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U.N. TRUCE CHIEF MEETS WITH ISRAEL ARMY HEAD ON BASIC PROBLEMS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce supervisor in Palestine, and Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, met today to discuss the possibilities of direct contact between Israel and Jordan, the signing of the agreement for direct contact between local military commanders in the Jerusalem area and an agenda for the first meeting of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission which Israel will attend since last March.

With the reactivation of the MAC, which is scheduled to hold its first session Wednesday, it is understood that differences between Israel and Gen. Burns over his posting of unescorted patrols of UN observers in the Israel-Jordan border zones will be resolved. It is understood that Israel will cooperate more closely with the truce organization and that the UN observers will carry out frontline inspections after making arrangements with Israeli officers.

While this particular problem will be solved for the time being, the basic questions of principle arising from Gen. Burns' posting of unescorted observation units are still not resolved. It is understood that Gen. Dayan agreed to the new arrangement because of the present eased situation in the Jerusalem area, but reserved the right to cancel it should future changes in the situation call for such action.

PRIVATE ARAB-ISRAEL CONCILIATION TALKS URGED BY BRITISH MINISTER

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The British Government is still prepared to use its good offices in an attempt to conciliate Arab-Israel difficulties, but such conciliation should be done in private meetings rather than in heated public discussions, Selwyn Lloyd, Britain's retiring Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said here today.

Holding what he himself termed his "valedictory" press conference, Mr. Lloyd, who has been a member of the British delegation to the United Nations for four years, referred regretfully to Israel-Arab relations as one of the areas in which "no progress" has been achieved by the United Nations.

Mr. Lloyd, who told an eight-nation Arab delegation in London a month ago that Britain is willing to use its "good offices" in an effort to mediate the conflict between Israel and its Arab neighbors, declared at his press conference today: "My position was stated very precisely in the statement I made in London just before leaving home for the General Assembly. We will do our part, directly or indirectly, all together or in smaller groups if we can help solve the problem."

Mr. Lloyd avoided direct comment either on the proposal made by Abba S. Eban, head of the Israeli delegation, for non-aggression pacts between Israel and its Arab neighbors, or upon the Arab suggestion that a new Palestine commission be established, composed of the five Big Powers.

BEN GURION LASHES OUT AT POLITICAL DIVISIONS IN KIBBUTZIM

TEL AVIV, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- A new plan for regional collective settlements, ensuring the defense of Israel and helping in the speedy absorption of new immigrants was presented here today by former Premier David Ben Gurion at a conference of representatives of kibbutzim.

Mr. Ben Gurion severely criticized the political divisions in the kibbutz movement. He charged that the political quarrels within the kibbutzim are responsible for the failure of the collective settlements to assist properly in the absorption of newcomers. He also stressed his concern over the fact that the younger generation in the kibbutzim has not come forward to take the lead in training new immigrants in their villages.

This failure of the kibbutzim to advance the absorption of newcomers, Mr. Ben Gurion said, has led to the formation of two nations and two countries within Israel--one well-settled on fertile land, the other rootless and unproductive. This, he warned, has built up a small oasis and a large vacuum, which is a danger to the land.

He proposed the establishment of settlements which would consist of persons with different countries of origin and a regional development plan in which entire regions would mix agriculture and industry in small urban settlements and thus the entire region would be self-supporting.

ARAB BLOC SUFFERS DEFEAT IN UNITED NATIONS ON REFUGEE ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The Arab bloc in the United Nations suffered a defeat today when the General Assembly's Social and Humanitarian Committee approved a resolution, dealing with European refugees, against which the Arab League states have been waging a rearguard battle for the past few weeks.

Before the resolution was approved by vote of 40 in favor, five against and 10 abstentions--the Arab delegates withdrew amendments which they had presented because they foresaw defeat.

The resolution as finally approved recommends that the General Assembly establish a new voluntary fund to promote a permanent solution of the refugee problem. The Arab objection was to a part of the resolution which declares that the countries where the refugees are found now are to assume full financial responsibility for the care of these refugees after 1958.

The Arab objections to transferring full responsibility for care of refugees to the "countries of residence" was based on their fear that the same principle might ultimately be applied to the Arab refugees from Palestine now residing in Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon and Syria. Israel voted in favor of the resolution adopted today.

ISRAEL AND BELGIUM SEEK TO CONCLUDE PERMANENT EXTRADITION PACT

BRUSSELS, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Negotiations between Israel and Belgium for the conclusion of a permanent extradition treaty between the two states opened today at the Foreign Ministry here.

The negotiations here are part of an overall Israeli plan to conclude extradition pacts with various West European countries. The Belgian delegation at the negotiations is headed by A.H. Herment, Inspector-General of the Foreign Ministry, while the Israeli delegation is headed by Joseph Kokia, director general of the Ministry of Justice.

RELIGIOUS JEWS CALLED UPON TO OPPOSE U.S. POLICY OF ARMING ARABS

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The American rabbinate was called upon today to urge their worshippers to be prepared "to oppose and reject by all proper means" the U.S. policy of providing arms to the Arab states since this policy "threatens the lives of our co-religionists in Israel and the vital interests of the United States and of the free world in the Near East."

A resolution to this effect was adopted here today at an extraordinary session of the Mizrahi national executive attended by more than 100 leaders of the religious Zionist movement in this country. Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, told the gathering that the U.S. program of proposed arms aid to the Arab states was "an immoral policy which penalizes peaceful intentions demonstrated by Israel and rewards aggressive acts by the Arab states."

Emphasizing that their resolution expresses the sentiments of the 70,000 members of the Mizrahi organization in this country, the delegates called on the American rabbinate "during the remaining Jewish Holy Days," to lead their congregations "in prayer to the end that the hearts of those of our leaders who are determined to give arms to the Arab aggressors will be reached and this dangerous policy reconsidered."

The resolution also asked the Jewish spiritual leaders "to arouse every worshipper to the perils to Israel's security arising from the refusal of the Arab states to make peace" and to "clarify from their pulpits the dangers of the proposals of our Government to provide huge quantities of modern arms to Arab leaders who have never concealed their determination to destroy our beloved Holy Land."

HARRIMAN CRITICIZES U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY; OPPOSES ARMING ARABS

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Severe criticism of the present policy of the United States Government with regard to Israel and the Arab states was voiced here last night by Averell Harriman, former Mutual Security Administrator and Democratic candidate for Governor of New York, addressing an Israel Bond dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

"It is high time," Mr. Harriman said, "that the Republican Administration make clear to the Arab states that Israel is in the Middle East to stay. We must stop encouraging Arab hopes that the U.S. will turn its back on Israel and will countenance Israel's destruction. I believe that until concrete steps looking toward peace in the area are taken, we should refrain from furnishing arms to either side."

Mr. Harriman charged the State Department with "failure to take Egypt to task for the continued flouting of United Nations resolutions calling for an end to the blockade of the Suez Canal." The Administration, he said, has remained a silent witness to Arab discrimination directed at American firms doing business with Israel. "And only a year ago, the heavy hand of Secretary Dulles showed itself when the State Department publicly announced the temporary suspension of economic aid to Israel in an effort to stop a water development project along the Jordan River," he pointed out.

"This type of punitive sanction, which had never been used in the post war period, deeply undermined U.S. standing in the free world," Mr. Harriman continued. He emphasized the fact that when "the Suez dispute between Egypt and the British was settled with our help--a settlement that greatly strengthened Egypt's military position and disturbed the balance of power in the area--we failed to utilize this opportunity to bring about a resolution of the difficulties between Egypt and Israel."

SILVER PREDICTS "GREAT AGE" FOR U.S. JEWRY AT TERCENTENARY DINNER

DETROIT, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The prediction that the next hundred years will be known as the "American Century" in the same sense as the 19th century was "The Century of Great Britain," and that "it will be a great age for American Jewry if the catastrophe of war does not shatter its security and life," was made here last night by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, addressing a Jewish Tercentenary dinner at Hotel Statler. More than 1,200 guests attended the function.

"As a minority," Dr. Silver said, "we are helpless against the ravages of hate and demagoguery which war and economic depressions unleash. But given peace and economic stability, the American Jewish community will move forward and develop. It will expand its cultural and religious life and institutions, and will make worthy contributions to the total life of America.

"If the American Jews of the coming decades will carry on uninterruptedly and with wisdom and discrimination, putting first things first, and accentuating the positive and indispensable enterprises of Jewish life, they will make the numerically largest Jewish community in the world also one of the greatest in terms of faith, culture and scholarship.

"What may endanger our Jewish future here," Dr. Silver continued, "is not conscious escapism or deliberate assimilationist tendencies such as characterized Jewish communities elsewhere and at other times. Rather, an unconscious drift and a carefree relaxation of all disciplines - not out of conviction but out of sheer indifference - such as belonging to synagogues but not attending them, or sending children to Sunday Schools which are so limited as to time that they cannot really give them an adequate Jewish education, or in very many instances, not giving them any instruction at all, or homes which are emptied of all Jewish content."

Announcement was made at the dinner by William E. Stirton, vice-president of Wayne University, of the establishment of a Professorship in Jewish History at Wayne, with funds contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Louis LaMed. The first course in American Jewish History will start at Wayne on October 27, with Dr. Bernard Weisberger as instructor.

Mr. Stirton also announced that another gift, made by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Schaver, will establish a Publications Fund at Wayne for the printing of Jewish books. Two other Jewish funds mark the Tercentenary Year: The \$175,000 gift of Mrs. Aaron DeRoy, towards the Wayne Medical School Building Project and Leonard N. Simons' recent gift of historical volumes, valued at \$25,000 to Wayne University Library.

Philip Slomovitz, chairman of the Detroit Tercentenary Committee, who presided at the dinner, recalled in his address that the American Jewish community began with the settlement of 23 Jewish settlers in New York in September of 1654, stated that the 5,000,000 Jews now residing in this country "have accepted their heritage with dignity, have established great traditions for philanthropy by providing succor for the less fortunate who can not share the blessings of this land with us and have accepted with pride and courage the great assignment of aiding in the establishment of the State of Israel."

BRITISH JEWS SALUTE AMERICAN JEWRY ON TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION

LONDON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews unanimously hailed American Jewry on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of Jewish settlement in America. In a resolution adopted last night at a meeting of the Board, British Jewry expressed its "appreciation and recognition of the outstanding place" of American Jewry in the affairs of world Jewry.

American Jewry, the resolution said, "has earned and received full recognition of its equal citizenship in all spheres of American life, and in peace and war has contributed its full share to the political, cultural and economic progress of the United States."

B'NAI B'RITH CONFERENCE DISCUSSES CIVIL RIGHTS IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The necessity of safeguarding civil rights in the United States was stressed here last night at the 10th annual conference of the Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith. A scroll commemorating her efforts in behalf of preserving "American ideals of civil rights, freedom and liberty" was presented to Mrs. Helen Rogers Reid, chairman of the board of the New York Herald Tribune. Some 1,100 persons attended the parley.

Municipal Court Justice David A. Rose of Dorchester, Mass., president of District 1 of B'nai B'rith, which embraces New England, New York State and eastern Canada, warned that Arab propaganda was being used to instill distrust of Israel in Americans. He charged that the Arab propagandists were attempting to spread anti-Jewish prejudice in the U.S. with the purpose of "separating the American Jewish community from the American community." He called on B'nai B'rith members to combat this Arab campaign.

JEWISH BLIND TO GET HEBREW AND ENGLISH BRAILLE PRAYER BOOKS

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Plans for publication of the first Jewish prayer book ever printed in both Hebrew and English Braille, which will enable the Jewish blind to worship together with their sighted fellow Jews, were announced here today by the Jewish Braille Institute of America.

The project has been made possible through funds contributed by the affiliated sisterhoods of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America, the women's arm of Conservative Judaism. Ten Braille volumes will be included in each set of the prayer books, five for the Sabbath and festivals and five for the High Holy Days. They will be presented as a gift to each Jewish blind person requesting them from the Institute.

LATIN AMERICAN SETTLERS IN ISRAEL HOLD CONFERENCE IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Ways and means of increasing immigration to Israel from Latin American countries and facilitating the absorption of such immigrants were discussed this week-end at a conference of Latin American settlers here. The meeting was attended by 250 delegates representing 2,500 settlers in Israel.

Among the resolutions passed was one calling on the Israeli Government and the Jewish Agency to increase their help in the absorption of Latin American settlers. Emphasized at the parley was the great progress made in the handling of Latin American immigrants since the establishment of a special department by the Jewish Agency.

MORRIS SHAPIRO, BOSTON PHILANTHROPIST AND COMMUNAL LEADER, DIES

BOSTON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Morris Shapiro, well-known Boston philanthropist and Jewish community leader, died at his home at nearby Newton today. He was 68. Mr. Shapiro was a vice-president of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Boston and was a founder and trustee of Brandeis University. Last June Brandeis University conferred an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters on him.

He was one of the group of 50 top communal and business leaders who attended the Jerusalem economic conference in 1950 at which it was decided to launch the Israel Bond drive in the United States. Also, Mr. Shapiro was a leader in the Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Beth Israel Hospital, Jewish Community Center and the Businessmen's Council of the Histadrut.