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## U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL POSTPONES DEBATE ON JORDAN-ISRAEL ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 19. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council session on the Israel-Jordan cross-complaints of armistice agreement violations scheduled to be held today was postponed this morning by Andrei Vishinsky of the Soviet Union, who is president of the Council this month. The session will be held on Thursday.

The postponement, Mr. Vishinsky said, was due to the illness of Dr. Charles Malik, Lebanese member of the Security Council who speaks for the Arab states. A request by the Israel delegation that today's session be postponed because it conflicted with the second day of Passover, was rejected several days ago by Mr. Vishinsky. The Israeli delegation then announced it would not be present at today's session.

A report published in the New York press this week-end forecast the appointment of Dr. Ralph Bunche, former Palestine mediator, as Under Secretary General of the UN, with a probable first assignment of once again mediating the Arab-Israel conflict. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold refused to confirm or deny the report. It was indicated that the actual appointment of Dr. Bunche is not expected for several months yet. Dr. Bunche received the Nobel Prize for peace for his achievement of the Palestine armistice agreements.

### Israelis Fired Upon at Lebanese and Egyptian Frontiers

TEL AVIV, April 19. (JTA) -- An Israeli police vehicle, traveling along the Israel-Lebanese border between Shomera and Eilon, in Upper Galilee, was fired on today from across the Lebanese frontier, an Israeli military spokesman announced here.

He said that although the vehicle was hit four times, none of the occupants were wounded. Israel immediately complained to the Israel-Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commission and asked for an emergency meeting to consider the complaint. ✓

The military spokesman also reported that an Israeli patrol which came upon a crew of Arabs from Egyptian-held territory near Kissufim, in the Gaza strip, were fired on from Egyptian territory. Under cover of the fire, the Arabs illegally harvesting the fields in Israel escaped across the border.

Thirty head of sheep were stolen from the Ein Gedi settlement, on the Dead Sea, this week-end by infiltrators from Jordan. The tracks of the flock were traced to the border. A military reconnaissance plane patrolling the border area spotted two khaki-clad men shepherding the flock toward the Jordanian village of Yata.

U. S. LEADERS PRESENT PLAN TO EISENHOWER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- Warning of imminent chaos in the Middle East, from which only Russia stands to gain, 19 distinguished American leaders made public this week-end a series of proposals submitted to President Eisenhower as the basis of a new United States policy, to be carried out with United Nations assistance, and designed to pacify the explosive situation.

A copy of the 171-page memorandum entitled "Security and the Middle East" was sent to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, with a request that it be brought to the consideration of the appropriate organs of the United Nations, as well as to United Nations delegates.

The signatories oppose arms offers or grants now either by the United States or our Allies to the Arab governments on the score that such arms would be used either "against their own people, should rebellion against starvation lead to violence," or "against Israel to divert the Arab people from the real source of their anguish--their incredible poverty."

Instead of the present concentration on arms and military alliances, the signatories urge a firm offer to the Arab world of large-scale assistance, beginning with a \$350,000,000 United States pledge to a \$500,000,000 United Nations fund to develop the resources of the Middle East. This offer should be made conditional on the acceptance of two prior agreements: 1. Settlement of the Palestine war. 2. Permanent resettlement of Arab refugees in Arab countries.

"In advance of the 1954 session of the General Assembly, the United States should make known to the United Nations and to the Arab states its view that "the only feasible and fruitful solution of the Arab refugee problem is through resettlement in Arab countries," the memorandum urged. Further, that the United States, which has thus far supplied more than one-half the funds for the welfare of Arab refugees, shall state its readiness to continue such support, stipulating that funds so given be earmarked for a permanent resettlement program under the U. N. at a cost of \$300,000,000.

Both the Arab countries and Israel should be asked to participate in this program, Israel through a fair contribution to the \$300,000,000 resettlement fund by way of compensation for abandoned Arab land in Israel. The Arab countries through the assignment of tracts of land in their territories now unpopulated or under-populated but capable of being developed to support a substantial population.

The resettlement program, as envisaged, would be conducted by a United Nations resettlement agency, whose function would be both to arrange for the orderly transfer of the refugees and their retraining as necessary.

The signatories include: Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, general secretary, The Church Peace Union; Frank W. Buxton, former member, Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry; Dr. Donald B. Cloward, executive secretary, Council on Christian Social Progress of the American Baptist Convention; Dr. Frederick May Eliot, president, American Unitarian Association; the Rt. Rev. Charles K. Gilbert, Retired Episcopal Bishop of New York; the Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, Episcopal Bishop of Southern Ohio; the Very Rev. Ivan Lee Holt, Methodist Bishop of Missouri, who is president of the World Methodist Council.

ISRAEL MINISTER PROCEEDS TO UNITED STATES; SAYS ISRAEL SEEKS PEACE

TEL AVIV, April 19. (JTA) -- Israel is making every effort to achieve peace with its Arab neighbors, but will not permit the absence of peace to endanger the lives of Israeli citizens, nor to interfere with its construction program, Israeli Minister for Communications Joseph Saphir declared here last night on the eve of his departure for the United States. He will spend 30 days in the U. S. in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal campaign.

## DISPUTE ON JEWISH COMMUNAL PROPERTY SETTLED IN WEST GERMANY

FRANKFURT, April 19. (JTA) -- An understanding on the position of Jewish communal property in West Germany has been reached here between representatives of the re-established Jewish communities of Germany, on one side, and the so-called successor organizations, on the other, thus ending a long-standing dispute. The successor organizations include: The Jewish Restitution Successor Organization in the American zone; Jewish Trust Corporation in the British zone; and Branche Francaise of the Jewish Trust Corporation in the French zone.

The tentative agreement, which is in the form of recommendations to the parent bodies concerned, is a complex one. It provides for an equal division between the two parties of existing communal property and indemnification claims based on the Nazi destruction of such property. Settlements concluded earlier between the JRSO and communities of the American zone retain their validity.

The successor organizations were formed with Allied approval to recover all heirless Jewish assets, including those of Jewish congregations, institutions and endowments. Money realized from the sale of such assets--generally real estate--has been turned over partly to the Jewish Agency for resettlement purposes and partly to Jewish relief organizations for relief or rehabilitation purposes.

Disputes have arisen where small Jewish communities, re-established after the war, have laid claim to assets of pre-Hitler communities. These contemporary communities tend to view their own financial needs as greater and more pressing than do the successor groups. The JRSO has negotiated settlements with various communities and thus released about \$1,000,000 worth of property.

The meeting concluded here this week-end, in contrast to previous meetings, took place in a cordial atmosphere and was marked by a spirit of "give and take." On one side of the table were officials of the JRSO, JTC and Branche Francaise, as well as representatives of the Jewish Agency and Jewish Distribution Committee. On the other side were the heads of the major German Jewish communities, led by Dr. H. G. Van Dam, secretary general of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, whose recent attendance at the New York meeting of the board of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany was instrumental in smoothing the way for the present understanding.

While the general agreement covering all of West Germany must still be ratified by the parent bodies, a final contract was signed between the JRSO and the Frankfurt community, far and away the largest and relatively wealthiest of the communities, which had previously refused to settle. Real estate amounting to approximately \$1,000,000 will be shared equally between the two. Property of the pre-Hitler Orthodox Frankfurt Kehilla will devolve upon the JRSO in its entirety.

At present there are only three communities in the United States zone which are still holding out against a settlement. They are the communities of Augsburg, Nuremberg and Fuerth. It is expected that satisfactory settlements will be negotiated with them, thus putting an end to court battles between a community and the JRSO.

## JEWS IN U. S. ARMED FORCES IN GERMANY CELEBRATE PASSOVER

NUREMBERG, April 19. (JT) -- Jewish soldiers and officers serving with the American armed forces in Germany this week-end celebrated the Passover holiday at Seder in this and other German cities. Kosher meat was imported from Denmark and other holiday supplies came from the United States and elsewhere.

In the British zone, more than 100 Jewish service personnel were guests at the Seder conducted at the Old Age Home by the Hamburg Jewish Community.

J. D. C. TO CLOSE REFUGEE CAMPS IN GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND ITALY

MUNICH, April 19, (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee announced here this week-end that it would close the Foehrenwald camp, last remaining Jewish DP camp in Germany, as well as its camps in Austria and Italy. The JDC also revealed that it has allocated \$650,000 to help the DP's emigrate to countries of their choice or, in the event they cannot do that, resettle them on a permanent basis in the countries where they now find themselves.

The funds will come from monies assigned to the agency by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The conference received the funds as reparations payments by West Germany to world Jewish organizations, in recognition of the harm done the Jewish people by the Nazi regime. The West German Government will also match the \$650,000 to be spent by the JDC with \$714,000 of its own.

The Foehrenwald camp still houses some 1,300 Jews, while the JDC centers at Asten and Hallein, in Austria, have approximately 600, and the Italian assembly centers have another 150 among them. This remaining "hard core" is all that is left of some 250,000 survivors of the Nazi holocaust who were collected in DP camps after the collapse of Hitler's regime.

In a statement by Moses W. Beckelman, JDC's European director, it was noted that, thanks to funds provided by the Claims Conference, it is possible to "give first consideration" to the camp inmates. "Their tragic lot makes it imperative to speed their rehabilitation by moving them into normal communities away from the demoralizing camp atmosphere they have breathed for far too long," Mr. Beckelman declared.

Will Pay Transportation Expenses of Emigrants

He revealed that for those DP's able to obtain immigration visas the JDC will pay transportation expenses plus a cash grant to cover expenses incidental to quitting Europe. If the country to which they migrate is in South America, where social service facilities available to them are not comparable to those in North America and Australia, needy newcomers will be aided over the initial difficult period of adjustment.

It is not, however, contemplated to pay immigrants a fixed lump sum, as demanded by the Foehrenwald Camp committee, the JDC official stressed. The circumstances of each individual case will govern the amount to be made available.

For Foehrenwald inmates unable or unwilling to leave Germany help will be given to settle in German cities. The German authorities have declared their willingness to finance housing units for 500 persons, while the JDC will make grants to cover the purchase of furniture and household goods for such persons, as well as to provide general living expenses for an initial adjustment period.

Similar arrangements are planned for DP's who are now in the Austrian and Italian centers. Although a number of perplexing problems loom ahead, it is believed here that the program may substantially empty the camps within a year.

JEWS WHO RETURNED TO RUMANIA REPORTED "BITTERLY DISAPPOINTED"

ISTANBUL, April 19, (JTA) -- The sixty-eight Jews who returned to Rumania after living for a time in Israel are bitterly disappointed people, it was reported today by the Committee of Free Rumanians here.

The committee said that the 68 are still living in temporary housing in Bucharest and are still awaiting jobs. Some of the returnees are also being canvassed to act as prosecution witnesses in trials of Rumanian Zionist leaders.

## JEWISH CONGRESS SEEKS PROBE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN SECURITY FIRING

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- Secretary of the Navy Robert B. Anderson was urged by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, to investigate the charge made by Abraham Chasanow that anti-Semitism lay behind his dismissal as a security risk by the Navy Department, despite his 23 years of service.

"Such charges because of their serious impact on the morale of those in the armed forces, and the population generally, should be promptly and thoroughly investigated," Dr. Goldstein said in his telegram to Secretary Anderson. "If the charges are found to be spurious and without substance, they should be countered before they gain any credence and repudiated by responsible bodies. "If, however, there is any substance to the charges, the administration of the navy's security program clearly requires investigation."

Chasanow was dismissed by the Navy on April 7 although a naval security board had unanimously cleared him of charges that he had associated with Communists in the suburb of Greenbelt, Md., where he lives. He had been distribution control officer of the Navy Hydrographic Office. Three other Jews employed in the same office and also living in Greenbelt have already been dismissed, and a fourth has been charged with being a security risk. Charges against Mr. Chasanow and, presumably his four Jewish neighbors, originated among certain of his neighbors in Greenbelt where anti-Semitism is a matter of public record.

### Anti-Defamation League Criticized for Action in Security Case

NEWARK, April 19. (JTA) -- Criticism of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith for its handling of the security suspension of Jews employed at Fort Monmouth was voiced here in an editorial in the Jewish News, which is published for the Jewish Community Council of Essex County.

The editorial referred to recent public allegations that anti-Semitism was a factor in the suspensions of 45 employes at Fort Monmouth, 41 of whom are believed to be Jews. It quoted a speech by Arnold Forster, director of civil rights of the ADL, delivered at a dinner in Newark supposedly "off-the-record" but extensively quoted by the Newark Sunday News, in which Mr. Forster stated that the ADL had made a thorough investigation of anti-Semitic elements in the situation and had forwarded a report to Secretary of the Army Stevens.

"For the record," the editorial declared, "it should be stated that some months ago the New Jersey Jewish Community Relations Council composed of delegates of local Jewish communities and representatives of some national agencies, invited the ADL to sit down with other groups in order to review the Fort Monmouth matter and to determine if any action were indicated. It is regrettable that the ADL refused this invitation. Instead, subsequently, it initiated its own investigation, prepared a report and forwarded it to Secretary Stevens without consultation or foreknowledge on the part of other interested groups. Credit lines and testimonials are not of paramount importance. It's far more important that in matters of this kind national organizations and local Jewish communities act together."

Mr. Forster was quoted in the Newark press as charging that "rampant anti-Semitism" was behind the accusations and as having asserted that a report concerning a "person with a strategic position at the fort in respect to the charges" had been sent to Secretary Stevens.

### SEN. HUMPHREY ATTACKS ADMINISTRATION OF IMMIGRATION LAW

WASHINGTON, April 19. (JTA) -- Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey charged today in a Senate speech that the State Department is exploiting a fear of foreigners to the degree that virtually all prospective immigrants seeking admittance under the 1953 Emergency Refugee Act are being barred. He referred to the Act which provides authority for the admission in excess of usual quotas of 209,000 persons and 5,000 orphans. The Senator described the administration of the act to bar rather than admit immigrants as a "tragedy."

5,000 ATTEND HISTADRUT'S "THIRD SEDER"; C. I. C. MAKES \$100,000 GIFT

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- The Philip Murray Memorial Foundation, created to honor the memory of the late president of the CIO, tonight presented a \$100,000 contribution to the Histadrut, the Israel general federation of labor, for the construction of a Philip Murray Labor Center in Eilath, Israeli pioneer city established at the head of the Gulf of Akaba in the extreme southern tip of the Jewish State. The contribution was made at a Histadrut Third Seder at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel which was attended by 5,000 persons.

The Israeli trade union movement will make up the difference between the \$100,000 contribution and the final cost of building the center. Histadrut officials pointed out that the center would serve as cultural and educational headquarters for trade unionists in the entire Negev area of Israel.

The center will consist of three small buildings, scheduled to be completed next month, and a large building consisting of an auditorium, reading rooms, recreation rooms and other facilities, which will be completed next year. The presentation of the check was made by James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the CIO and of the foundation.

U. S. STATION TRANSMITS PASSOVER MESSAGE TO "IRON CURTAIN" JEWS

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- A Passover message to the Jews of the Communist countries in Europe from the director of religious activities of the American Jewish Committee is being broadcast by the powerful radio transmitters of the United States Coast Guard cutter "Courier" which is stationed in the Eastern Mediterranean, the American Jewish Committee announced here today.

Throughout Passover week the message, by Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer, the AJC official, will be broadcast more than 100 times in 18 languages over the cutter's transmitters and those of other Voice of America stations in Europe.

VILLAGE BOARD CHANGES ZONE REGULATIONS TO BLOCK JEWISH CENTER

PELHAM MANOR, N. Y., April 19. (JTA) -- The village board of trustees this week approved amendments to the zoning ordinances which will prevent the use of a 19-room house as a Jewish community center and leaders of the center project immediately charged that the amendments had been put through to keep the center out of the area.

About 200 residents of the village signed a petition supporting the amendment which bars clubs from residential areas in the village but would permit them in multiple dwelling areas.

AMERICAN JEW CONTRIBUTES \$50,000 FOR CANCER RESEARCH IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- A \$50,000 contribution to conduct basic cancer research in the Miriam Levy Finn laboratories of the Weizmann Institute's Center of Experimental Biology at Rehovoth, Israel, was made this week-end by Joseph Levy on behalf of the Joseph and Helen Yeaman Levy Foundation. Mr. Levy presented the \$50,000 check to Abraham Feinberg, president of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute, as a memorial for his daughter, Miriam, for whom the Weizmann Institute wing was named.

GELBER FUND TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

TORONTO, April 19. (JTA) -- Edward E. Gelber, president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, today announced a contribution of 10,000 Israeli pounds to the Hebrew University for the creation of a fund in memory of his late father Moses Gelber. The fund, which will award scholarships and prizes in Judaic studies at the university, will encourage the publication of rabbinic and Talmudic works.