ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES RELATIONS WITH IRAN; IRANIAN CONSULATE IN JERUSALEM CLOSED

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- The Israel cabinet today discussed relations with Iran following the closing of the Iranian Consulate here on orders from Tehran. The Iranian representative in the Arab-held Old City of Jerusalem will transact whatever business Iranian citizens have in Israel.

At today's cabinet meeting, the question was discussed of how to proceed with the transportation of Jews from Iran to Israel. A government spokesman said that the Israel Government has not received as yet any official notification on the closing down of the Iranian Consulate.

The Damascus radio today reported that the Syrian Premier was informed by the Iranian Minister in Damascus that Iran has withdrawn its diplomatic representatives from Israel. Other Arab countries have been officially informed of the act by the Iranian Government, the broadcast said.

ISRAEL AND JORDAN SIGN AGREEMENT ON NO MAN'S LAND IN JERUSALEM; JORDAN RIVER DIVERTED

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- An agreement stipulating conditions under which normal civilian life would be carried out in the no man's land of Jerusalem was signed here today by Israeli and Jordan representatives and the United Nations chairman of the Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

In addition, a master map of the City of Jerusalem with the position of occupied houses in no man's land designated upon it was signed by the Arabs and the Israelis. It was further agreed that no other buildings would be occupied by the forces of either party, except with the prior approval of both. The agreement specifies that both the New City and the Old City of Jerusalem will supply essential services to the respective areas they occupy.

The Jordan River has been temporarily diverted for a stretch of over 1,500 feet in the vicinity of the Bnot Yaakov Bridge in northeastern Israel, it was announced here today. While the river flows through the new channel, the old bed will be deepened so that it can carry off most water from the Buhel marsh area. It has already been noted that the new channel has caused a speedier emptying of Buhel water and a drop in the level of water in the Buhel region.

(Jordan complained to the United Nations today, in a message from its Foreign Minister, that damming of the Jordan River by Israel and restricting the flow of the river had greatly increased the salinity of the water, making it less useful for irrigation purposes. The Jordan Government termed this "economic aggression" by Israel and asked Secretary General Trygve Lie to inform it of the measures the U.N. would take to stop the Israeli action.)
JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- A severe attack on Zionist leaders in the United States seeking to strengthen the General Zionist Party in Israel was made at a press conference here today by Rudolf Sonneborn, chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, to is now visiting the Jewish state.

Expressing the hope that the forthcoming World Zionist Congress will carefully review the role of Israel on one hand and the Zionist movement on the other, Mr. Sonneborn criticized "the group of individuals who have almost completely divorced themselves from daily practical work for Israel in the United States and have time for constant maneuvering to associate the Zionist Organization of America with the General Zionists in Israel."

American Jews, Mr. Sonneborn said, resent any effort by any group in the United States to influence the outcome of political elections in Israel, as well as the recent efforts on the part of individuals or groups in Israel to entangle American groups in political controversies in Israel.

Mr. Sonneborn expressed the opinion that any attempt made by Israel to cede any of its sovereignty or the world Zionist movement will only embitter relations with American Jewry. The Zionist movement, he declared, can gain strength from within itself. "Those who criticize Israel for the weakness of the Zionist movement are merely diverting attention from their own inadequacies," he stated. He highly praised the results of Premier David Ben Gurion's visit to the United States.

ZIONIST GROUPS IN 16 COUNTRIES CALL FOR UNITY BETWEEN PROGRESSIVES AND GENERAL ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- General Zionist organizations in 16 countries have issued the "joint statement calling for unity between the Progressives and the General Zionist Party in Israel, according to information reaching the Zionist Organization of America.

The statement was originally issued by the Zionist Organizations of America, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, South Africa, Australia, Belgium, and France. These original signatories have now been joined by the General Zionist organizations of New Zealand, Switzerland, Denmark, Italy, Uruguay, Holland and Colombia.

WELCH-JEWISH ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT DECRIES "DEFEATIST VIEW" ON JEWISH COMMUNITIES

LONDON, July 11. (JTA) -- Restating the aims of the Anglo-Jewish Association at a meeting of the group last night, Ewan S. Montagu, its president, decried the "defeatist view" that the Jewish communities and Judaism outside Israel "must crumble and in the end be extinguished."

Calling on British Jews to make the fullest possible contribution to Israel, which he insisted could not be considered as "just another foreign state," the A.J.A. president nevertheless pointed out it is not in the interests of either British Jewry or Israeli Jews, or of any other Jews in the world to accept uncritically everything that is done in or emanates from Israel.

The A.J.A. also adopted a resolution expressing concern over the rise of the Socialist Reichsbund and other reo-Nazi groups in Germany and calling upon British and West German Governments not only to fight such manifestations of Nazism, but to encourage "those elements in Germany which fight for the 'triumph of democratic and human principles.'" The resolution was sent to the Board of Deputies of British Jews for circulation to all the Allied Governments.
COMMUNISTS FIGHT AT ANTI-RUMANIAN MEETING IN ISRAEL; TWENTY INJURED; TWO ARRESTED

TEL AVIV, July 11. (JTA) -- Twenty persons were injured here in a clash started by an organized communist group at a meeting called by the Union of Romanian Jews in Israel to protest against the arrests and deportations of the Jews in Rumania.

The speakers at the conference included Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and Mayor Israel Roibach of Tel Aviv. Mr. Sharett called upon the Rumanian authorities to release the arrested Jewish leaders and permit their emigration to Israel. Other speakers condemned the acts of the Rumanian Government.

Attempting to break up the conference, which took place in the Ohel Sham Hall -- one of the largest meeting halls in the city -- the communists started a fight resulting in the arrest of two of their group and in the injuring of twenty persons, mostly communists. Several of the injured communists were taken to a first aid station while others were treated by private physicians.

U.N. PARLIAMENT RECOMMENDS EQUAL TREATMENT OF REFUGEES AND NO PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 11. (JTA) -- A special United Nations conference of plenipotentiaries meeting in Geneva today adopted a number of articles for inclusion in a proposed convention relating to the status of refugees. The articles adopted would provide for treatment to refugees equal to that accorded nationals or treatment not less favorable than that accorded other aliens in such spheres as employment, housing, public education, relief and professional opportunities.

One of the articles adopted provides that "a contracting state shall, in conformity with its laws and regulations, permit a refugee to transfer assets which he has brought into its territory, to another country where he has been admitted for the purposes of resettlement." It urges the state to give sympathetic consideration to the application of a refugee for permission to transfer assets wherever they may be and which are necessary for his resettlement to another country where he has been admitted.

Another article provides that the contracting states "shall not impose penalties, on account of his illegal entry or presence, on a refugee who, being unable to find asylum, even temporarily, in a country other than one in which his life or freedom would be threatened, enters or is present in their territory without authorization, provided he presents himself without delay to the authorities and shows good cause for his illegal entry or presence.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH IN SAXONY ABOLISHES NAZI ORDER MARKING JEWISH BIRTH OF MEMBERS

LONDON, July 11. (JTA) -- The Evangelical Churches of Lower Saxony, in the British zone of Germany, have decided to eliminate from their records the first names of "Sarah" and "Israel," which the Nazis forced those of their members who had originally been Jews to assume, it was reported here today from Hamburg. The Nazi order applied not only to Jews who had changed their religion, but also to non-Jewish spouses of Jews.

A German court in Bielefeld has convicted Dr. Emanuel Schneefer, former Gestapo chief of Breslau, Oppeln, Katowice and Koeln and one-time major general in the Gestapo, of crimes against humanity and against the Jews. His sentence was 21 months in jail.
AMERICAN EXPERTS SEE PREVIEW IN NEW YORK OF NEW JERUSALEM MEDICAL CENTER

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- A group of American hospital planners, administrators and architects was given a preview here today of the model and plans of a new Medical Center to be built in Jerusalem, which will contain a radial unit for the acutely ill, designed to reduce substantially the distances traversed by nurses and physicians in most hospitals today.

The scale model was displayed in the offices of Hadassah by Joseph Neufeld, the architect, who was prominent in American and Palestinian architectural circles before he came to the United States in 1940, and by Dr. E. D. Rosenfeld, executive director of the proposed Long Island Jewish Hospital, chairman of the Planning and Construction Committee of the Medical Advisory Board of Hadassah and the Hebrew University, builders of the new Center. Hadassah leaders present were Mrs. S. W. Halperin, national president and Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, chairman of the Medical Center Building Committee.

The Center will be constructed in modern Jerusalem, in an area already mapped out for expansion of the fast-growing Israel capital, whose population has increased to nearly 125,000 since the State was founded three years ago. When completed it will comprise three major units: new quarters for the Henrietta Szold School of Nursing with teaching and living facilities for 150 nurses; the 430 bed Rothschild-Hadassah University Hospital; and the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, first and only Medical School in Israel, opened in May 1949.

Dr. Rosenfeld said that the new Center is designed to combine the best thinking in hospital architecture and planning in the United States. It has been visualized as a real community health facility, in which the physician and student can come into closer relationship with the hospital, and in which the hospital can combine most of the practice of medicine within its walls and grounds. We have attempted to concentrate service facilities in central cores, leaving the periphery for patient comfort. Expensive duplications have been avoided.

AMERICAN ZIONIST DELEGATION TO VISIT BULEH REGION; WILL SURVEY DISPUTED AREA

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- A large American delegation will visit the Buleh region and survey the disputed area there, it was announced here today by Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America. The J.N.F. is sponsoring the Buleh reclamation project.

The visit will be made following the conclusion of the World Conference of the Jewish National Fund which is scheduled to open on August 7 in Jerusalem, prior to the opening of the 23rd World Zionist Congress there. More than 100 delegates to the Congress, representing all Zionist parties in the United States, have been extended an invitation by the Jewish National Fund to attend the J.N.F. conference as guests and join in the tour of Israel.

U.S. ZIONIST LABORITES RAISE $2,000,000 IN CASH FOR ISRAELI BONDS DURING MAY AND JUNE

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- Zionist laborites in the United States have paid in $3,000,000 in cash for Israeli Bonds during May and June, it was reported here today by Meyer Brown, leader of the Labor Zionist movement. He added that the various Labor Zionist groups in this country are determined to sell another $1,000,000 worth of Israeli Bonds in July.

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