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LAST MINUTE NEWSRILEY RULES ARMISTICE COMMISSION HAS NO JURISDICTION IN EGYPTIAN BLOCKADE OF SUZ

TEL AVIV, June 12. (JTA) -- United Nations truce supervisor Maj. Gen. William E. Riley today upheld the Egyptian point of view that the Israeli-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission has no jurisdiction in the matter of Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal to Israel-bound shipping. Gen. Riley ruled that the matter must be referred to a higher authority, either the U.N. Security Council or the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

In his ruling, as chairman of a special mixed commission which superseded the Mixed Armistice Commission, Gen. Riley appealed to the Egyptian Government to end its blockade against Israel "since such acts can only be construed as inconsistent to the spirit of the armistice agreement." However, he pointed out that due to the legal technicality that such a problem is not provided for in the armistice pact he must "vote with Egypt that the Mixed Armistice Commission has no right to demand of the Egyptian Government that it not interfere with the passage of goods to Israel through the Suez Canal."

The special committee met today to consider an Egyptian appeal from an earlier ruling by the Mixed Armistice Commission asserting its jurisdiction over the Suez blockade problem. The appeal was under consideration for many months while the U.N. Legal Department studied the problem and drafted an opinion of the legal issues involved. Gen. Riley's vote was cast, presumably, on the basis of the Legal Department's opinion.

Israeli Delegate Hits Riley Stand as Inconsistent

Gen. Riley's decision was described as "negative and disappointing" by Shabetai Rosonne, legal advisor of the Foreign Ministry, who was one of the signatories of the armistice pact and who attended today's meeting. He insisted that the U.N. official's attitude seemed "inconsistent" -- on one hand he condemned the blockade as an aggressive, hostile act, while on the other hand, he voted with the Egyptians on the basis of a legal technicality.

Mr. Rosonne referred to an earlier interpretation of Acting U.N. Mediator Ralph J. Bunche that free traffic through the Suez Canal constituted one of the principal aims of the armistice agreement. He announced the fact that Israel will shortly publish its views on today's decision, and expressed the opinion that Israel will take the matter to the Security Council, which may subsequently seek a legal opinion from the International Court of Justice.

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BEN GURION BLAMES U.S. FOR UNITED NATIONS' ORDER TO CEASE OPERATIONS ON HULEH

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- The United States bears the greatest part of the responsibility for the United Nations Security Council's resolution ordering Israel to cease drainage operations in the disputed area of the Huleh swamp, Premier David Ben Gurion declared here today at his first press conference since his return from a three-week tour of the United States. He blamed the resolution on America's "unjustified" conciliatory policy toward the Arabs.

He reported that he had not discussed the Huleh project when he conferred with Secretary of State Dean Acheson in Washington. He added, however, that the work would go on. The world already understands the impossibility of the return of the Arab refugees to Israel, he asserted, but "it still insists that we pay them compensation."

Commenting on the Zionist movement, particularly in the U.S., Mr. Ben Gurion said the movement could grow and be strengthened provided its members devote themselves to "more constructive upbuilding of Israel," rather than to "indulgence" in party differences in Israel. The Premier was given the "freedom of the city" of Jerusalem yesterday at a ceremony at which Mayor S.Z. Shragai lauded Mr. Ben Gurion's contributions to making Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

Syria Protests To U.N. Against Israel's Resumption of work in Huleh

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 12. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council received a Syrian protest today on resumption of Israeli work on the Huleh drainage project. Syria's U.N. delegate, Faris al Khouri, protested to the Council that the U.N.'s truce supervisor, Maj. Gen. William E. Riley, had exceeded his authority in permitting the Israelis to resume work on Jewish-owned land. The Syrian representative insisted that an agreement between Israel and Syria must precede any resumption of the drainage project, adding that a piecemeal approach to an overall solution of the dispute would prejudice a full and fair settlement. He contended that the Chief of Staff should seek such an overall settlement and if he failed to achieve it should obtain further instructions from the Security Council.

BLAUSTEIN DISCUSSES ISRAELI NEEDS AT STATE DEPARTMENT; RAISES GRANT-IN-AID PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, June 12. (JTA) -- Middle Eastern questions were discussed yesterday in an hour-long meeting between Assistant Secretary of State George C. McGhee, in charge of Middle Eastern Affairs, and Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, it was disclosed today. Subjects discussed in the meeting, it was learned, included steps to ensure peace in the entire Middle East, grants-in-aid to Israel, the Israeli-Syrian dispute over the Huleh reclamation project and the plight of the Jews of Iraq.

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RELIGIOUS JEWS MARKED AS "CLASS FIVE" CITIZENS IN HUNGARY; ARE SENT TO INTERMENT CAMPS

LONDON, June 12. (JTA) -- Religious Jews are included in a category of "Class Five" citizens currently being rounded up in Hungary's main cities and being sent to internment camps, according to a report received here from Budapest.

Others included in the "Class Five" category are: "exploiters," "enemies of the people," "Western-minded" Protestants, and Roman Catholic priests, the report stated. The man said to be responsible for the decree, Dr. Bela Szanthe, is reported to have died suddenly last week.

The towns in which "Class Five" citizens have been rounded up thus far include: Budapest, Miskolcz, Szeged, Gyor and Debrecen. It is believed that the decision to incarcerate these people was taken suddenly because the internment camps are apparently unprepared to handle them and the new arrivals are not provided with the bare necessities of life.

FRENCH NEWSPAPER ATTACKS JEWS; PRESIDENT AURIOL SPONSORS MEMORIAL FOR JEWISH MARTYRS

PARIS, June 12. (JTA) -- A vicious attack on Jews appears in the current issue of Rivarol, a newspaper supporting former Marshal Philippe Petain, now serving a life sentence for treason to France during the Nazi occupation. The paper says that the Alliance Israelite Universelle, leading French Jewish organization is working for the achievement of Jewish world domination. The paper also defends the Nazis, declaring that "the Hitler regime killed only 1,500,000 Jews, not six million."

President Vincent Auriol has agreed to sponsor a memorial for the 6,000,000 Jews who died during the Nazi regime, it was announced today. The memorial will be erected in the heart of Paris by the Jewish Documentation Center. President Auriol told the delegation which requested his sponsorship that his "deepest sympathy" has always gone out to Jewry for its suffering during the occupation.

A number of Jewish graves in the cemetery at Bernoux, near Paris, were reported today to have been desecrated. The Union of Jewish Societies is taking the matter up with the authorities and is asking for a thorough police investigation.

ELECTIONS IN AUSTRALIA INDICATE HOSTILITY TOWARD ADMISSION OF GERMAN IMMIGRANTS

MELBOURNE, June 12. (JTA) -- The recent Australian general elections have demonstrated that there is a marked hostility in the Dominion against the government plan to admit large numbers of Volksdeutsche immigrants; the Jewish Council for Combating Fascism and Anti-Semitism declared in a statement issued here.

The Council pointed out that while a small number of the Nationalist candidates openly supported the Holt Plan for the admission of 100,000 German immigrants in the next four years, most candidates shunned the subject in public statement or debate. The Council also stated that the attempt to smear candidates who opposed the immigration plan with anti-Semitic propaganda had failed.

The Melbourne Jewish Council to Combat Fascism and Anti-Semitism has decided to send a delegation of four to attend the forthcoming Youth Festival at Berlin, it was learned here today.

SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES EXTENSION OF DISPLACED PERSONS PROGRAM FOR SIX MONTHS

WASHINGTON, June 12. (JTA) -- The Senate Judiciary Committee today approved a measure previously passed by the House which would extend the displaced persons program for six months beyond its present expiration date of June 30.

U.S. MILITARY LEADERS ENDORSE B'NAI B'RITH PROGRAM FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN ARMED FORCES

WASHINGTON, June 12. (JTA) -- Top military leaders of the United States, headed by General George C. Marshall, Secretary of Defense, paid tribute to the reorganized B'nai B'rith service program for the men and women in the armed forces and the disabled veterans in hospitals, it was revealed here today.

General Marshall, in a statement, said: "I was glad to learn that B'nai B'rith, through its National Service Committee for the Armed Forces and Veterans, has resumed its programs of religious, recreational, and personal services for the benefit of the men and women in our armed force. In World War II similar services of B'nai B'rith won the praise of the men and women in uniform, and gained official citations and recognition both of the Army and the Navy. I feel confident that the same high standard of service so characteristic of B'nai B'rith will be maintained during the present emergency."

Other letters of endorsement came from Frank Pace, Secretary of the Army; Francis P. Matthews, Secretary of the Navy; Thomas K. Finletter, Secretary of the Air Force; Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service; Maj. Gen. Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs, and Millard Caldwell, Administrator of the Federal Civil Defense Administration. Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith, commenting on the statement of General Marshall and the other government leaders, declared that the B'nai B'rith men and women would be stimulated to greater efforts during the national emergency.

EXPERT OF U.S. BUREAU OF MINES GOES TO ISRAEL TO INVESTIGATE MINERAL RESOURCES

WASHINGTON, June 12. (JTA) -- Secretary of Interior Oscar Chapman announced today that George M. Potter, a metallurgical engineer of the U.S. Bureau of Mines, is on his way to Tel Aviv to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine the feasibility of mineral resource development projects.

Mr. Potter, the first Interior Department expert to go to Israel under the Point Four program, will study several minerals projects, including research on bituminous limestone, establishment of an ore dressing laboratory, and development of the potash industry. Mr. Potter's work will be financed jointly by the Technical Cooperation Administration, Department of State, and the Israel Government.

TRUMAN NAMES JEWISH WOMAN TO FEDERAL BENCH; FIRST U.S. WOMAN JUDGE IN NEW YORK

WASHINGTON, June 12. (JTA) -- Miss Frieda B. Horncock, who came to the United States from Poland at the age of six and was naturalized in 1916, was named yesterday to the Federal bench by President Truman. Miss Horncock, who is active in Jewish affairs, will be the first woman to serve as a Federal judge in the New York district. She is the first woman ever to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission and, at 23, was the youngest lawyer practicing in New York.

ISRAELI LINE ACQUIRES NAZI VESSEL HELD IN NEW YORK HARBOR AS U.S. WAR PRIZE

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- An Israeli flag was hoisted today over the German freighter, Heussa, which was built in a Nazi shipyard in 1942 and has languished in New York harbor since the end of the war as an American war prize. The ship was purchased by the Atid Navigation Company of Haifa and was retitled Daniela Borchard.

ISRAELI WARSHIPS COMPLETE GOOD-WILL TOUR OF U.S.; RETURN TO ISRAEL; U.S. NAVY LAUNDS

NEW YORK, June 12: (JTA) -- Completing their good-will and training visit to the United States, the two Israeli warships--the *Misgav* and the *Haganah*--which visited five Eastern seaboard cities on behalf of the Israel Bond drive, left New York for Israel this morning.

At a short departure ceremony, the 30-year old Commander Shlomo Erel, presented to Capt. David D. Hawkins, Director of Training of the Third Naval District of the U.S. Navy, the flag of the Israel Navy "as a token of our thanks and appreciation for the marvelous hospitality extended during our visit to America." Present at the ceremony were: Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Greater New York Committee of the Israel Bond Drive; Arthur Lourie, Consul General of Israel; Yosef Nove, Israel's senior Consul; Col. Chaim Horzog, chief military attaché, Israel Embassy; Commander Joshua Goldborz, chief naval chaplain, Third Naval District.

Prior to the ceremony, Commander Erel, together with Lt. Comm. Naphtali Rezon, commander of the *Misgav*, and Lt. Comm. Ariel Sheahan, skipper of *Haganah*, held a press conference at which they expressed their "thanks to America for forty-three marvelous days." Com. Erel declared: "The support of the U.S. Navy during our stay here has given our young navy added enthusiasm and encouragement." He also commented on the training and lessons the young navy had received from the U.S. Navy, and said that Israel will continue to thrive "as long as the defense of democracy links Israel with America."

MRS. ROOSEVELT URGES CONGRESS TO PASS GRANT-IN-AID BILL FOR ISRAEL; BUYS ISRAELI BOND

NEW YORK, June 12: (JTA) -- Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, in a statement today, urged Congress to pass the bill asking for a \$150,000,000 grant-in-aid for Israel. She emphasized that the bill "is one that will assist in insuring that Israel remains a bastion of democracy and will continue to offer hope and freedom for those Jews who today find themselves under intolerable conditions."

Last Sunday Mrs. Roosevelt purchased a State of Israel Bond in honor of a new granddaughter of Henry M. Thornton, Jr. In purchasing the bond, Mrs. Roosevelt emphasized that "the success of the Israel Bond Issue will enable the new nation to realize its many opportunities for industrial and agricultural growth."

"In strengthening the economy of Israel," she said, "we are also strengthening its capacity to serve humanity and to serve the highest interests of democracy and world peace. It seems to me that through the loan which America can now provide in the form of the purchase of Israel Bonds, all of us can help bring the United States and Israel together in a partnership of mutual understanding and cooperation." A testimonial dinner will be tendered to Mrs. Roosevelt on June 2, the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York of which she is chairman for the month of June.

WILLIAM ROSENWALD LEAVES FOR FIRST VISIT TO ISRAEL; WILL ALSO STUDY J.D.C. ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, June 12: (JTA) -- William Rosenwald, a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, left the United States for his first visit to Israel, it was announced here today. He will study the programs of immigrant reception, settlement and absorption financed by the U.J.A. He will also visit the Malben institutions maintained by the Joint Distribution Committee in Israel. He will study J.D.C. activities in Italy and France enroute back from Israel to the United States.