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ISRAEL PRESENTS 356 COMPLAINTS OF TRUCE VIOLATION BY JORDANIANS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Israel presented 356 complaints of truce and border violation by Jordan troops or infiltrators to Lt. Col. Charles E. Brewster, new chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Committee, as Israel this week-end re-entered the MAC after a seven-month boycott of the unit. The 356 complaints concerned violations which had occurred during the period of the boycott from last March.

Meanwhile, an agreement between Israel and Jordan for maintaining peace and order in the Jerusalem area, which was to have been signed this week-end, was held up, probably for another week, by Jordan insistence on having Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, UN-truce supervisor, witness the signing of the agreement. The Israeli representative to the pact signing, whose instructions had not covered Gen. Burns' involvement in the document, refused to sign pending consultations with his superiors.

The arrangement calls for direct telephonic communication between the local commanders on both sides in the Jerusalem area, or their senior aides, and is intended to keep minor disturbances and disorders from spreading and developing into extensive exchanges of fire, which occurred several times earlier this year. Such an agreement had been in effect for several years and lapsed when Jordan put obstacles in the path of renewal and then the situation between the two states deteriorated.

The arrangement also calls for experienced troops to be placed in the front lines by both sides and instructs troops of both nations to hold their fire until they receive orders from experienced non-commissioned officers, except when they are directly attacked. This provision is in response to criticism by the UN truce supervisor that in recent disturbances in Jerusalem troops on both sides demonstrated a lack of discipline.

Delay in Signing Israel-Jordan Arrangement Explained

During the negotiations for the pact Gen. Burns had suggested that the telephone line between the two sides go through UN truce headquarters and include a UN observer on the line. While Israel thanked the UN chief for his interest in the matter it noted that it preferred such a local arrangement to be handled directly between the parties concerned.

It was for this reason, basically, that the slip-up in the signing occurred. Israel had been informed that Jordan was prepared to sign the pact as previously drafted and the Israeli local commander in Jerusalem had been instructed to attend the meeting and sign that agreement. However, when he arrived at the meeting he found that

the Jordanians insisted on Gen. Burns' signature as a witness, which had not been stipulated in the original draft. Faced with a new situation, the Israeli representative withheld his signature pending further instructions.

It was learned, however, that Israel will sign the agreement with Gen. Burns' participation since his countersignature in no way changes the aims of the arrangement nor any of its operative sections. Israel has proposed that if effective, this type of agreement also be extended to other Israel-Jordan bordering areas and to the Israel-Egyptian border near Gaza.

VISHINSKY DISCUSSES ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE WITH SYRIAN DELEGATE

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Andrei Vishinsky, head of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations, has received the Syrian delegate to the UN and discussed with him Syria's proposal in the General Assembly that a commission consisting of the representatives of the Big Five attempt to deal with the Palestine problem, a Damascus radio broadcast in the Hebrew language said today.

A broadcast monitored here said that Mr. Vishinsky had told the Syrian delegate at the UN that the Soviet Union welcomed the Syrian proposal and that if Syria wanted a "positive reaction" the Soviet delegate was prepared "to consider this question."

STEVENSON HOPES ARABS WILL TAKE UP ISRAEL'S CONCILIATORY PROPOSALS

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The hope that "the important and conciliatory proposals Israel has lately made may point the way at least toward direct negotiations with the Arabs" was expressed here last night by Adlai Stevenson, former Presidential candidate and titular head of the Democratic Party, in a foreign policy address.

Mr. Stevenson also noted that the British and the Egyptians have settled the "menacing dispute" over the Suez Canal, and added: "But after seven years there is no peace between the Arabs and Israel, whose fears are now aggravated by our government's plan to arm her Arab neighbors."

MORRISON CALLS FOR "SENSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS" BETWEEN ARABS AND JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The wisdom of supplying American arms to the Arabs was questioned here tonight by Gerard Swope, honorary president of the General Electric Company, at a dinner sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization, at which Herbert Morrison, former Foreign Secretary of Great Britain, was the guest of honor.

Mr. Swope emphasized his faith in Israel by purchasing, for the second time, \$100,000 in Israel bonds. Pointing out that the United Nations has consistently endeavored to bring a peaceful atmosphere in the Near East, he said: "It seems hardly consistent that the United States should give military arms to one side or the other."

Mr. Morrison, addressing the audience, stressed the fact that the Arab boycott of Israel involves both Israel and the Arab states in "special military expenditure," and denies both "the substantial mutual advantages" that would arise from economic cooperation. "What is needed," he pointed out, "are sensible negotiations, in accordance with the principles of the United Nations, for the establishment of peace."

The former British Cabinet member urged the Jewish community of North America to "continue to supply and invest really large sums of money in order that the Government of Israel may have at their disposal financial resources which are vital to the general economic development of the country, particularly having regard to the economic boycott from which Israel is suffering." He stressed the role of Israel bond capital in the development of Israel's economy. Other principal speakers were Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the International Committee for State of Israel Bonds, and Averell Harriman, Democratic candidate for Governor of New York.

ARRESTS OF JEWS IN EGYPT CONTINUE; COMMUNITY REPORTED IN PANIC

GENEVA, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- New reports of widespread persecution of Jews in Egypt have been received here during the week-end revealing that the Jewish community there is in a state of panic as a result of the mass arrests on charges described as "fantastic."

The reports estimate that more than 150 Jews have recently been imprisoned, some of them for possessing books written in Hebrew. Interrogation methods used on the arrested victims "stagger the imagination," the reports state.

Examples are cited of a Mr. Camona, a former official of the Cairo Railways arrested on August 7, who was "beaten to death," and of Miss Victorine Nino, a 25-year-old Cairo Jewess arrested the same night who was "so badly tortured that she attempted to commit suicide by leaping from a top story window." Responsibility for "this wave of terror," says one report, rests with the newly-formed Egyptian National Militia which is described as a "paramilitary organization trained by former German Army officers on the Storm Trooper model."

WARSAW RADIO ATTACKS J. T. A. FOR REPORTS ON JEWS BEHIND IRON CURTAIN

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency has been attacked in a Yiddish broadcast over the Warsaw radio for "spreading lies" about the position of the Jews in countries behind the Iron Curtain.

The broadcast alleged that "as far back as in 1947, the JTA reached an agreement with the State Department to spread lies and biased information about Jews in the Peoples Democracies in return for American dollars." Expressing indignation over the fact that the JTA reported that Jews in Poland are being forced to become workers in heavy industry, the broadcast asserted that they are joining the ranks of the workers with "enthusiasm."

BRITISH JEWRY EXPRESSES OPPOSITION TO THE RE-ARMING OF GERMANY

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews reaffirmed today its opposition to the rearming of either half of Germany and expressed "deep apprehension" at the changes which will take place inside Germany and in her relations with the occupation powers, in the wake of the agreement negotiated with Germany at the recent nine-power conference in London.

The Board resolution underlined the fact that there is "increasing evidence" that well-known Nazis are being given important offices in the Bonn Republic.

The withdrawal of practically all Allied controls and the release of war criminals by German-Allied boards "will enable the strengthened Nazi elements to use the administration and the re-established German Army to serve their aims, the Board warned.

Finally, the Board expressed the hope that in the detailed agreements which will implement the general decisions of the nine-power parley, the British Government will stipulate all possible safeguards for the respect of human rights in Germany.

The World Jewish Congress has issued a statement today revealing that its representatives have had consultations with the British and French Governments on the provision of safeguards that a sovereign West German state will continue to fulfill its obligations under the existing conventions, with respect to matters of Jewish concern arising out of the Nazi persecution of European Jewry.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT PREPARES DOCUMENT ON JEWISH CLAIMS

VIENNA, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- A committee of Austrian Government officials is currently at work preparing a document on Austria's capabilities to meet the demands of the world Jewish organizations for restitution, including a lump sum settlement for heirless Jewish property, it was learned here today. The document will serve as background material in the Parliamentary debate on the subject, which is expected to open after October 27.

Informed sources here expect that Parliament's decision, and the government's reply which depends on Parliament's pleasure, will be influenced decisively by the stand taken by Reinhardt Kamitz, Finance Minister, who recently visited the United States and reportedly investigated again the position of the Committee on Claims on Austria, the body representing the world Jewish organizations.

SLOW HANDLING OF INDEMNIFICATION CRITICIZED IN BONN PARLIAMENT

BONN, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Representatives of the opposition Social Democratic Party and deputies of two of the parties in the Bonn Government coalition assailed yesterday the procrastination and "pettiness" in the administrative handling of claims by individuals for indemnification for injuries and damages suffered under the Nazi regime. Fritz Schaeffer, Finance Minister, who was the principal target of the attacks, was absent from the Parliamentary chamber during the debate, as is his custom at such times.

The debate occurred after the introduction of a motion by the Social Democrats, later supported by a majority of the Bundestag including deputies of government parties, calling for an extension of the deadline for filing such claims for residents of Germany. The measure, which extends the deadline until October 1, 1955 for Jews and other victims of the Nazis, was passed in all three readings. The extent of the criticism of the government in this matter was to be seen in the fact that an opposition party motion was adopted.

During the debate, Socialist Dr. Adolf Arndt assailed the "shameful, humiliating procrastinations" mirrored in the fact that a year after the passage of the Federal Indemnification Act there was only one implementation regulation of that law in effect. Dr. Arndt accused the government of bad faith and insisted that this was leading to "pettyfogging, casuistry and bad faith" on indemnification on local levels. He insisted that the only explanation for this state of affairs was a "putrid climate of anti-Semitism."

Similar criticisms of the government, but in more measured words, came from Prof. Franz Boehm, member of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union and head of the German delegation which negotiated the reparations pact with Israel and Prof. Hans Reif, Berlin deputy of the liberal wing of the Free Democratic Party. Prof. Reif contrasted the speed with which former Nazi civil servants were offered pensions or reinstatement with the reluctance to indemnify victims of the Nazis.

Dr. H. Hartmann, Secretary of State in the Finance Ministry, speaking for the government, said he understood Parliament's "grave concern" and the sharp criticisms levelled at the government. He pledged that the government would "do everything to bring about a speedier and more satisfactory solution in the future."

CHAIRMAN OF GERMAN TRADE UNIONS WARNS AGAINST NEO-NAZISM

FRANKFURT, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Many political key posts in West Germany are in the hands of individuals who rendered great and loyal service to "their Fuehrer," the bi-annual national congress of the German Trade Union Federation was told here by its chairman, Walter Ereitag.

JEWISH CONGRESS HONORS DANISH SCHOLAR FOR RESCUING JEWS FROM NAZIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Aage Bertelsen, distinguished Danish educator and author, was honored at a reception here by the World Jewish Congress and American Jewish Congress for his participation in the underground operation which spirited virtually all of Denmark's 6,000 Jews out of the country in 1943 under the nose of Nazi occupation troops.

Only 475 were taken captive by the Nazis and deported to concentration camps. the 6,000 men, women and children, all of them facing imminent deportation to concentration camps, were shuttled across the narrow channel separating Denmark and Sweden, through the ingenuity, active help and courage of the entire Danish people.

The rescue operation which Dr. Bertelsen and his wife helped to lead, at the risk of their own lives, had its origins in a warning given to the former Prime Minister of Denmark, Hans Hedtoft, by a German on September 28, 1943, to the effect that all Danish Jews were scheduled for deportation by the Gestapo on the night of October 1st. Mr. Hedtoft immediately communicated the disastrous news to the head of the Danish Jewish Community. Dr. Bertelsen, then a teacher at a Danish high school, and his wife, were among a small group of Christian citizens who gathered to draw up a plan of action.

Jews from all parts of Denmark flocked to the coast nearest Sweden and were hidden in Christian homes until passage was arranged. In the space of less than one month, some 1,200 Jews were transferred from Dr. Bertelsen's home alone. Not one of these fell to the Nazis. Danes from every walk of life contributed funds for the rescue operations, money which was given largely to fishermen who nightly risked their lives in ferrying across the dangerous channel crossing.

Both the Danish and German Gestapos placed a heavy price on the head of Dr. Bertelsen once his role leaked out. When their search proved unsuccessful, they arrested his wife, Cerda, whom they held for nine days, and then released. Dr. Bertelsen, his wife and their two young children later found safety in Sweden, where he taught Danish refugee students, many of whom were Jews he had helped to rescue.

ALLEGED SLAYER OF JEWS IN YUGOSLAVIA MAY BE DEPORTED FROM U.S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court this week-end cleared the way for the deportation of Andrija Artukovic, Croatian Nazi collaborator who played a leading role in the mass murder of Yugoslavian Jewry.

The Court rejected Artukovic's appeal from a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision that a 1902 extradition treaty is still valid. Yugoslavia is seeking to bring Artukovic to trial for war crimes against Jews and others. Major Jewish organizations have followed the case closely and submitted evidence against Artukovic.

Artukovic came to the United States in 1948 under a false name with the claim that he was a "refugee from Communism." He was arrested in 1951 when his true identity was learned. The State Department said Yugoslavia was entitled to seek his extradition under a 1902 treaty between the United States and Serbia. But the Los Angeles Federal District Court upheld Artukovic's contention that no lawful treaty exists. The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals later ruled against Artukovic who then appealed to the Supreme Court.

GERMAN DIPLOMAT, KILLER OF SERBIAN JEWS, REPORTED IN DAMASCUS

BONN, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Franz Rademacher, the Hitler diplomat who vanished almost three years ago after he was convicted as the bloody executioner of Serbian Jewry, is reliably reported to have entered the import-export business in Damascus, capital of Syria.

ARMY SECRETARY ADDRESSES JEWISH WAR VETERANS; LAUDS DEVOTION

RICHMOND, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens commended the Jewish War Veterans today for its "impressive history of devotion to the highest ideals of liberty, equality and justice" and for being "in the front rank of those who vigorously oppose whatever and whoever would impair our heritage." Mr. Stevens made these remarks in an address to the JWV 59th national convention here.

The veterans, in a resolution, opposed the United States Government's granting of arms to the Arab states. They also called for the integration of all races in the public schools of the U.S. as soon as possible. Joseph F. Barr of Washington was unanimously elected national commander of the organization, succeeding Harry T. Madison.

AMERICAN MIZRACHI TO HOLD FIVE-DAY CONVENTION IN ATLANTIC CITY

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The 34th annual national convention of the Mizra-chi Organization of America will be held in Atlantic City November 17-21, it was announced today by Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, national president. More than 800 delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada are expected for the five-day assembly, which will mark the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the American Mizrachi movement.

The delegates "will be charged with the task of making major policy decisions on Mizrachi policy for one of the most critical periods in the life of the State of Israel, as well as on urgent problems facing the religious-Zionist movement," Rabbi Kirshblum said.

TALKS ON NEW ARGENTINE-ISRAELI TRADE PACT STARTED IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Discussions for a new Israel-Argentine trade pact have already started, it was learned here today, and the first sessions have been held in a cordial and cooperative atmosphere. The Argentine representatives have agreed that new licenses for imports from Israel will be issued immediately, and delegates of both states have agreed that the pact shall be a flexible arrangement based on exports and imports between the two nations balancing each other.

Meanwhile, Tuvia Arazi, counsellor of the Israel legation here, who has represented Israel in the talks, flew to Israel yesterday together with a group of 35 members of the Argentine-Israel Chamber of Commerce who will visit Israel as guests of the Jewish State to survey the possibilities for increasing trade between the countries. After the mission returns to Argentina the trade pact talks will be resumed.

Dr. Jeronimo Femorino, Foreign Minister of Argentina, today visited an exhibition here in commemoration of Dr. Theodor Herzl. He was given detailed explanations of the exhibit by Dr. Arie Kubovy, Israeli Minister, and Gregorio Verbisky, the Legation's press officer.

SCHOCH APPOINTED GENERAL COUNSEL OF U.S. AID MISSION IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The Foreign Operations Administration announced today the appointment of Layton M. Schoch of Philadelphia, to an FOA position in Israel as general counsel. Mr. Schoch served in the Air Force in the Judge Advocate General's office and was released in 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

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