

## DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

Published by the JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY - 231 West 58th Street New York 19, N.Y.

U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL TO START DISCUSSION THURSDAY OF EGYPT'S BLOCKADE AGAINST ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 24. (JTA) -- The Security Council sessions on Israel's complaint against Egypt for her blockade of the Suez Canal will begin this Thursday, it was made known today by Sir Gladwyn Jebb of Great Britain, president of the Council for July.

The decision to schedule a meeting after two weeks of delay came shortly after Israel had protested the delay, but before Britain had been able to harmonize its outlook on the question with that of the United States. Lack of a like-minded approach by these two powers had been causing the delay.

The word from the American delegation today was that the United States would not pre-judge the issue and would wait to hear arguments in the Security Council before making up its mind what stand it will take in respect to the Egyptian blockade. This meant that the British, who are known to have prepared a bluntly-worded cease-and-desist resolution for Council consideration have still been unable to get U.S. backing for such a proposal. As a result the fate of this British draft remains uncertain.

United States Holds Key to U.N. Decision on Action Against Blockade

Although General William E. Riley is still at U.N. headquarters holding discussions with U.N. officials on his staff problems in the truce supervision organization he has in Palestine, it was not clear whether he would participate in the Suez debate. General Riley himself told associates today that he was not sure whether he would be wanted or needed before the Council discussions and he was not sure whether he would remain here for them.

As of now, there is no question that a majority of the 11-member Council would like to see Egypt's ban on Israeli-bound goods through the Canal ended, but most observers feel that a good deal depends on the attitude taken by the United States delegation so far as positive Council action against the ban is concerned.

The Israel protest over the delay in calling a Council session was made informally by Israel's permanent U.N. delegate, Abba Eban, to Sir Gladwyn Jebb. Mr. Eban, it was reported, pointed out to the president of the Council that it was incumbent upon the Council to take up speedily the consideration of problems within its competence when they had been brought to the Council's attention as a matter of urgency. Israel's complaint had been filed on July 12.

(In Cairo, Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Salah ed-Din told the parliament last night that Egypt was within its sovereign rights in stopping foreign ships bound for Israel. At the same time, he informed the parliament that the captain of the Egyptian corvette that stopped and searched the British freighter Empire Roach has been reprimanded.)

ISRAEL PREMIER WARNS POPULATION OF POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED ARAB ATTACKS; HITS EGYPT

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA) -- Government spokesmen today continued to remain silent on the assassination of King Abdullah of Jordan and its possible consequences for Israel. However, Premier David Ben Gurion indicated that Israel must be prepared for any eventuality. He warned the people of Israel against deceiving themselves by "illusions" that the country enjoys complete security.

The Premier lashed out especially against Egypt. He said that Egypt devotes its entire military budget to arming itself exclusively against Israel and that it accumulates armaments for fighting the Jewish state. The Premier spoke at a conference of craftsmen and light industry manufacturers sponsored by the Israel Labor Party.

"Despite the value of our great victory of three years ago," he said, "we must remember that we have still not won the final battle. We shall do the utmost to continue the present cease-fire indefinitely because we want peace. But events around us are disquieting. Our enemies have not yet accepted our existence and are planning a second round. If that happens, they will be given the lesson they deserve."

Foreign diplomats and members of the United Nations staff returning today to Israel from Amman where they attended the funeral ceremony for King Abdullah yesterday, revealed that the situation in Amman and in the Old City of Jerusalem, where Abdullah was assassinated, is still tense. It was also reported here today that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, who is considered the man behind the plot to assassinate Abdullah, left Cairo for Gaza, Egyptian-held Palestine city close to the Jordan frontier.

The work of the Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission has been paralyzed by the assassination of King Abdullah. No meeting of the commission is scheduled for the near future. Meanwhile, some 70 Catholic pilgrims from Italy and South America have been stranded in the New City by the refusal of the Arabs to grant them permission to cross the lines and visit shrines in the Old City. The Israel authorities have come to the assistance of the pilgrims, many of whom are without funds, and will provide them with normal food rations until they are able to leave the country.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN MIGDAL GAD VOIDED; SECRET BALLOT PRINCIPLE FOUND VIOLATED

TEL AVIV, July 24. (JTA) -- District Judge Benjamin Cohen, sitting here, has voided the Migdal Gad municipal elections on the ground that the principle of the secret ballot was violated.

Residents of Migdal Gad who challenged the election of the town's mayor, charged that ballots were placed in transparent envelopes. They also asserted that the mayor could not serve because he was not a bonafide resident prior to his election.

76-YEAR-OLD JEWISH WOMAN APPEALS TO STALIN; GETS PERMISSION TO JOIN SON IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 24. (JTA) -- A 76-year-old woman landed at Haifa yesterday from the Soviet Union where she was issued an emigration visa after making two direct personal appeals to Premier Joseph Stalin for permission to join her son, who has been living in this country for the past 20 years.

The woman, Tova Lerner, who was born in Czernowitz, formerly Rumanian territory but now a part of the U.S.S.R., wrote her first letter to Stalin in 1948. After a second letter and a considerable wait, the visa was issued. She arrived in a party of 994 immigrants from Rumania.

TWO FORMER GESTAPO COMMANDERS SENTENCED TO DEATH IN WARSAW FOR MASS MURDER OF JEWS

LONDON, July 24. (JTA) -- Gen. Jurzen von Stroop, former commander of the Gestapo forces in Warsaw during the Nazi occupation of Poland, was sentenced to death yesterday in Warsaw for directing the campaign to exterminate the Jews during the ghetto uprising of 1943.

Capt. Franz Konrad, one of his assistants, was also sentenced to death, the Warsaw radio announced. The trial lasted several days. More than 100 Jewish and Polish witnesses testified against the two Gestapo officers.

JEWISH COMMUNAL BODIES IN AUSTRIA WILL RECOVER PROPERTY CONFISCATED BY NAZIS

VIENNA, July 24. (JTA) -- The Austrian Parliament has adopted--with minor revisions--restitution legislation providing for the return of property confiscated by the Nazis to corporate bodies.

The Catholic community in Austria stands to gain considerably from this legislation and it was for this reason that the Catholic deputies in Parliament supported the restitution measure. Meanwhile, legislation affecting purely or principally Jewish interests, such as the return of homes, businesses and the premises of heirless Jewish property, still remains to be enacted in Parliament.

GERMAN AUTHORITIES HALT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST EX-CHIEF OF BAVARIAN RESTITUTION OFFICE

HAMBURG, July 24. (JTA) -- Proceedings here against Dr. Philip Auerbach, former Bavarian Restitution chief, on charges of mistreatment of fellow inmates of a Nazi concentration camp, have been halted, it was announced here today. The reason for the action was not given immediately, but a promise was given that it would be made public later.

The Stuttgart synagogue which is being rebuilt will be officially dedicated in September, 1951, it was announced here today. The edifice was destroyed by the Gestapo in 1938.

RENE MAYER, JEWISH JURIST, SEEKS SUPPORT OF FRENCH ASSEMBLY TO FORM NEW CABINET

PARIS, July 24. (JTA) -- Rene Mayer, leader of the Radical Socialist Party and former Minister of Justice who has been asked by French President Vincent Auriol to head a new Cabinet as Premier, prepared today to go before the French National Assembly to ask for a vote of confidence. He is active in Jewish affairs in France.

Should he win this vote, Mayer will be the second Jew to become Premier of France since World War I, the first being Leon Blum. M. Mayer must obtain 314 votes or an absolute majority of the Assembly in order to be accepted. He must win the support of the Socialist and Catholic groups in the Assembly before he can establish a stable Cabinet.

POSITION OF JEWS IN NORTH AFRICA AND OTHER MOSLEM COUNTRIES REPORTED "PRECARIOUS"

PARIS, July 24. (JTA) -- Y. Zerubavel, head of the Jewish Agency's Middle East department, told a press conference here that the World Zionist Organization must give much attention to the "precarious position of the Jews" in North Africa and the Middle East and map plans for their transfer to Israel. Mr. Zerubavel, a Maayan leader, revealed that since the establishment of the Jewish state, 310,000 Jews from North Africa and the Middle East proceeded to Israel as compared with 276,000 who came from all other countries.

JEWISH LEADERS IN BRITAIN CONFER WITH GOVERNOR-DESIGNATE OF ADEN ON JEWS IN PROTECTORATE

LONDON, July 24. (JTA) -- Barnett Janner, vice-president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and A.G. Brotman, secretary of the Board, conferred with Tom Higginbotham, governor-designate of the British protectorate of Aden, on problems confronting the Jewish community in the tiny Arab country on the shore of the Red Sea, it was reported here today. Higginbotham promised to give these matters his "careful and sympathetic" consideration.

CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS WILL PROVIDE BOOKS FOR BERLIN'S FREE UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA) -- Books to help provide unprejudiced knowledge by replacing volumes burned by the Nazis and confiscated by the Communists will be collected during the next two months for the Free University of Berlin under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, it was announced at a press conference here by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the Conference.

GROUP OF AMERICAN JEWISH LABOR LEADERS ARRIVES IN ENGLAND; WELCOMED BY LABOR PARTY

LONDON, July 24. (JTA) -- A party of 53 American Jewish union leaders en route to Israel arrived here for a short visit. They have been escorted through Parliament by Labor M.P.'s and will be guests of the Labor Party at a Parliamentary tea.

A group of 40 Israeli students arrived here for an 18-day stay on a holiday exchange basis. They will visit centers in England used for training youths for settlement on the land in Israel and will tour British institutions. The party, which includes ten girls, will be guests of the Festival of Britain.

JERUSALEM ARCHITECT WINS FIRST PRIZE FOR PROPOSED MONUMENT TO DR. THEODOR HERZL

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA) -- Joseph Kellerwies, an architect of Jerusalem, has been awarded the first prize for his proposed monument to Theodor Herzl, founder of modern Zionism. The monument will be erected on Mt. Herzl. A jury of architects from ten countries, including the United States and Britain, made the decision. Second prize went to Joseph Danziger, a London architect.

Special memorial services were held last night on Mt. Herzl here for Dr. Herzl and for Chaim Nachman Bialik, noted Hebrew poet, on the eve of the anniversary of their death. Members of the Cabinet, Parliament, Jewish Agency and various Israeli youth groups participated in the ceremony, which was broadcast over Kol Israel, the government radio station.

PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA SENDS MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT WEIZMANN; WISHES ISRAEL SUCCESS

JOHANNESBURG, July 24. (JTA) -- William Tubman, President of Liberia, has addressed a message to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, wishing Israel success in creating a free and independent state making its contribution to world affairs. The Liberian President gave his message to Dr. Henry Shoskes, special representative of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, who arrived here from Liberia en route to Israel.

SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY OF LASAR SEWALL, NOTED JEWISH PAINTER, MARKED IN BRAZIL

SAO PAULO, Brazil, July 24. (JTA) -- The 60th birthday of Lasar Sewall, internationally recognized Brazilian Jewish painter, was marked here this week. Mr. Sewall, who was born in Vilna, Poland, settled in Brazil in 1924, was instrumental in organizing the first exposition of modern art in the country. Several of his paintings are now in the United States. He represented Brazil at the International Congress of Independent Art in Paris.

THE CONTENTS OF THIS BULLETIN ARE NOT FOR PUBLICATION WITHOUT SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION