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ISRAEL FINDS MINERALS IN SUBMARINE SOIL; DECLARES SOIL STATE PROPERTY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today issued a proclamation declaring submarine soil outside of Israel's territorial waters as state property. The proclamation went into immediate effect as one of Israel's basic laws.

Explaining the proclamation, a Cabinet spokesman said that it is an international custom to proclaim submarine soil outside of territorial waters as state property whenever scientific research shows that this soil possesses some minerals. The spokesman revealed that international scientists, whom the Israel Government consulted, have found minerals in the submarine soil outside of the territorial waters of the Jewish state.

As a result of these findings, the spokesman added, the Israel Cabinet decided to follow the footsteps of 28 other states and to proclaim such grounds as state property. This was done in accordance with decisions of the judicial committee of the United Nations, he emphasized.

Israel Cabinet Hears Report on Egyptian Situation

The present situation in Egypt, following the abdication of the king--and its possible effects on Israel--was analyzed here today at a Cabinet meeting by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

Spokesmen of the Foreign Office as well as of the Cabinet refused to disclose the nature of Mr. Sharett's report. A Cabinet official also refused to elaborate on the announcement that the Cabinet at its session today took up the question of the situation in the Jerusalem municipality. His only comment was that the Cabinet will soon make a decision with regard to the "unhealthy state of affairs" in the municipality.

It was learned here today that Mayor S. Z. Shragai of Jerusalem is not being permitted by physicians to return to work because the present situation in the municipal council badly affects his health. Municipal affairs are now being conducted by Acting Mayor Eliahu Eliashar.

SCIENTISTS TO STUDY DISCOVERY OF RADIOACTIVE ELEMENTS IN ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Some of the world's famous atomic scientists are likely to visit Israel as a result of the discovery of radioactive deposits there, the London press predicts today. In this connection the press points out that Israel may be the first country to apply atomic energy to industry in a big way.

TWO ISRAELI TERRORISTS DECLARE HUNGER STRIKE IN TEL AVIV JAIL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Amos Kinan and Shaltiel Benyair, the two Israeli youths who are accused of placing explosives in the home of Israel's Minister of Communication D. Z. Pinkas and causing damage there, declared a hunger strike today in jail and refused to be brought to trial before the district court.

Both youths claimed that the jail administration is discriminating against them by placing them with convicts and other criminals in one cell. They refused to dress this morning and jail guards had to dress them by force. The trial of the two, scheduled to take place today, was postponed.

NEW ECONOMIC PLAN PROPOSED BY GENERAL ZIONISTS FOR ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A new economic plan for Israel was proposed here today by Dr. Peretz Bernstein, leader of the General Zionists in Israel, addressing a meeting of his party. The plan is divided in two parts: immediate steps and long-term measures.

The immediate steps, Dr. Bernstein said, should include the abolition of foreign currency control, parliamentary supervision of foreign currency expenditures of the government, abolition of control of imports and the saving of essential commodities. The long-term steps should include cuts in the government budget, establishment of a consolidation fund for Israel's currency, and the encouragement of capital investments and of export.

HEADQUARTERS OF MIDDLE EAST COMMAND MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN CYPRUS

LONDON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The projected Middle East Command may be established soon with headquarters in Cyprus, it was reported here today. The report said the United States, Britain, So. Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and Turkey are willing to have the Middle East defense organization operate from Cyprus.

"The present situation in the Middle East," the report said, "makes it imperative to have the defense organization established as soon as possible in order to plan Middle East defense in the event of aggression." Once the organization is set up, Egypt may find it to her advantage to join it, the report pointed out.

Cyprus has long been considered the probable location for the Middle East Command headquarters and is in many ways preferable to the Suez Canal zone, the Daily Telegraph comments today. It says that the project to establish a joint command in the Middle East has been held in abeyance, but has never been dead. "The project is now likely to be revived," the London newspaper asserts.

ISRAELI VESSEL RESCUES SINKING LEBANESE SHIP NEAR CYPRUS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The Israeli vessel Gabriel today came to the rescue of a Lebanese ship which was sinking near Cyprus. The captain of the Lebanese vessel, in thanking the Israeli crew, said that his government will compensate the Israelis in accordance with the existing international rescue terms.

SOVIET UNION OFFERS TANKS AND ARMS TO EGYPT; SEEKS COTTON

LONDON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The London Daily Graphic said today that the Soviet Union had offered tanks, armored cars and small arms to Egypt in exchange for Egyptian cotton.

AUERBACH TRIAL EXPECTED TO END THIS WEEK; VERDICT WITHIN 10 DAYS

MUNICH, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The trial of Philip Auerbach, former Bavarian Restitution Commissioner who is being charged with mismanagement of the Bavarian Restitution Office, will conclude here this week, it was indicated today. The verdict is expected to be issued on August 14. More than 4,000 pages of evidence have so far been taken during the trial which has been going on for several weeks.

VIENNA JEWS PROTEST TO PARLIAMENT MEMBERS AGAINST PRO-NAZI LAWS

VIENNA, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A delegation of the Vienna Jewish Community today visited leading members of the Austrian Parliament and presented them with a protest against the pro-Nazi laws passed recently in Parliament with their votes.

The delegation declared that a great number of former members of the Jewish Community will be excluded from benefits under the new regulations. It demanded proper settlement for heirless Jewish property and for Jewish belongings confiscated under the Nazi regime.

The Austrian press continues its bitterly critical tone against the United States in connection with the warning sent by the U.S. Government to Austria expressing disapproval of the pro-Nazi laws. Several prominent provincial newspapers are outspokenly anti-Semitic in their comments. Only a handful of newspapers failed to criticize the American position.

FORD FOUNDATION GIVES \$2, 900,000 TO U. N. FOR AID TO REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A gift of \$2, 900,000 to help the United Nations find a permanent answer to the quest of refugees for homes and sanctuary was announced yesterday by the Ford Foundation.

The Foundation stipulated that the funds are not to be used for direct relief--food or shelter--but should be spent "without discrimination" on programs to integrate the refugees in communities where they now live, "as well as provide new resettlement opportunities abroad."

The grant will be administered by Dr. J. van Heuven Goedhart, U. N. High Commissioner for Refugees, who will ask voluntary or private refugee agencies to carry out the programs. "It would be unrealistic to hope that a grant of \$2, 900,000 would make it possible to liquidate the refugee problems entirely," Dr. van Heuven Goedhart said in a statement issued from his office in Geneva, Switzerland. "It is hoped that governments and private voluntary agencies everywhere will be stimulated to comparable actions by this new and direct approach."

Voluntary agencies "which have long experience of co-operation with international bodies working for refugees and have a deep knowledge of the basic problems of refugees in Europe" will be closely associated with the High Commissioner in making plans, and "will be entrusted with the responsibility of carrying out the programs," Dr. van Heuven Goedhart said. "Our plans will be concerned with social assimilation, training of youth, cultural activities and resettlement of refugees."

Trygve Lie, U. N. Secretary-General, expressed "warmest appreciation" of the Foundation's "far-sighted generosity." The grant gives "real encouragement to the refugees themselves as well as to all those who are trying to find solutions to their problems," he said.

DR. FINKELSTEIN RETURNS FROM ISRAEL; ADVOCATES NEW PROJECTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The unique relationship which exists between America and the State of Israel must be utilized to create another "bridge of spiritual communication," Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, declared here today following his return from Israel.

"The particular geographical position of Israel and its unique significance to three of the world's great religions, might enable the Occident and the Orient to find there a common meeting place for the discussion of moral questions," Dr. Finkelstein said. He has proposed in Israel, and will recommend to the Seminary here that a permanent Academy be established in Jerusalem, where scholars and men of affairs of all faiths, and from all free countries, might meet to discuss common problems, and to seek appropriate solutions.

Dr. Finkelstein said he plans to urge the Seminary to establish in Israel a residence hall for its students and alumni, where they and other American scholars could spend a year of study. "Because of the lessons to be learned in Israel, both in relation to the Jewish community and in regard to human affairs generally, I am convinced that anyone aspiring to the Jewish ministry - I have no right to speak of other ministries, though the same might apply to them - ought to spend a year in Israel, studying Scripture, and the works based upon it, in the land of their origin," he stated.

Such a project, he continued, would be the natural complement, in the field of Israel-American relations, to the Seminary Israel Institute, established at the Seminary last winter to strengthen the spiritual and cultural ties that bind Americans of all faiths to the new state.

JEWS IN BRITISH ARMED SERVICES TO GET LEAVE FOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS

LONDON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- All Jewish personnel in Britain's armed forces will be allowed leave for all coming Jewish holidays, "providing exigencies of service permit," according to instructions issued today by the Ministries of War and Air and the Admiralty to commanding officers.

Those going on leave will be given facilities to reach home before sunset on the eve of festivals. Commanding officers have been ordered to raise no objections to voluntary exchanges of leave periods with non-Jewish comrades where granting of leaves to Jews out of turn would raise difficulties. All leaves granted for Jewish holidays would be in place of and not in addition to normal leave periods to which service personnel are entitled.

ZIONIST FEDERATION IN CHILE ELECTS GENERAL ZIONIST AS PRESIDENT

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The annual convention of the Zionist Federation of Chile concluded here yesterday, electing Robert Aron, a General Zionist, as president. The convention also elected a board composed of 13 General Zionists, 11 Zionist Laborites, 4 Mapam members, 2 Revisionists and one Mizrachist. Dr. Arleh Tartakower, executive member of the World Jewish Congress, was one of the principal speakers at the convention.

MIZRACHI LABORITES OPEN INTERNATIONAL PARLEY IN SWITZERLAND

GENEVA, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The 31st Conference of the European and North African Hapoel Hamizrachi, Orthodox laborites, opened here today with the participation of party leaders from Israel. The meeting will review immigration to Israel, fund-raising and organizational problems.