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LOYD SAYS BRITAIN SEEKS ARAB-ISRAEL MEETING ON DISPUTES

LONDON, June 21. (JTA) -- The British Government is doing its best to bring Arabs and Israelis together for the resolution of their disputes, Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State, declared in the House of Commons today. He complained that "the more that is said in public, the more difficult it is to get the two sides together."

Mr. Lloyd had been asked by Eric Johnson, a Conservative M. P., whether the government would not try to persuade the Jordan Government to make full use of the United Nations machinery to settle its dispute with Israel. He replied that "it would be a very good thing if both sides made full use of existing machinery."

Herbert Morrison, Labor Party leader who recently returned from a visit to Israel, told the minister that Israel was most anxious to sit down with the Arabs, especially Jordan, to settle their dispute. He asked the Government spokesman whether in view of the fact that hostilities had been brought to an end partly at Britain's request and at the request of the United Nations, there was not an obligation on Britain to persuade the Arabs to sit down at a roundtable and settle the dispute.

(In New York, Israel's delegate to the United Nations, Abba S. Eban, conferred Saturday with members of the United States delegation on the possibility of a meeting of the Security Council this month to resume consideration of the Israel-Jordan dispute. Jordan addressed the Council before withdrawing its complaint against Israel but Israel was given no opportunity to reply.)

Denies Anglo-American Proposals Call for Bennike Replacement

The flurry of questions in the House on the Palestine problem was precipitated by reports that Britain and the United States, in identical notes to Israel, had proposed a major reorganization of the truce machinery in Palestine.

Mr. Lloyd reiterated a denial made earlier in the day by the Foreign Office that these proposals had included the replacement of Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike of Denmark as head of the U. N. truce organization.

The Foreign Office, in commenting on reports of the proposals to Israel, stressed that no major reorganization was involved, only minor measures to improve the truce supervision arrangements. It was announced that France had been consulted on the suggestions made to Premier Moshe Sharett of Israel and would be associated with some of these proposals.

The Anglo-American proposals were submitted to Premier Sharett in Jerusalem on Sunday and were reportedly submitted to Jordan earlier. According to the British spokesmen today, no "substantive response" has been received to these proposals.

Israel Rebuff to Mixed Armistice Commission Reported

The Times of London asserted today that an attempt by the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission to investigate the murder of three Israelis at the border settlement of Mevoot Betar has been rebuffed by Israeli military authorities.

The paper said that the chairman of the commission, Lieut. Cmdr. E. R. Hutchinson, U. S. N., had asked Israel Army authorities for permission to send observers to interview settlers who were said to have witnessed the killing. The paper said it understood the letter was returned to him unopened. It added that apparently all communications from the commission addressed to the Israel military authorities since Israel's withdrawal from the commission had been returned in the same way.

(Another border clash was reported today from Tel Aviv. Jordanian forces near Modin, in Central Palestine, engaged an Israel military patrol. The announcement said that no casualties had been reported among the Israelis.)

TURKEY READY TO JOIN WESTERN POWERS IN MIDDLE EAST GUARANTEE

NEW YORK; June 21. (JTA) -- Turkey wishes to be associated with the United States, Britain and France in any new guarantee against aggression in the Middle East, the New York Times reported today from Ankara.

The newspaper dispatch said that Washington, London and Paris are studying the idea of including Turkey in a strengthened version of the tripartite declaration of May 25, 1950 which guaranteed the territorial status quo in the Middle East. They agree that Ankara should take part in new assurances to both the Arabs and Israelis against aggression, the paper said, but are split on the usefulness of such a declaration.

"An important group in the State Department," the dispatch added, "believes a new pledge should commit the signatories to halt military and economic aid to an aggressor and to use other means, including armed force, to restore the territorial status quo."

Such a pledge, the dispatch said, "would help to allay Arab fears of Israeli aggression as well as answering Israel's protests against United States arms aid to Iraq and other Arab states, according to the views of this group."

Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade is now discussing the problem with the foreign affairs committees of both Houses of Congress, the dispatch said, seeking Congressional approval before a definitive step is taken.

JOHNSTON AND ISRAEL MINISTERS CONFER ON JORDAN RIVER PLANS

TEL AVIV, June 21. (JTA) -- Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's personal envoy, and an Israel ministerial committee headed by Premier Moshe Sharett, conferred for a second time today on the American and Israeli plans for regional development of the water and power resources of the Jordan Valley. The negotiators reached no conclusions today and the talks will continue tomorrow.

Today's three-hour session was held at the government offices here; the first session was held in Jerusalem yesterday. Both Mr. Johnston and the Israeli committee were accompanied by technical advisors at today's session. The Israeli committee includes Mr. Sharett, Minister of Agriculture Peretz Naphtali and Minister of Trade and Industry Peretz Bernstein.

Ambassador Johnston also conferred with American officials at the Embassy here. He entertained the Israeli delegation at luncheon.

U. N. SURVEY REPORTS "SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS" IN ISRAEL ECONOMY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 21. (JTA) -- While "substantial progress" has been achieved in agricultural production and exports in Israel, "it cannot yet be ascertained to what extent the basic difficulties facing the economy of Israel have been solved," a United Nations report on the economy of Israel declared today.

The study, a "Summary of Recent Economic Progress in the Middle East," listed as the "most acute" of these problems the inflationary pressure, the deficit in the balance of payments, and the requirements for development in agriculture and industry. The report also noted that there was an improvement in the balance of trade but the situation in this respect "remained serious."

There was an easing of the powerful inflationary pressures which made themselves felt in 1951 and at the beginning of 1952, the report found. Prices, however, continued to increase, though more slowly, and the exchange value of the Israeli pound was again reduced in 1953.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE DISCUSSES PROBLEMS OF ISRAEL

LONDON, June 21. (JTA) -- Delegates representing the 900,000 Jews of the British Commonwealth of Nations met here today in the second Commonwealth conference in a session devoted to the State of Israel and problems in relation to it.

Eliahu Elath, Israel Ambassador to London, who brought Israel's greetings to the conference, charged the Arab States sought to make Israel the scapegoat to divert attention from their internal troubles. He told the delegates that Israel had no desire to interfere with the duties of people living outside Israel as citizens of their own countries. People in democracies, he said, can have many loyalties. He termed dangerous the application of the term "dual loyalty" as used by "some people who do not understand or suffer from a pathological inferiority complex."

ISRAEL DEVELOPMENT BONDS SALES PASSED \$17,000,000 THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- The State of Israel has received the sum of \$17,093,550 from the sale of Israel bonds since the beginning of 1954, Samuel Rothberg, national chairman of the State of Israel Bond Campaign, reported at a meeting of its board of governors here today.

Mr. Rothberg said that the first bond issue -- the Independence Issue, inaugurated on May 1, 1951 -- had realized a total of \$150,000,000 and that the second issue -- the Development Issue, launched on May 1, 1954 -- will seek to obtain bond sales of \$75,000,000 by the end of the year. The meeting of the board of governors was attended by more than 100 Jewish business leaders from various parts of the country.

Julian B. Venezky, chairman of the executive committee, reported that with purchasers of Israel Development Bonds of \$1,000 and over eligible to become Guardians of Israel, 5,808 have already enrolled as Guardians. In addition, 233 men and women had qualified as trustees of the Guardians of Israel with individual subscriptions for bonds of \$10,000 or more.

The extension of the Israel Development Bond campaign to countries outside of the United States was described as one of the most important aspects of the 1954 program by Henry Montor, chief executive officer of the bond organization. He is leaving for Europe tomorrow to confer with leaders in England and France on plans for campaigns to be inaugurated in those countries later this year.

BEN ZVI UNDERGOES MINOR SURGERY; CONDITION "SATISFACTORY"

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- Itzhak Ben-Zvi, 70-year-old President of Israel, was reported today to be in a "satisfactory" condition following a minor surgery. He will be hospitalized for about ten days.

KEY WITNESS AGAINST PHILIP AUERBACH CONVICTED FOR PERJURY

MUNICH, June 21. (JTA) -- The key witness in the state's case against Philip Auerbach, onetime head of the Bavarian Restitution Office who committed suicide immediately after his conviction on charges of fraud in office, was convicted today of perjury in another case by the Munich Court of Appeals.

The convicted perjurer, Karl Diekow, had testified that Dr. Auerbach had demanded a kickback from a contract awarded Diekow by his office. At the time Diekow was a witness in the state's case against Dr. Auerbach his own perjury trial was pending. The prosecution neglected to inform the court of this, and some quarters believe that Diekow's trial was deliberately held up in order not to prejudice the value of his testimony against Dr. Auerbach.

Subsequently Diekow was convicted, was sentenced to a year in prison, and appealed to the higher court. This time his sentence was reduced to eight months and he was given a suspended sentence, although the original conviction was upheld. He has waived his right of further appeal. Significantly, the bulk of the German press, which had devoted considerable space to the charges against Dr. Auerbach, has failed to report Diekow's conviction as a perjurer.

SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN GOVT. BANS INTERNATIONAL NEO-FASCIST PARLEY

LUEBECK, Germany, June 21. (JTA) -- The Government of Schleswig-Holstein has prohibited the holding of the international congress of neo-Fascists which was to have opened in the convention hall here on June 24.

The congress, which was to have been attended by 3,000 delegates from West Germany, Scandinavia, the Benelux countries, Italy and Argentina, was sponsored by the so-called "European Liaison Office," the coordinating agency of the organized anti-Semitic, Fascist groups. The state government banned the assembly following vigorous protests by the German trade union movement and other democratic groups in West Germany.

Technical arrangements for the assembly had been in the hands of Karl Meissner, head of the neo-Nazi, anti-Jewish "German Bloc." Other key supporters of the "European Liaison Office" are Erwin Schoenborn, of Berlin, a notorious Jew-baiter; Wilhelm Wadsack, leader of the dissident Nazi followers of Otto Strasser, and Fritz Roessler, a high-ranking Nazi functionary, who had served in the Bundestag under a false name until his exposure and conviction two years ago.

The state authorities acted after the Luebeck trade union groups warned that they had not forgotten the sufferings caused by the Nazi regime and would take "effective counter-measures" against a recrudescence of Nazism.

GERMAN MAYOR BANS "HITLER YOUTH" PARLEY AS LABOR THREATENS ACTION

FRANKFURT, June 21. (JTA) -- The Lord Mayor of Kassel, near here, reversed his stand and prohibited the Germany-wide conference of the "Hitler Youth" Division of the Hitler Elite Guard, which had been scheduled there for the week-end. The Lord Mayor acted after trade union leaders warned him an assembly of SS men would result in street demonstrations.

JEWISH CHAPLAINS WITH U. S. FORCES IN EUROPE HOLD RETREAT

HEIDELBERG, June 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish chaplains of the United States Army, Navy and Air Force in Europe assembled at the Dutch seaside resort of Scheveningen today for a four-day retreat, a period of study and discussion.

The retreat will be conducted by Rabbi Israel Miller, of New York. A former Army chaplain, he is now a member of the National Jewish Welfare Board's Chaplaincy Commission.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PRESENTS RADIO SERIES ON JOB DISCRIMINATION

OTTAWA, June 21. (JTA) -- A series of eight radio broadcasts on discrimination in employment presented by the Canadian Department of Labor in cooperation with the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews will be inaugurated next Sunday with an introduction to the series by Walter Harris, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, the Department of Labor announced here.

The 15-minute programs have already been scheduled for weekly presentation by 55 radio stations in all parts of the country, and the government has offered the series to all English-speaking stations in Canada. Among the other speakers to be featured on the series are M. F. Gregg, Minister of Labor, and the Rev. Richard D. Jones, national director of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, as well as a labor leader, an industrialist, an educator and a doctor.

ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLICATION DISTRIBUTED IN MAINE SENATORIAL PRIMARIES

PORTLAND, Me., June 21. (JTA) -- About 50,000 copies of the anti-Semitic publication, Common Sense, containing an article headlined, "McCarthy and His Enemies," were imported into Maine, apparently in connection with the election primaries today.

The copies, according to the Bangor police, reportedly were brought into the state by truck from New Jersey. The paper is published in Union, N.J. The copies were being distributed in all the cities of the state.

Robert L. Jones, who is seeking to unseat U. S. Senator Margaret Chase Smith, made his campaign with the support of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy.

PELHAM VILLAGE SHELVES PROPOSAL AIMED AT BARRING JEWISH CENTER

PELHAM, N. Y., June 21. (JTA) -- Rather than face the possibility of protracted legislation over the constitutionality of a proposed ordinance which would require consent of the village board before a building could be converted to educational or religious use, the North Pelham board of trustees has voted to shelve the measure.

Opponents of the measure charged that it had been introduced to forestall establishment of a Jewish center in North Pelham. A new measure to provide for rezoning of the village "to protect the character of residential areas" will be introduced.

BRANDEIS FOUNDATION TO TRAIN JEWISH YOUTH AT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES

LOS ANGELES, June 21. (JTA) -- Two institutes to train Jewish youth for leadership will be held this summer at the Brandeis Camp Institute in Santa Susana, California, Abraham Goodman, president of the Brandeis Youth Foundation, announced today. A hundred college youths from the United States, Canada, Mexico and other countries will attend the first four-week institute which opens on June 27. An additional 100 will attend the second institute which opens August 1.

DR. AMIR, LATE ISRAEL MINISTER, GIVEN STATE FUNERAL IN HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, June 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Michael Amir, Israel envoy to the Netherlands, who died last week at the opening of an exhibition on Israel, was given a state funeral today by the Government of Holland. This is the first time in the history of this country that a Jewish diplomat was accorded this honor.

The hearse which took Dr. Amir's remains to the airport for the journey to Amsterdam was accompanied by a military escort of 2,200 men. Among the pallbearers were the Dutch Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. M. Luns, three members of the diplomatic corps, the Chief Rabbis of the Sephardic and Ashkenazi communities, Jewish community leaders and Israel diplomats. Present at the ceremonies were representatives of Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard, while the Queen and the Dutch Government sent wreaths to be placed on the casket.