that the official platforms of the two groups are substantially identical, the appeal says, "it is generally conceded that their differences have been of a tactical rather than ideological character; but such differences exist within most parties and do not necessarily lead to their disruption. It appears to us that objectively considered, the present moment is most propitious to bring about that union of forces in Israel so long and ardently desired by the great majority of General Zionists throughout the world."

IRAQ GOVERNMENT RESTRICTS MOVEMENTS OF JEWS WHO WANTED TO REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY

LONDON, June 11. (JTA) -- Restrictions on the movements of 20,000 Iraqi Jews who have not renounced their Iraqi nationality and intend to remain in that country were announced by the Iraqi Ministry of the Interior, according to information received here today.

Permission for these Jews to travel abroad will be granted for medical treatment, for business reasons, for study or holiday. Vacationers will not be allowed to spend more than three months outside the country under penalty of loss of their nationality.

KING-DESIGNATE OF LYBIA MEETS WITH ACTING CHIEF RABBI OF TRIPOLI'S NEW KINGDOM

LONDON, June 11. (JTA) -- The Emir of Cyrenaica, who is the King-designate of Libya, recently met with Acting Chief Rabbi Enaun of Tripoli during the Emir's visit to that city, it was reported here from Tripoli today.

At a subsequent meeting the King-designate met with Max Vardi, representative of Israel in Tripoli. The Jewish community of the city plans to present the future King of the country with a silver inkstand and a gold picture frame as a souvenir of his visit to Tripoli.

DR. KUBOVY APPOINTED ISRAEL'S MINISTER TO POLAND; SERVES ALSO AS MINISTER TO PRAGUE

TEL AVIV, June 11. (JTA) -- Dr. I. Kubovy (formerly Kubovitski) has been appointed Israel Minister to Poland, it was officially announced here today. Dr. Kubovy is also the Israeli Minister to Prague.

U.S. COMMISSIONER IN BAVARIA URGES AUTHORITIES TO SETTLE WITH JEWISH GROUP

MUNICH, June 11. (JTA) -- Dr. George Shuster, American Commissioner for Bavaria, today urged Bavarian authorities to reach a settlement as soon as possible with the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization on payments for heirless Jewish property. The JRSO has asked for 25,000,000 German marks while the Bavarian Government has countered with an offer of 15,000,000 marks. Dr. Shuster, former president of Hunter College in New York, recommended that the figure be 20,000,000 Deutschmarks.

Addressing a press conference, the American official criticized the "standstill in compensating the persecutees." He added that an international loan of 40,000,000 marks would aid greatly in paying the claims of persecutees living outside Germany. Franz Zdralik, head of the Bavarian indemnification office, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the budget for next year provides for only 8,000,000 marks for restitution. He added that he would seek to obtain a greater appropriation and that if he failed, he would resign.

The Bavarian Senate appealed to Federal German authorities to extend preferential treatment to the restitution claims of victims of Nazism who are more than 60 years of age and also to those who have been permanently disabled as a result of their suffering in Nazi concentration camps.

One deputy charged that of 100,000 compensation claims filed to date, only 12,000 have been processed. Dr. J. Spanier, newly-elected member of the Bavarian Senate, declared that "if Bavaria cannot meet its obligations under the restitution law, it would call on the Federal Government to provide the necessary funds."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE URGES U.S. NOT SUSPECT ISRAEL'S CLAIM OF REPARATIONS

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- The United States Government was urged yesterday by the American Jewish Committee to support the claim of the Government of Israel for one and a half billion dollars in reparations from Germany "on the ground that these acts of the German State were the direct cause of Israel's enormous expenditure in receiving and rehabilitating nearly 500,000 Jews who escaped the Nazi genocide program."

In a letter to Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, declared that the entire economy of Israel has had to be geared to the absorption of these immigrants at great hardship to the community which they joined. "Since Germany is responsible for this expenditure by Israel and for the sacrifices which the people of Israel have had to make, it is proper that Germany make good, at least in a financial way, the damage it has caused," Mr. Blaustein pointed out.

SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN AGREE TO RETURN COMMUNAL PROPERTY TO JEWISH COMMUNITY

BERLIN, June 11. (JTA) -- The Soviet authorities were reported today to be ready to return to the Jewish community in East Berlin Jewish communal property seized by the Nazi regime. The property involved was said to include the Weissenhof cemetery and some buildings on Oranienburger Street.

CZECH JEWS RECEIVED FULL COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES SUFFERED; MINISTER CLAIMS

VIENNA, June 11. (JTA) -- Father Josef Floghar, Czech Minister of Health, who is visiting here, claimed today that the Jews of Czechoslovakia have received full restitution for damages suffered under the Nazis.

Jews Enabled to Vote in Minneapolis Municipal Elections Without Desecrating Shavouth

MINNEAPOLIS, June 11. (JTA) -- Special arrangements were made by the Minneapolis Election Board, in consultation with the Minnesota Jewish Council and the Minnesota Rabbinical Association, to enable Jews to participate in today's municipal elections without desecrating the Shavouth holiday.

Arrangements have been made that all Jews presenting themselves at the polls by 8 o'clock tonight would be permitted to vote. Jews unable to appear at the polls by that hour were permitted to obtain and use absentee ballots.

FIRST NEW YORK VOLUNTEER RESERVIST IS KILLED ON KOREAN FRONT; WAS YESHIVA STUDENT

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Sgt. Arthur Lovino, the first enlisted reservist in the New York Military District to volunteer to return to active duty following the outbreak of the hostilities in Korea, died of wounds received in action on the Korean front, the Defense Department announced. His parents were notified of his death, which took place on May 26.

Lovino was 23 years old. In 1947 he served with the 88th Division in Europe. Prior to his joining the armed services he had attended the Yeshiva of Flatbush and Brooklyn College. Mayor William O'Dwyer and high ranking military men congratulated him in a ceremony at City Hall when he volunteered for service prior to being sent to Korea.

NEW YORK CITY COLLEGE OPENS ESSAY CONTEST ON JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Two prizes for the best essays on the subject "Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in the United States; Their Organization, Functions and Achievements" will be awarded by the City College here, it was announced today. The contest is open to City College students. The first prize will be \$100 and the second prize will carry \$50. The competition is being sponsored through a bequest of the late Nathan Eibschutz.

DOCUMENTARY ISRAELI FILM WILL BE SHOWN TO CHILDREN IN NEW YORK CITY SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Israel's latest film "Tent City," showing the resettlement of immigrants, will be shown in New York schools, Maximilian Moss, president of the New York Board of Education, said today. He was presented with the first print of the film by Rudolf G. Sonnborn, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

RABBI SIMON G. KRAMER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America, the over-all body representing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism in this country, has elected Rabbi Simon G. Kramer of New York City as its president for the ensuing year, 1951-52. Rabbi Kramer was ordained at the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago in 1925.

RABBI ARYEH LEV INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF MILITARY CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Rabbi Aryeh Lev, director of the National Jewish Welfare Board, was today installed as president of the Military Chaplains Association.

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