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## ARMISTICE COMMISSION CENSURES ISRAEL FOR RAID ON NAHALIN

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission today censured Israel for the raid early yesterday on the Jordan village of Nahalin in which nine Arabs were killed and more than a dozen wounded. At the same time official Israeli sources today reported the concentration of Jordan forces in the region of Nahalin, which is some five miles from Bethlehem.

The vote on the resolution condemning Israel was cast by the Jordanian delegates and the United Nations chairman, Commander Elmo Hutchison, U.S. Navy, Israel having walked out of the commission last week after the failure of the unit to act on the Negev bus massacre. The resolution, announced at UN headquarters here, said the raid was "the most flagrant breach of the armistice agreement."

"The Mixed Armistice Commission condemns Israel in the strongest terms for this latest aggression and calls on Israel authorities to take the most effective measures to prevent such and other aggressions against Jordan in the future and apprehend and punish those responsible," the resolution stated.

Israeli circles, commenting on the action of the MAC, noted that passage of the Jordan-proposed resolution was speedy and displayed a noticeable lack of hesitation. These same circles contrasted the MAC's action in this case with its hesitant deliberation and indecision in major Israeli complaints, particularly the Negev massacre case.

## STATE DEPARTMENT MUM ON CONSULTATIONS ON ISRAEL-JORDAN ISSUE

WASHINGTON, March 30. (JTA) -- The State Department today declined to make any statement on the consultations which are now going on between the United States, Britain and France on the question of calling an immediate meeting of the United Nations Security Council to deal with the Jordan-Israel situation. Such a meeting has been requested by Israel.

(In United Nations circles it was learned that the State Department opposes the calling of such a meeting under the present circumstances, while Britain advocates the immediate presentation of the Jordan-Israel issue to the Security Council. The State Department's opposition seems to be motivated by the fear that the Soviet delegation at the United Nations may use its veto to kill any decision that the Council may take on the Arab-Israel question, since Moscow's policy seems to be aimed at preventing an easing of Arab-Israel tension.)

A State Department spokesman said today that the Department has seen press reports of the condemnation of Israel by the United Nations Mixed Armistice

Commission with respect to the Nahalin incident but that official information was not yet complete enough to issue a statement.

Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, conferred here today with Henry A. Byrccade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the AJC, joined in the conference. They reviewed with the Secretary the involved and precarious situation presently existing in the Middle East, including Israel.

#### Western Powers to Reach Decision Within 24 Hours

LONDON, March 30. (JTA) -- The three-power consultations on Israel's request that the Western Powers bring the Israel-Jordan situation to the United Nations Security Council for an immediate debate are nearing an end and the three powers--United States, Britain and France--are expected to reach a decision on the Israeli appeal within 24 hours, it was learned here today. It was also indicated that the three powers would not issue a communique on the results of the talks, but that they would give some hint of their intentions at the United Nations.

#### ISRAEL REJECTS SOVIET EXPLANATION FOR VETO ON SUEZ ISSUE

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- Despite the Soviet veto in the UN Security Council of the New Zealand resolution on ending the Egyptian blockade in the Suez Canal, the Israel Government will continue to fight by all legal means for its rights to freedom of shipping, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

He declared that one of the legal supports on which Israel will rely is the Security Council resolution of Sept. 1, 1951, which enjoined Egypt against continuing the anti-Israel blockade.

The spokesman rejected Andrei Vishinsky's explanation yesterday for his veto, that direct negotiations between the two parties was preferable. This explanation, he continued, "can only appear justified to those ignorant of the facts." In the circumstances Egypt's "stubborn refusal" to agree to any kind of a settlement makes the Soviet position unreal.

"It can hardly be assumed that Egypt's attitude was unknown to the Soviet Union when it chose such an explanation for its veto," the Israeli spokesman declared.

#### SOVIET VETO CASTS GLOOM ON FUTURE OF SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 30. (JTA) -- Andrei Vishinsky's veto yesterday of the New Zealand resolution on the Suez Canal situation in the Security Council has effectively terminated the role of the Security Council as a court of last resort on the Palestine issue and an agency for peace there, according to United Nations observers today.

Mr. Vishinsky's cynical alignment with the Arab bloc to ensure their seven votes for the East in the major world division was held today to spell the end of the Council as an instrument for enforcing the peace and to leave Israel facing a bleak future on the international scene.

The Israelis here made no secret of the fact that they shared the belief of most observers that no resolution on Palestine could in the future secure passage in the Council unless it was anti-Israel and pro-Arab. The Soviet Union's veto, overriding the virtual unanimity of the other members of the Council, excepting Lebanon, means that no Palestine issue can in the future be decided on its merits.

Under the circumstances grave doubts are being voiced here as to whether Israel should proceed with its efforts to hale Jordan before the Security Council on such weighty issues as the repudiation of Article XII of the armistice agreement and the Negev bus massacre.

JEWISH CONGRESS REPORTS ON POSITION OF JEWS IN ARAB LANDS

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- The position of the Jews in the Arab world is analyzed in a report prepared by the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress which will be published shortly, but a summary of which was released today. The report says that "ultra-nationalism and xenophobia on the part of the Arab nations are principally responsible for the deterioration of the Jewish position in the Middle East today." It establishes the following country-by-country facts:

1. Only about 6,000 Jews now remain in Syria, out of a total Jewish population in 1943 of 30,000. Persecution, which began in 1945, accounts for the exodus. Those Jews who still remain in Syria are there mainly because of the official prohibition of Jewish emigration. By and large, these people are destitute and completely dependent upon relief from abroad and local charity for the necessities of life.

2. The Jewish community of Iraq, which numbered about 130,000 before the Arab-Israel war, has now dwindled to some 5,000 persons.

3. Libya's Jewish population in 1937 was 30,000; today it numbers below 3,000. The population shift came about, the report declares, from emigration motivated by persecution and apprehension over Libya's establishment as an independent Arab state.

4. Of approximately 80,000 Jews who lived in Egypt in 1948, only 45,000 are left. Despite recent signs of amity toward Jews displayed by General Naguib, the Jews of Egypt, the study says, "are apprehensive of their future in a country dedicated to fighting foreigners, foreign powers and Israel."

The Jewries of Iraq, Syria and Libya, the report continues, "have apparently no prospects for survival, even on a modest scale. In Iraq and Syria, the process of spoliation and voluntary liquidation is still going on, and it is reasonable to expect that the bulk of the existing remnants of these Jewish communities will leave, if permitted to do so."

Conditions Better in Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia

Turning to a few relatively brighter areas for the Jewish population in the Middle East, the study cites conditions in Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia as being less tense than in other Arab nations, but nonetheless deteriorating. Lebanon has been the only Arab state which has thus far avoided the pattern of liquidation of Jewish communities.

In French Morocco and Tunisia, the study continues, "the Arabs are not the masters of the scene. The local population has always been antagonistic, and the only influential friend of the Jews has been the Pasha of Marrakesh, El Glaoui, who has become the most powerful figure in French Morocco." The Pasha, however, is advanced in age, and the report declares it is "doubtful" if a successor of his stature will appear on the scene.

The Jews of Tunisia, who form an important segment of the country's intellectual, business and professional population, have a friend in the Bey. Early in 1953, under pressure from the Arab League, the Nationalists launched an anti-Jewish boycott which made inroads on the economic position of the Jews. This boycott, however, has relaxed and the Tunisian Nationalist Party dissociated itself on several occasions from anti-Jewish excesses which, they asserted, were the work of irresponsible elements. The Party even went so far, the report concludes, as to provide some compensation for the material damage which the Jews suffered as a result of the violence.

NEW AUSTRIAN PROPOSALS ON JEWISH CLAIMS AWAITED, DR. GOLDMANN SAYS

TEL AVIV, March 30. (JTA) -- The Jewish Claims Committee on Austria is "awaiting new proposals from the Austrian Government for renewal of negotiations" on the Jewish demands, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, head of the claims committee, revealed here today upon his arrival from Europe.

Dr. Goldmann said that "within a fortnight we will know where we stand--whether we continue or break off contact." He disclosed that according to information reaching the claims committee Austria wants to re-open the question, and that he had conferred in Washington with Austria's Ambassador to the United States on this question. He also revealed that the United States Government had advised Austria to reach an agreement with the Jewish group.

Replying to questions on the recent meeting of the executive board of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, where some \$9,000,000 in German reparations payments were allocated to various Jewish groups for relief, rehabilitation and cultural projects, Dr. Goldmann stated that 90 percent of the resolutions and decisions taken at the meeting were adopted unanimously.

He reported that after his present visit to Israel he will proceed to Bonn to confer with German authorities on various reparations problems as well as on the question of expediting individual claims for restitution and indemnification presented by victims of the Nazi regime.

JEWS IN HOLLAND CHALLENGE ARCHBISHOP ON GIRL'S ABDUCTION

THE HAGUE, March 30. (JTA) -- The boards of the Dutch Ashkenazi and Sephardic communities of Holland today took issue with a statement by Archbishop Alfrink, ranking Catholic official in this country, advising the Jews to call off their search for Anneke Beekman, Jewish girl who has been spirited away by her Catholic fostermother, and to renounce its claims to the child.

The Archbishop, responding to an earlier appeal by the Jewish community, issued a statement in which he advised the Jews to give up the campaign to find the child, who was placed in the care of a Catholic woman during the Nazi occupation to keep her out of the hands of the Germans. He also said that the community should not ask the Catholic woman, who baptized the child seven years ago, to surrender her against the child's free will.

The Jews today challenged the Archbishop's use of the phrase "free will" of Anneke Beekman who, it was charged, had been baptized seven years ago and then hidden from the Jewish community with the collaboration of Catholic institutions. The Jewish community also noted that a Dutch court had stated that it was not in the interests of the child to remain in a Catholic foster home.

Meanwhile, Dutch police have arrested Mrs. Elizabeth Langendyk Van Moorst, one of the two Catholic women who acted as foster mothers of the Beekman child and her former guardian. Questioned in her home at Silversum by detectives, Mrs. Van Moorst denied all knowledge of the girl's whereabouts or those of Mrs. Van Moorst's sister, who spirited the child away from a Belgian school just as the authorities were coming for Anneke.

DUTCH OFFICIAL ARRESTED; STOLE JEWISH PROPERTY UNDER NAZIS

AMSTERDAM, March 30. (JTA) -- The Amsterdam police have arrested a 70-year-old former official in the police department on charges of having stolen property entrusted to him by Jewish families during the Nazi occupation of Holland. It is charged that he sold much of this property and pocketed many thousands of guilders.

CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE HITLER'S BAN ON SHECHITAH GROWS IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, March 30. (JTA) -- Even though only a few thousand Jews in all of Germany purchase kosher meat, agitation that calls for a revival of Hitler's prohibition of kosher slaughtering has grown to disturbing dimensions in recent weeks.

The current issue of one of Germany's largest news magazines, which exerts great influence on public life, devotes five columns to the "problem," quoting copiously from an inflammatory two-page illustrated spread that appeared in a butchers' trade magazine last January.

Concerted and organized demands for the outlawing of kosher slaughtering are being received by the Bonn Ministry of Food and Agriculture. Most astounding is a petition of Dr. Walter Kolb, who signs it not only as head of the German Animal Protection League but also as Lord Mayor of Frankfurt. "I consider," says his communication, "the reserve with regard to Shechitah heretofore shown by the German Animal Protection League no longer appropriate, and request that you take steps which will bring about a cancellation of the Military Government decree."

The decree referred to was instituted by the Allies in 1946, so as to permit the killing of fowl and cattle according to Jewish ritual. If it were now rescinded, the Nazi anti-Shechitah law of April 1933 would, in the view of certain German experts, be automatically reinstated. This contention is based on the argument that the Nazi law was a humane and not an anti-Jewish measure.

The Conference of German Rabbis holds that the repeal of all Nazi legislation applies with particular force to Hitler's first anti-Jewish law, namely that prohibiting Shechitah. Also, and aside from the untenability of the allegations against it, the Jewish mode of slaughtering is protected by virtue of the Constitutional safeguards against religious discrimination. The rabbis also point to the impropriety and incongruity of Germans usurping the right to brand as inhumane a Jewish religious law, in the name of a law signed and promulgated by Adolf Hitler.

U.N. COMMISSION STARTS CONSIDERATION OF REPORT ON DISCRIMINATION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 30. (JTA) -- The United Nations Commission on Human Rights today began consideration of the report of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. The report proposed a worldwide investigation of discrimination in schools.

Yesterday the Commission completed the formulation of two draft covenants on human rights, one on civil and political rights, the other on economic, social and cultural rights. They are designed as international pacts which will give legal safeguards to the principles of the U. N. Declaration on Human Rights, adopted by the General Assembly in 1948. Over a year ago, the United States announced that it would not sign the covenants, but would continue to take part in the work of writing them.

LEHMAN RECORDS JEWISH VIEWS ON CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS

WASHINGTON, March 30. (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman today called the attention of the Senate to the view taken by major Jewish organizations of the tactics of Congressional investigating committees.

A statement, issued by the National Community Relations Advisory Council, was entered in the Congressional Record by Sen. Lehman to inform Senators of the guiding principles sought by members of the Jewish faith. The NCRAC statement urged Congressional investigatory procedures which would safeguard individual liberties, and made specific recommendations.

The statement said that "neither the Jewish community nor any other segment of our population can afford to be complacent or aloof when confronted with consistent assaults upon individual freedoms."

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY SOCIETY SUSPENDS TWO CLUBS FOR BIAS

VANCOUVER, March 30. (JTA) -- The Alma Mater Society at the University of British Columbia suspended two religious clubs--the Newman Club and the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship--from all rights on the campus because of "religious discrimination."

The suspensions were voted 19 to 7 by the student executive of the Alma Mater Society on the grounds that the charters of the two clubs were discriminatory "and racial and religious discrimination are repugnant to the ideals of a democracy."

ORT THREE-DAY CONFERENCE DISCUSSES VOCATIONAL TRAINING

GENEVA, March 30. (JTA) -- A three-day conference of ORT country directors concluded here today after intensive discussions of training schools and the value of apprenticeships in vocational training. The 13 ORT country directors at the parley are responsible for the training of over 17,000 students.

Dr. Aron Syngalowski, chairman of the World ORT Union, stressed that as a result of recent developments the relationship between the vocational training school and industry has grown closer. He asserted that the graduate of a trade school where little is produced in the shops is as ill prepared for industrial work as a doctor who has had no access to a clinic in his student days.

JEWS IN EIRE LAUDED FOR THEIR ROLE IN COUNTRY'S PROGRESS

DUBLIN, March 30. (JTA) -- The Maccabi organization of Eire today opened a new gymnasium here. The building, which cost 20,000 pounds to construct, was dedicated at a ceremony attended by Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovitz, the Mayor of Dublin, Education Minister S. Moylan and various other leaders of the government and the Jewish community.

Speakers at the affair paid tribute to the role of the Jews in the development of the country's cultural and industrial life. At a banquet later celebrating the opening, Rabbi Jakobovitz expressed the sympathy of Eire's Jews for the Israeli people now under "murderous attack by the armed forces of Jordan and other countries."

100 TEACHERS RECEIVE LICENCES TO TEACH IN JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- More than 100 Yeshiva teachers today received their teacher's licenses at a ceremony at Torah Umesorah headquarters, thus becoming eligible to teach in Orthodox Day Schools throughout the country.

The requirements for these Yeshiva licenses were set during the past year by a Principals' Commission comprised of principals of leading Jewish Orthodox day schools throughout the United States. The need for special licensing for the intensive educational program of day schools has long been felt by Day School administrators and was given impetus by the unceasing requests of local Federations and Bureaus of Education for the licensing of Yeshiva personnel.

CHICAGO PATWA OFFICE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON JOBS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- A regional office of PATWA (Professional and Technical Workers Aliyah) has been opened in Chicago to assist American professionals and technicians from middle western states who are interested in working in Israel, it was announced today at PATWA headquarters in New York.

The new office will provide the latest information on job opportunities in a variety of fields in Israel and will advise applicants on general living conditions in that country. The Chicago office, located at 220 South State Street, is under the direction of Yehuda Levine, former associate director of the Anglo-Saxon section of the Jewish Agency's Absorption Department in Israel.