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ISRAEL WILL BE ASKED TO GIVE DEFINITE ANSWER ON MIDDLE EAST COMMAND

LONDON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The Western Powers will shortly make a direct approach to Israel and the Arab states of the Middle East asking for a "yes" or "no" reply to an invitation to join a Middle East defense command, it was reported here today following the release yesterday of an 11-point declaration of policy on a Middle East command by the United States, Britain, France and Turkey. On the basis of these replies, it was stated, the four powers will begin drafting concrete plans of a strategic and training nature.

The press here today emphasized the fact that the four-power declaration pledges non-interference in the problems and disputes within the Middle East. It specifies that the command organization would not interfere with existing armistice arrangements nor with the tripartite declaration of May, 1950, in which the U.S., Britain and France guaranteed Israel and the Arab countries against aggression from each other.

(The New York Times, in a cable from Tel Aviv, today stated that "after careful consideration" the Israelis have come to the conclusion that the Middle East Command, which is to include Israel and the Arab countries, would not work, or at least would not serve its real purpose of strengthening the defense of the entire area. "The Israelis are deeply anxious that their economic and military concerns be taken into account by such a command, whether they are in or out. For the time being, however, they are inclined to think this might be better done if they remain outside," the cable said.)

It is believed here that the first commander of the set-up will be British, but that changes may be made later. Turkey is understood to favor a commander from among the nations in the area, rather than an "outsider." The plan of command calls for an integrated rather than a national alliance with military representatives of the nations involved meeting on a basis of equality through a liaison organization. It is believed that the headquarters of the command will be established on Cyprus, or perhaps, in Turkey.

Text of Statement on Middle East Command Issued by State Dept.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The State Department released here the full text of the statement on a Middle East Command issued jointly by the United States, Britain, France and Turkey. The statement says that the four powers are guided by the following principles:

1. The United Nations is the world response to the principle that peace is indivisible and the security of all states is jeopardized by breaches of peace anywhere;

at the same time it is incumbent upon states of any area to be willing and able to undertake the initial defense of their area.

2. The defense of the Middle East is vital to the free world and its defense against outside aggression can be secured only by the co-operation of all interested states.

3. The Middle East Command is intended to be the center of co-operative efforts for the defense of the area as a whole; achievement of peace and security in the area through the Middle East Command will bring it social and economic advancement.

4. A function of the Middle East Command will be to assist and support the states willing to join in the defense of the Middle East and to develop the capacity of each to play its proper role in the defense of the area as a whole against outside aggression. It will not interfere in problems and disputes arising within the area. The establishment of the Middle East Command in no way affects existing arrangements relating to such matters, notably the armistice agreements and the United States-United Kingdom-French tripartite declaration of May, 1950.

5. The task of the Middle East Command at the outset will be primarily one of planning and providing the Middle East states on their request with assistance in the form of advice and training. Requests for arms and equipment made by states in the area willing to join in its defense to sponsoring states in a position to assist in this connection will be filled by them to the extent possible following the co-ordination of such requests through the Middle East Command.

6. The Supreme Army Commander, Middle East, will command forces placed at his disposal and will develop plans for the operations of all forces within the area (or to be introduced into the area) in time of war or international emergency. However, the placing of forces under the command of the Supreme Army Commander, Middle East, in peace-time is not a prerequisite for joining in the common effort for defense of the Middle East. Movement of these troops placed under the command of the Supreme Army Commander, Middle East, to or within the territories of states joining in the defense of the Middle East will be made only with the agreement of the state or states concerned and in full accord with their national independence and sovereignty.

7. While details have yet to be formulated, the sponsoring states intend that the Middle East Command should be an integrated Allied command not a national command. The responsibility of the Supreme Army Commander, Middle East, will be to ensure the effectiveness of the corporate defense enterprise represented by the command. All states joining in this enterprise will be individually associated with the command on the basis of equality through a Middle East defense liaison organization which will be located at Middle East Command Headquarters and will be the link between the command and the countries ready to join the defense of this area.

8. Any facilities to the Middle East Command by states joining in the defense of the Middle East will be the subject of specific agreements.

9. The broad mission of the Middle East Command and its co-operative character make it necessary that all states, whether territorially or not part of the area, act in the best interests of the co-operative defense of the area. The Middle East Command naturally will not further the national interest of any particular state.

10. A continuing objective of the Middle East Command is to reduce such deficiencies as exist at present in the organization and capacity for defense in a vitally important area so that the peace-time role of the states of the area in the Middle

East defense will progressively increase, thus permitting the peace-time role of states not territorially part of the Middle East to be decreased proportionately.

11. Sponsoring states of the Middle East Command do not regard the initial form in which the Middle East Command will be organized as unchangeable; they believe the Middle East Command through mutual understanding should evolve in the manner which will enable it most effectively to provide for the defense of the Middle East area as a whole.

TEL AVIV WORKERS DEMAND MORE FOOD; WILL APPEAR IN KNESSET TODAY

TEL AVIV, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- A delegation of 500 workers will travel from this city to Jerusalem tomorrow to demand that the Parliament make efforts to improve the food situation in the country. The Histadrut executive opposes the action of the 500.

Six thousand immigrant families will spend the winter in tents, it was learned today, despite frantic attempts to provide more adequate shelter for the cold season. Twenty-four thousand families who have been living in tents are being moved to wood and metal huts being rushed to completion throughout the country. The children of families which will remain in tents are being taken to children's homes and institutions in villages and settlements.

U. N. TRUCE CHIEF REPORTS DIFFICULTIES IN ARAB-ISRAEL BORDER ISSUES

PARIS, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- United Nations truce chief Gen. William Riley, in a report to the U. N. Security Council, says that the situation on the Israel-Egyptian border has taken a more serious turn in the last four months. Gen. Riley says he is still receiving complaints of alleged violations from both nations, which are being dealt with by the mixed armistice commission.

The report also points out that Gen. Riley has been unable to arrange a meeting of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission since that body's last informal meeting in June. It states that the Israelis will not participate in a meeting until Syria withdraws certain charges from the commission agenda, but Syria refuses to accede.

The Arab-Israeli peace talks with the United Nations Conciliation Commission on Palestine, which began here two months ago, today had dwindled into sporadic and informal conversations between the commission and the heads of the Arab and Israeli delegations. In the view of most observers here, the peace talks are dead but neither the commission nor the Arab or Israeli delegations is prepared to assume responsibility for the demise of the parley.

ISRAEL AIR FORCE CELEBRATES FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT

TEL AVIV, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The Israel Air Force today celebrated its fourth birthday with parades and sports events.

The first tombstone was placed over the graves of soldiers killed in the War of Liberation this week-end at the Kfar Malal cemetery. The monument, which was dedicated at a military ceremony, was carved of Jerusalem stone and bears the insignia of the Israel Army.

BERLIN SYNAGOGUES OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY OF NAZI POGROM OF 1938

BERLIN, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Seven local synagogues, all that remain of 22 in pre-Nazi Berlin, yesterday marked the Nazi pogrom of 1938 at special services.

Signs outside each of the seven temples read: "This House of God was burned by the Nazi criminals on Nov. 9, 1938." Inside the reconstructed synagogues, rabbis urged that the past should not stand in the way of new, better relations between the Jewish and German people.

FIVE-DAY CONGRESS OF SEPHARDIC JEWS FORMS WORLD FEDERATION

PARIS, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Establishment of a World Federation of Sephardic Communities climaxed the five-day first world congress of Sephardic Jews which concluded here this week-end. Moshe Sharett, Foreign Minister of Israel, in an address at a dinner given by the congress, hailed the formation of the federation as a significant development in Jewish life.

Asher Benroye, of London, was elected president of the new federation by the 180 delegates representing Sephardic communities in 23 countries. Elie Eliashar, a member of the Israeli Parliament; Behor Shitreet, Israeli Minister of Police; Neville J. Laski, London barrister; and Simon S. Nissim, of New York, were elected vice-presidents. The Federation will have offices in Jerusalem, Paris and New York. A council of 40 members was named to carry on federation activities until the next congress in two years' time.

The constitution of the new federation, adopted by the congress, states as its aims to promote unity in Jewish life by co-ordination of Sephardic Jewish culture with Judaism in general, to promote the religious and cultural life of the Sephardic communities, to provide moral and financial assistance to Sephardic communities in distress, to take an active part in the Jewish renaissance in Israel and co-operate with all Jewish organizations engaged in this work and to aid Sephardic Jews desirous of emigrating to and settling in Israel.

The congress adopted a series of resolutions in which it endorsed projects for establishment of a center of contemporary Jewish documentation in Paris and erection here of a tomb and monument to the memory of an unknown Jewish martyr, thanked all Jewish organizations working for the relief of needy and oppressed Sephardic Jews everywhere and urged Sephardic Jews to maintain their traditional devotion to the cause of Israel and intensify their material aid to the new state.

Delegates from the United States, in addition to Mr. Nissim, were Rabbi David de Sola Poole, Rabbi Isaac Alkalai and Vitalis Nahamias, all of New York.

Turkey Permits Community Leaders to Attend Sephardic Parley

ISTANBUL, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Communal leaders here welcomed the approval given to a request that Jewish leaders from Turkey be permitted to participate in a World Sephardic Congress meeting in Paris, despite the fact that the authorization arrived too late for the actual sending of a delegation to the meeting.

The Chief Rabbinate pointed out that the fact that the Turkish authorities approved its request for sending delegates to the world-wide Jewish conference may indicate that the Jewish community here will be allowed to attend other world Jewish conferences in the future.

BLAUSTEIN CRITICIZES U.S. FAILURE TO CHECK RE-EMERGENCE OF NAZISM

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, warned here last night that America's failure to combat the "re-emergence of Nazism as a political force" in Germany and other European countries, and the continuing manifestations of group discrimination in this country are causing the freedom-loving peoples abroad to turn towards "neutralism" in the conflict between democracy and Communism.

Speaking at a dinner session of the 6th annual meeting of the Joint Defense Appeal--the fund-raising arm of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith--Mr. Blaustein assessed America's "debts and credits" in the present world crisis. He charged that many prominent Nazis are now coming back to public life in Germany and "are snapping up those very positions from which they can lead Germany back to another dictatorship in the name of St. Hitler."

Citing prejudice in America as another "major debit," Mr. Blaustein said: "former rabble-rousers have washed their hands and faces, put a crease in their pants, and are now associating with respectable groups in the common cause of fighting Communism and tending to influence them towards anti-democratic goals."

Cites Progress in Combatting Discrimination in U.S.

Turning to the "credit side of the human relations ledger," Mr. Blaustein cited "heartening progress" in overcoming discrimination in employment, housing and education, in furthering Christian-Jewish relationships and in the attainment of new scientific knowledge about the origins of discriminatory attitudes.

He paid tribute to the community relations efforts of all forward-looking Americans and expressed particular pride in the achievements of American Jewry through the support it is giving "voluntary agencies like the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and others which are making group prejudice unfashionable."

Earlier, Sidney S. Moyer, chairman of the J.D.A. national council, in a keynote address, told the meeting that "the fight against prejudice is not the concern of any religious group or race, but the concern of all Americans." Declaring that "democracy is indivisible," he said that "discrimination against any minority is a threat to the total democratic structure of our country."

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS HOLDS ANNUAL PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Problems of the free world in achieving "peace, freedom and brotherhood" were discussed here today at the 23rd annual meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The three-day parley, which closes tomorrow, was sponsored jointly by the National Conference, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, and World Brotherhood and is being attended by 500 delegates from all parts of the world. Among the featured speakers at the meeting was Israel Ambassador Abba Eban.

26TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF MIZRACHI WOMEN OPENS IN ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The four-day 26th annual national convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America opened here today to adopt an annual budget for its program of work in Israel, to set organizational policy and to elect officers. On the eve of the convention's opening, it received a message of greeting from President Truman, in whose honor the organization has planted the Harry S. Truman Forest in Israel. James G. McDonald, first American Ambassador to Israel and chairman of the advisory council of the State of Israel Bond Drive, was the featured speaker at tonight's public session.

NEW YORK MAYOR REPORTS ON HIS VISIT TO ISRAEL AT ALL-DAY PARLEY

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Making his first public report on his recent visit to Israel, Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri today told more than 1,500 representatives of Jewish fraternal organizations at an all-day conference for State of Israel bonds that "Israel has the strength and the will to defend democracy." The delegates pledged \$5,000,000 in bond purchases from the treasuries of their organizations.

"The inescapable impression the visitor to Israel receives is one of tremendous construction going on everywhere," the Mayor said. "Every road, every street is dotted with recently completed or still incomplete housing developments. Factories are mushrooming all over the country. The air sings with growth and vitality. Barren soil is producing forests; farms are flourishing on land considered impossible of cultivation; new roads are being carved into the mountains. In Israel today the spirit of youth blends gracefully with the hallowed traditions of old when Israel was a mighty nation among nations."

Reporting on his meeting with Israel Chief of Staff Yigal Yadin, the Mayor said: "Israel is a nation dedicated to peace. At the same time, it is willing to fight for freedom and independence. I came away convinced that the United States and Israel are motivated by the same democratic principles. Israel needs us and we need Israel." He urged the delegates to purchase Israel bonds.

BRITISH KING APPROVES APPOINTMENT OF SIR LIONEL LEONARD COHEN

LONDON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Appointment of the Rt. Hon. Sir Lionel Leonard Cohen, Lord Justice of Appeal, as Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, was approved here by the King. Justice Cohen succeeds Lord Simonds who was named Lord High Chancellor in the Churchill Government. As a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, Justice Cohen will take a seat in the House of Lords.

The new Lord of Appeal, who is 62, is the son of the late Sir Leonard Lionel Cohen. He was called to the bar in 1913 and was made a King's Counsel in 1929. He was named Lord Justice of Appeal in 1946, and a Privy Councillor, after serving as a Justice of the High Court, Chancery Division.

Sir Lionel served in the British Army during World War I. He has been active in Jewish communal life in England. He was vice-president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews from 1934-1938 and was also vice-president of the Jewish Board of Guardians and active in the United Synagogue.

SECRETARY OF INTERIOR RECEIVES YESHIVA UNIVERSITY AWARD

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman tonight received Yeshiva University's annual Morris Morgenstern Award for outstanding public service during 1951. The award was presented by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University, at the Charter Day dinner marking the sixth anniversary of the institution's elevation to University status.

MACCABI AND HAPOEL SPORT ORGANIZATIONS SIGN OVER-ALL AGREEMENT

TEL AVIV, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- An over-all agreement covering all sports activities in Israel was signed today by the Maccabi and Hapoel sports organizations. The agreement also covers Israeli representation in international sports bodies, especially the International Olympic Committee. The agreement is expected to remove barriers to Israel's participation in the Olympic Games at Helsinki caused by the previous failure of Israel sport groups to agree on a single national representation.
