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BRITAIN OFFERS TO MEDIATE TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES

LONDON, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The British Government is "gravely concerned" over the Israel-Arab border situation and is offering its good offices in promoting talks which would either discuss lessening of tension as a preliminary to adjusting the major differences between the parties or immediate broader talks of the major issues, the Foreign Office announced today. (See Israel reaction on page 3.)

The offer was made today by Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd to the diplomatic envoys of eight Arab League states who last Friday handed him an aide memoire demanding Western Powers action against Israel. The Foreign Office said that Mr. Lloyd met with the Arab diplomats today and made the following points to them:

1. The British Government is gravely concerned over the Arab-Israel border situation. The government, which has consistently supported United Nations efforts to bring about peace between the parties, attaches great importance to the effective working of the UN truce organization. It hopes that Israel will return to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission and that the Israel-Jordan local commanders' agreement to handle many tension-provoking incidents on lower levels would be revived.

2. The British Government believes that an atmosphere for a settlement can only be created if there is a more peaceful situation along Israel's borders. That will require further avoidance of frontier incidents and the cessation of reprisal raids, the consequences of which cannot be predicted. The British Government has not hesitated to publicly condemn these reprisal raids.

3. The British Government believes that a discussion of the differences between the parties would help. This can either be done directly or through third parties. There can either be a preliminary discussion designed to create more peaceful conditions on the border leading to a wider discussion of all outstanding differences, or a more general discussion straight away. In either case the British Government is willing to offer its good offices.

4. The timing of such discussions would, of course, be important. The best preliminary would be a reduction of tension, cessation of incidents and a more conciliatory attitude by both sides. In the meantime, British policy will continue to be based on existing treaties and obligations, among them the treaty of alliance with Jordan and the Tripartite Declaration guaranteeing the present Arab-Israel borders.

5. The Arab Governments can "rest assured" of the British Government's "keen interest" in all Middle East problems and of its desire to further develop friendly relations between the Arab states and the West.

6. The British Government has, for a long time, desired to add to the strength of the Middle East, which is an area where the defenses of the free world are not yet strong enough. The government also believes that economic development and

reform are strong weapons for resisting Communist infiltration and subversion. It welcomes any measures likely to enable the Arab countries to develop their resources and improve the conditions of their people.

7. The government has the lot of the Palestine Arab refugees constantly in mind. In addition to large financial contributions which it has made, the government is seeking to encourage plans for making the refugees self-sufficient.

A plea to the British Government to make "some effort to bring reason and tolerance" into the Arab-Israel situation was voiced here by R.N. Carvalho, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, at a meeting of the AJA Council last night. He expressed regret that during the negotiations for evacuation of the Canal bases Britain had not seized the opportunity to lessen tension between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

The AJA president voiced support of Israel's efforts to prevent the delivery of arms to the Middle East, in the present circumstances, adding that the present "non-constructive policy of allowing both sides to arm as quickly as possible could not solve anything." He also expressed concern for the safety of the Jewish communities in the various Arab states in the event of war.

ARAB DELEGATIONS SPLIT AT OPENING SESSION OF U. N. ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The Arab bloc split wide open today at the opening session of the United Nations General Assembly with Iraq and Lebanon taking a pro-American stand on the first issue that came up before the Assembly while Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Yemen abstained from voting for a motion made by Ambassador John Cabot Lodge, chief of the American delegation.

Israel voted for the American motion which countered a resolution proposed by Soviet delegate Andre Vishinsky calling for admission of Communist China to the United Nations. The American motion called upon the Assembly to lay aside the problem of a change in the Chinese representation "during the current year." The U.S. motion received 43 votes, while 11 voted against it and six--including the four Arab countries--abstained.

While the Soviet bloc and the Western Powers squared off for position in the transference of cold war tactics to the floor of the General Assembly, members of the Israel delegation were today engaged in an effort to improve the status of stateless persons by suggesting at a UN conference that stateless persons be accorded at least the same rights given refugees. There are today about 40,000,000 persons throughout the world who are considered "stateless," many hundreds of them Jews.

The United Nations Conference on the Status of Stateless Persons today approved detailed provisions concerning travel documents to be issued to stateless persons in lieu of national passports. The conference also decided that the provisions of the new instrument shall not apply to any person who has committed a war crime, or who has been guilty of acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

At an earlier meeting, the conference decided that contracting states shall issue to stateless persons lawfully staying in their territory travel documents for the purpose of travel abroad unless compelling reasons of national security or public order otherwise require. Today the conference approved provisions for a schedule to the convention which are to apply with respect to such documents and also recommended a "model" travel document to the governments concerned.

Among other things, the schedule states that children may be included in the travel document of a parent or, in exceptional circumstances, of another adult; that the fees charged shall not exceed the lowest charge for national passports; that the document shall be made valid for the largest possible number of countries; and that--unless it is specifically stated to the contrary--the travel document shall entitle the holder to re-enter the territory of the issuing state.

ISRAEL WELCOMES BRITISH OFFER TO MEDIATE ARAB-ISRAELI TALKS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- "We shall be pleased if any third party succeeds in bringing us together with representatives of any or all the Arab states for the purpose of direct negotiations," an Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman declared here tonight in comment on a statement by the British Foreign Ministry that Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd had today offered the good offices of his government for this purpose.

Mr. Lloyd's offer was made to the diplomatic representatives of eight Arab League states who met with him to receive his comments on their aide memoire of last week urging the West to take steps against Israel and to arm the Arabs and give them economic assistance. (See details on Page 1.)

U.S. NAVY RECALLS HUTCHINSON FROM PALESTINE TRUCE COMMISSION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Commander Elmo R. Hutchinson, United Nations chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, has been recalled by the United States Navy effective at the end of his present tour of duty with the UN truce staff, UN truce headquarters here announced today. He is expected to relinquish his post next month.

Israel's withdrawal from the MAC and its policy of non-cooperation with that body since last March was due mainly to what Israel repeatedly charged was blatant pro-Jordan bias on Commander Hutchinson's part. His recall paves the way for Israel's return to a policy of cooperation with the commission.

U.N. TRUCE CHIEF WATCHES MASS JUMP OF ISRAEL PARATROOPERS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Under the watchful gaze of Israel Army Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, UN truce chief Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, foreign military observers and high ranking Israel Army officers, Israel paratroopers yesterday put on the greatest mass jump exercise in the history of the Israel Army.

Beside the fact that the largest contingent ever to plummet out of the Israel skies landed "behind enemy lines," for the first time vast stores of cannon, anti-tank guns, vehicles and supplies were dropped together with the air infantry. The jump took place in Galilee as the concluding phase of the Army's maneuvers.

VIEWS OF CANDIDATES FOR U.S. CONGRESS SOUGHT BY ZIONIST LEADERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs today made it known that it is seeking the views of candidates for the United States Congress on the issue of granting arms to the Arabs in advance of an Arab-Israel peace. A memorandum to this effect, signed by Louis Lipsky, chairman of the Committee, has been sent to Jewish leaders throughout the country for submission to Congressional candidates in their area. The memorandum reads:

"The steps now being taken by the United States Government to supply arms to the Arab states in spite of their reluctance to align themselves firmly and openly with the Western world and without their agreement to end their belligerence against the State of Israel will not promote the cause of peace nor the cause of military defense against aggressive Communism.

"On the contrary, the premature supply of arms to the Arab states without conditions will, in effect, delay peace, stimulate Arab hostility against Israel and obstruct the organization of an effective defense system in the region. Verbal assurances of good intentions alternating with threats and appeals to hatred are meaningless performances upon which no reliance can be placed."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA MAY RELEASE IMPRISONED ISRAEL MAPAM LEADER

GENEVA, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Mordecai Oren, Israeli Mapam leader sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment in Czechoslovakia following his "confession" of anti-state activities in connection with the Slansky affair, will be released from prison shortly, it was reported here today from Prague.

Jewish leaders in Geneva refused to make any comment on the report, but expressed the hope that it was true. Mr. Oren has been in prison for more than two years.

BERLIN DEDICATES MEMORIAL TO MARTYRS OF NAZI TERRORISM

BERLIN, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- A memorial to the martyrs of Nazi terror was unveiled by the West Berlin city government in the borough of Reinickendorf, as part of the annual commemoration for the victims of Hitlerism.

A human body strapped to a wheel, the spokes of which form a swastika, is the memorial's sculptured theme. Annedore Leber, widow of a Socialist leader killed by the Nazis and a courageous fighter against their resurgence, delivered the dedicatory address. Franz Neumann, Berlin chairman of the Social Democratic Party, deplored the inadequacy of indemnification for Nazi victims.

POLICE INVESTIGATE ANTI-SEMITES WHO PICKETED THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Pickets who recently carried anti-Semitic signs in front of the White House included individuals with criminal records, police authorities made known today after investigating the pickets at the request of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

The pickets were led by J. B. Stoner, 30, head of the "Christian Anti-Jewish Party." Stoner was expelled from the Ku Klux Klan in Tennessee, the A. D. L. said, because he was "too anti-Semitic." Later he unsuccessfully ran for Congress as the candidate of his own party with a platform that included a pledge "to destroy the Jews by Constitutional means."

A police check revealed that Edward R. Fields, 21, chief secretary of the Stoner Party, was taken into policy custody at Davenport, Iowa, earlier this year in connection with charges that he helped plaster store windows with signs proclaiming "Anti-Jew Week." He was also said to have taken part in similar activity in Rock Island, Ill.

Two brothers were listed among other White House pickets. They were identified as Robert and Richard Bowling. Robert Bowling was arrested in November, 1953, for violation of the Selective Service Act. The case is still pending. He was previously arrested in February, 1949, for disorderly conduct and was convicted on a burglary charge in January, 1951. Richard Bowling was arrested in 1950 and 1951 on false registration and burglary charges and was convicted on both counts.

CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE URGES ADMISSION OF MORE IMMIGRANTS

MONTREAL, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- "An energetic, aggressive immigration program" was urged in a report issued by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, which reveals that during the first six months of 1954, 85,765 immigrants entered Canada, compared to 78,336 immigrants for the first six months of 1953. Jewish immigrants numbered only 786.

The report stressed that Canada should obtain a population of 30,000,000 by 1975, which cannot be reached either "through natural growth, or through the present flow of immigration of approximately 130,000 annually." The Canadian Chamber of Commerce maintains that increased immigration "creates more jobs and more homes and raises the standard of living."

CANADIAN JEWISH CONFERENCE DECIDES TO RAISE CAPITAL FOR ISRAEL

TORONTO, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The first Canadian Planning Conference for Israel, held at the King Edward Hotel here, adopted a resolution calling on Canadian Jewry to strengthen the security of the State of Israel by mobilizing large-scale investment capital through the sale of Israel bonds. More than 300 key Jewish leaders from many communities across Canada attended the two-day sessions.

Israel Ambassador Michael S. Comay, addressing the opening session of the conference, declared that the "current policies in the Middle East of Britain and the United States are undermining Israel's security." Stating that Israel shall continue to call for an "agonizing reappraisal" of present policies, Mr. Comay said: "We shall object to our neighbors being strengthened while they claim they are at war with us, and they employ against us the illicit weapons of boycott and blockade. We shall insist on the balance being preserved."

"With the job of building up the country and absorbing mass immigration only half-done, with the state still heavily dependent on outside aid, we are vulnerable - not only in the economic sense, but also in the political and military sense," the Israel Ambassador emphasized.

Samuel Bronfman, national co-chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, reported that \$7,000,000 in Israel bonds were purchased and that this figure would be equalled or surpassed this year. "We Canadians should not forget that our country could not have achieved its full stature of economic development without the assistance of investment capital from Britain and the United States," Mr. Bronfman declared. "It is the same in the case of Israel," he stated, "which is seeking to carry through a proportionately staggering program of industrial and agricultural expansion."

Edward E. Gelber, national co-chairman of the Israel Bond Organization in Canada, said that the State of Israel, since its inception, has faced a series of critical problems. "These problems, however, have not deterred the people of Israel on their onward march toward full independence - which means economic independence," he declared. "Many of the problems of these early years still exist. But the solution of these problems is being worked out in the greatest job of reconstruction in modern times."

Henry Montor, chief executive officer of the Israel Bond Organization, emphasized that "only solid economic foundations can assure Israel the strength to defend herself against the dangers of attack." He observed that "the success of the Israel bond campaign is one of the most vital factors in the preservation of the new democracy of Israel."

David Horowitz, Israel's financial expert, who was recently named Governor of the newly-established Bank of Israel, outlined the economic objectives of his country.

Leon H. Keyserling, noted economist and former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers in the Truman administration, said that Israel is now in the second lap of its race toward economic independence. He pointed out that the country is already making headway in four great tasks: Inflation is being defeated; productivity is already making headway in four great tasks: Inflation is being defeated; productivity has steadily moved forward; the standard of living, although it is still harsh because of Israel's voluntary self-denial in order to expand investment as a long-run solution, has improved considerably. Most important and dramatic of all in many ways, the unfavorable trade balance is being greatly reduced.

LOCKER LEAVES FOR LATIN AMERICA TO AID ISRAEL BOND DRIVE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, left this week-end for Latin America where he will meet with representatives of Jewish communal organizations and with Zionist leaders, and will aid in the Latin American phases of the campaign to sell Israel Government Bonds.

SWISS JEWS DECIDE TO SELL \$1,500,000 WORTH OF ISRAEL BONDS

BERNE, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- A goal of \$1,500,000 in the sale of Israel Development Bonds for this year was set here today at a national conference of Swiss Jewish leaders who inaugurated the Israel bond campaign in this country.

The 150 Jewish communal leaders heard Israel Minister Pinchas Rosen plead for financial aid from abroad to match Israel's contributions in manpower in the job of building and making secure the Jewish State.

ORT LAUNCHES FIRST FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN IN SWITZERLAND

GENEVA, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- A 30-day countrywide appeal for funds for ORT was launched here today, the first of its kind in Switzerland. Marcel Edmond Naegellen, former French Minister for Education, delivered the keynote address here last night at a meeting inaugurating the drive.

Mr. Naegellen expressed to ORT his personal gratitude for "having achieved what the State was not in a position to do" in the fields of vocational training and education. "I speak," he said, "as a Frenchman who has seen ORT at work in French territories." Alfred Borel, parliamentary president of Geneva, praised ORT for having made an "impressive contribution" to Switzerland. Other speakers at the meeting were Dr. A. Syngalowski, president of the World ORT Union; and Dr. M. Kahany, a member of Israel's delegation to the United Nations.

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR OPENS JEWISH TRICENTENARY CELEBRATION

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The State of Rhode Island today opened its celebration of the American Jewish Tricentenary with a Governor's reception at the State House and a mass meeting at the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium attended by nearly 2,000 members of the Jewish community.

Principal feature of the mass meeting was the presentation of two rare volumes written by Roger Williams to the Rhode Island Historical Society as a gift of the Jewish community. Ralph E. Samuel, national chairman of the American Jewish Tricentenary Committee, was one of the speakers.

The reception was sponsored by Governor Dennis J. Roberts and featured an address by Dr. Henry M. Wriston, president of Brown University, who was the spokesman for a citizens' committee named by the Governor to assist in the affair. The entire program was under the chairmanship of Mrs. Archibald Silverman.

229 JEWS EMIGRATED FROM CANADA TO ISRAEL DURING LAST FIVE YEARS

MONTREAL, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- A total of 229 Jews left Canada for Israel during the last five years, according to figures released here today by the Youth and Chalutzit Commission of the United Zionist Council.

The organizational affiliation of the emigrants was as follows: Bachad 24; Habonim 68; Hashavim 6; Hashomer Hatzair 64; Hechalutz Hatzair 12; Young Judea 5; professionals 18; and unaffiliated 22. Ten young people went to study at the Hebrew University or the various "Ulpanim."

Total departures per annum were as follows: 1950--80; 1951--60; 1952--43; 1953--28; 1954 to Sept. 1--18. Another 14 will leave for Israel before the end of the year.

18 PROFESSIONALS LEAVE ARGENTINA FOR SETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- A party of 18 young professionals left today to take up permanent residence in Israel. The group includes engineers, chemists, dentists, teachers and radio technicians and was recruited by the Jewish Agency's special department for professional and technical immigration.