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SHARETT SUMMONS "BIG FOUR" ENVOYS; SEEKS ACTION ON "BAT GALIM"

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Israel Premier Moshé Sharett summoned the envoys of the Soviet Union, United States, Britain and France to his office here this morning to confer with them on the Egyptian refusal to release the Israel vessel Bat Galim and on Israel's request to the United Nations Security Council to resume consideration of Israel's complaint against Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal.

Mr. Sharett pointed out to the envoys of the Big Four that the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission resolution that the Bat Galim's entry into the Suez Canal did not violate the Israel-Egyptian armistice agreement, was a confirmation of Israel's position. This decision, he said, opened the way for a clear-cut decision by the Security Council declaring the ship's seizure illegal and ordering the ship and crew released.

The Premier stressed the common interest of all maritime nations in guaranteeing freedom of navigation of the Suez Canal. He said that Israel would not acquiesce indefinitely to a state of affairs where the vessels of all nations, except hers, were guaranteed the right of passage through the Canal. It has been three years since the Security Council resolution of 1951 upholding Israel's right to passage through the waterway and Israel refuses to tolerate its victimization any longer, Mr. Sharett stressed.

Finally, Mr. Sharett drew the attention of the envoys to the illegality of Egypt's insistence that it has belligerency rights to halt Israel shipping in the Canal. He also hit as "empty" the Egyptian assertion that the Constantinople Convention of 1888, under which the Suez Canal is administered, gives Egypt the right to interfere with Israel-bound traffic.

Eban Confers with State Department on Bat Galim Case

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today called on Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and David Key, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs, to ask that the United States use its influence at the United Nations and in other ways to secure the release of the Israel ship "Bat Galim" now held by Egypt.

Mr. Eban told reporters that his government considered it a "grave matter because my government can no longer acquiesce in the detention of the ship and its crew." He said he had received a definite impression that the United States, as in other cases, supports the United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission. Mr. Eban asked the United States to take action upholding the Armistice Commission and its resolutions and reaffirming the right of free passage through the Suez Canal to ships of all flags.

U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS GET REPORT ON "BAT GALIM" CASE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 30. (JTA) -- A full report on the seizure by Egypt of the Israel vessel "Bat Galim," submitted by UN Truce Chief Gen. E. L. M. Burns, was today circulated among members of the United Nations Security Council by UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld.

The Burns report, a 16-page document of complex legal terminology, was very careful merely to inform the Council of the various meetings of the Egypt-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission and of the special committee headed by Gen. Burns himself which heard Egypt's appeal from the action taken by the MAC. Cautiously, Gen. Burns expressed no opinion whatever on any of the juridical or political issues involved, leaving such decisions to the Security Council.

The Burns report told how the issue was finally resolved in the MAC, after Egypt's attempted filibuster of the MAC's consideration of the complaint which Egypt itself had filed with regard to the Bat Galim. The UN truce chief reported how Egypt refused to take the MAC decision, appealed to a special committee, and finally was faced with the special committee's decision which refused to reverse any of the substantive findings of the mixed unit. Egypt, however, is still holding the ship and the Israel crew of ten.

It is expected that Israel will now address a letter to the Security Council requesting another meeting on Israel's complaint against the Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal. Dr. Charles Malik, of Lebanon, takes over the Council presidency tomorrow and there have been some fears that he might manage to let the entire month of December go by without Council consideration of Israel's grievance.

U. N. BODY VOTES \$61, 300, 000 FOR ARAB REFUGEES; ISRAEL ABSTAINS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The General Assembly's Special Political Committee approved today a resolution extending the life of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Arab refugees until June 30, 1960. The UN, in the face of expressed displeasure of the Arab bloc, virtually throws the Arab refugee problem into semi-permanent status.

The vote on the resolution was 41 in favor, none against and eight abstentions-- Israel, Iraq, Burma and the five members of the Soviet Bloc. The resolution fixes the UNRWA budget for the next fiscal year at \$61, 300, 000 for relief and rehabilitation. The agency is also authorized to draw upon a special \$200, 000, 000 rehabilitation fund for work projects that could be of aid to the Arab refugees.

Michael S. Comay, Israel delegate, explained his delegation's abstention on the grounds that certain portions of the draft resolution dealing with UNRWA did not emphasize sufficiently Israel's insistence that repatriation of the Arabs to their old homes in Israel territory is no longer feasible.

The Iraqi delegate said he abstained from voting because the resolution does not sufficiently recognize the rights of the Arab refugees to return to Israel territory. Also because the relief ordered for the refugees is, in his opinion, inadequate.

ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETS IN CAIRO; DISCUSSES ISRAEL

LONDON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The Arab League Council met in Cairo yesterday to discuss a charge that Israel had allegedly expelled more Arabs from her territory, it was reported here today from the Egyptian capital.

Another dispatch said that the Cairo Government had decided to open a consulate in the Jordan-held sector of Jerusalem "to bolster the Arab situation there."

TRUCE GROUP CONDEMNS JORDAN FOR INVADING ISRAEL TERRITORY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission today condemned Jordan for the invasion of Israel territory Sunday by a group of Arab Legionnaires, four of whom were killed and two wounded when they attacked an Israel military patrol.

The condemnation was voted by Israel and the United Nations chairman, American Lt. Col. Charles F. Brewster, after Jordan had walked out of the meeting. The Jordan delegation read out an official "protest" against the killing of the four Legionnaires, and then stalked out of the meeting.

An agreement was signed between Israel and Jordan today to permit Trappist monks living in a monastery in "no man's land" in the Latrun area to cultivate lands belonging to them. The agreement has been renewed regularly since 1951, except for the seven-month period earlier this year when Israel was boycotting the MAC.

JORDAN DELAYS PACT ON REDUCING TENSION IN JERUSALEM AREA

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Signature of the Israel-Jordan local commanders agreement for measures designed to reduce tension in the Jerusalem area was postponed indefinitely today upon the Jordan pretext that it would not sign the agreement unless UN truce chief Gen. E. L. M. Burns was an equal party to the pact.

Gen. Burns, who told the Jordanians that the UN "can take care of itself," telephoned the Jordan Defense Minister in Amman in an attempt to get Jordanian signature of the pact. He apparently believed that the agreed-upon text adequately covered the Jordanian objection. A similar objection delayed signing of the pact once before.

The Israel delegation to the scheduled signing ceremony today--Jerusalem area military commander Col. Chaim Herzog and his aide, Lt. Col. Shaul Ramati--agreed to the Jordanian demand and offered to include that the pact was "witnessed by General Burns." The Jordanians refused to accept this concession and remained adamant, despite all of Gen. Burns' efforts.

ISRAEL GREET'S CHURCHILL ON 80TH BIRTHDAY; LAUDED BY SHARETT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- A message expressing the admiration of the Israel people for Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill was sent to Sir Winston by Premier Moshe Sharett today, on the occasion of Sir Winston's 80th birthday.

"Israel unites today with Britain and with the nations of the world in paying homage to your matchless record of statesmanship," Mr. Sharett declared. In a reference to Sir Winston's lifelong advocacy of the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, Mr. Sharett's message said: "Your staunch advocacy of the Zionist idea and your belief in its justice and ultimate triumph and your joy in its consummation with the rise of an independent Israel, has earned for you the everlasting gratitude of the Jewish people."

(In London today it was reported that Sir Winston had received congratulatory messages from many Jewish groups, including the Zionist Federation of Britain, the Anglo-Jewish Association, Agudas Israel of Britain and the British Technion Society. The Federation of Jewish Relief Organizations held a ball tonight in the Prime Minister's honor.)

3,000 IMMIGRANTS ARRIVED IN ISRAEL IN NOVEMBER

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Some 3,000 immigrants arrived in Israel during November, it was reported here today by the Jewish Agency on the basis of preliminary data. The Agency also revealed that five Jews from the Soviet Union will fly here from Vienna tomorrow.

OPERATORS DIGGING OIL IN ISRAEL REPORTED TO BE OPTIMISTIC

TEL AVIV, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Oil operators digging their first series of wells in Israel were reported today to be optimistic.

It was stated that a party working near Massada, on the Dead Sea, had struck gas pockets last week and had immediately made preparations for capping the wells in the event that oil starts to erupt behind the gas.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT INTRODUCES NEW ELECTION LAW IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The government introduced in Parliament today a law for elections for the new Parliament, next year, with only minor changes of the law under which the current legislature was elected.

The new law provides that voters must have been citizens of Israel on the 31st of December of the year immediately preceding the elections. It also sets election day as the fourth Tuesday before the day on which the term of the present Parliament ends.

ISRAEL ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKS KNESSET TO LIFT MEMBER'S IMMUNITY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Attorney General Haim Cohen asked Parliament today to waive the immunity of one of its members, Deputy Minister of Welfare Shlomo Rosenberg, so that the government could bring him to trial on a charge of illegal financial transactions.

The charge specifies that Mr. Rosenberg, a Mizrahi leader, illegally transferred money from Switzerland to the account of a Mizrahi children's institution in Israel. A Knesset Committee will consider the matter next week.

COUNCIL FOR RESCUE OF EGYPTIAN JEWS ESTABLISHED IN ISRAEL

LONDON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- A National Council for the Rescue of Egyptian Jews has been established in Israel, in view of the grave situation of Egyptian Jewry, the World Jewish Congress announced today.

The Congress said that representatives of the council met with the WJC executive in Israel and urged that the Congress participate in an international campaign aimed at crystallizing support among Jews and non-Jews throughout the world to help Egyptian Jews.

The Council was reported to have made available to the Congress information to the effect that former Nazi officers now advising the military regime in Egypt were organizing a methodical campaign aimed at the physical and spiritual annihilation of Egyptian Jewry.

ISRAEL TRADE DELEGATION TO PROCEED TO CHINA THIS MONTH

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has informed the Peiping regime that the trade delegation invited to visit China will be headed by David Hacoen, Israel Minister to Burma.

The delegation will leave for China some time after December 15, it was learned today. Other members of the group include: Zalman Suzayeff, Deputy Minister for Trade and Industry; Moshe Bejerano, member of Parliament, and David Levin, head of the Far Eastern Division of the Foreign Ministry.

SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONISTS ARRANGES LOAN FOR JEWISH AGENCY

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The Zionist Federation of South Africa has arranged a loan of 250,000 pounds (\$700,000) for the Jewish Agency to help it establish settlements along Israel's border. S. M. Kuper, chairman of the federation, announced today. He revealed that 100,000 pounds has already been borrowed.

GERMAN MINISTER AND BERLIN MAYOR CLASH OVER ANTI-SEMITISM

BERLIN, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The effects of last week's anti-Semitic developments at the German Party rally here, when a number of persons were beaten and called "Jewish swine" for refusing to sing an ultra-nationalist song, spread today to a wider front as Bonn Minister of Transport Christoph Seebohm and Berlin Mayor Walther Schreiber exchanged attacks over the affair.

Herr Seebohm, who was the major speaker at the rally, threatened to bring a libel suit against Heinz Galinski, president of the Berlin Jewish community, who had expressed surprise that the Minister would address a meeting at which anti-Semitic acts and statements were made. While Herr Seebohm challenged the veracity of Herr Galinski's statement, Mayor Schreiber came to the Jewish leader's defense, asserting that the Jewish leader had truthfully related the incidents which took place while the Minister was at the German Party rally.

Herr Seebohm, who minimized the anti-Jewish incidents which occurred at the rally and charged that they had "undoubtedly been provoked by our political foes," defended fully the Berlin section of his party, which all observers here describe as neo-Nazi in character.

He also protested against the Berlin City Council's plastering the streets of Berlin with posters expressing the council's "indignation" at what had occurred at the German Party rally, and describing these developments as reminiscent of Nazi activities prior to 1933.

The council protest also stated that the Sportpalast (Berlin's equivalent of New York's Madison Square Garden) must never again be allowed to become a "starting point on the road to catastrophe." This was an allusion to the fact that the Sportpalast has become associated in the public mind with the huge Nazi propaganda rallies of Joseph Goebbels. It is for this reason that the German Party apparently chose the stadium for its rally, and the very reason that all other parties in the city shun it.

SENATORS OPPOSING MCCARTHY RECEIVE ANTI-SEMITIC LETTERS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Senator J. W. Fulbright of Arkansas said on the Senate floor today, during the debate on the McCarthy censure resolution, that his mail contained shockingly anti-Semitic material as a result of his anti-McCarthy stand.

Senator Fulbright quoted from a letter he had received from G. Gurley, president of the Chemical Attraction Oil Corporation of Texas. Mr. Gurley wrote to the Senator:

"When you joined the only Jew to vote against 76 Senators that proved you were the henchman of the Jew Deal. H. H. Lehman should be deported out of this nation to Russia, or let Germany take that 'bird' in and give him the gas, like Hitler did, as per my opinion of his record."

Mr. Gurley also wrote: "We know there is always some crackpot fronting for the Jews..." The oilman said he was associated with the movement to collect 10,000,000 signatures opposing passage of the censure resolution.

Other Senators opposing Senator Joseph R. McCarthy have made known that the volume of mail they have received in the last few days containing anti-Semitic matter is disturbing.

EDMOND FLEG, FRENCH JEWISH AUTHOR, HONORED ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

PARIS, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The Society of Men of Letters, France's most important literary group, today honored Edmond Fleg, French Jewish author and poet, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. The Society tendered him a reception at which he was presented with a special edition of his poems and selected prose works. In arranging the reception, the Society pointed out that this is the first time in its 130-year history that it thus honored any French writer.

DANISH SCHOLAR HONORED IN NEW YORK FOR SAVING JEWS FROM NAZIS

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The "gallantry and humanity" of the Danish, Swedish, and Norwegian peoples who rescued thousands of Jewish men and women in defiance of the Nazis during World War II were extolled today by leaders of the Synagogue Council of America, central national Jewish body representing the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbinic and lay movements in the United States.

Tribute by the organized American religious Jewish community was paid to the Scandinavian peoples and governments for "their rare demonstration of human courage and decency" that "translated itself into love of their fellow human beings" at a reception tendered by the Synagogue Council of America in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Aage Bertelsen of Denmark. Dr. Aage Bertelsen, pacifist and scholar, and his wife, initiated and directed a Danish underground movement which led to the saving of Denmark's 6,000 Jews by ferrying them to Sweden in defiance of the Nazis.

SIR LOUIS STERLING DONATES \$560,000 TO CHARITY IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- American-born Sir Louis Sterling marked his 75th birthday yesterday by donating 200,000 pounds (\$560,000) to charity. Sir Louis is president of the British Technion Society, which raises funds for the Israel Institute of Technology at Haifa.

Born of Jewish immigrant parents on New York's Lower East Side, Sir Louis went to Britain in 1903 to sell phonographs, and remained to become head of a recording company which dominated the entire European phonograph and radio field. A member of the famous Grand Boys Association of New York, Sir Louis was knighted in 1937.

J. N. F. GETS \$100,000 AT DINNER HONORING CANADIAN JEWISH LEADER

TORONTO, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund will be enriched by a sum of nearly one hundred thousand dollars as a result of a testimonial dinner held here in honor of J. Irving Oelbaum, to mark his 31st year in Jewish communal work. The proceeds will be used to found a colony in Israel, which will bear the name of Mr. Oelbaum.

Mr. Oelbaum left professional communal work in 1932 to enter into business, and has become an outstanding Canadian industrialist. During the subsequent years he has held high office in both Jewish and non-Jewish organizations. He has been president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto and president of District Grand Lodge, No. 1, B'nai B'rith, which comprises all of New York State, the New England states and Eastern Canada. At the present time he is president of the Central Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress and vice-president of the Zionist Organization of Canada.

FIVE-MONTH EXHIBIT ON HISTORY OF U.S. JEWRY OPENS TODAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- A five-month long exhibition of documents, paintings, reproductions and art objects connected with the history of American Jewry will be opened tomorrow at the Jewish Museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The exhibition, which carries the story of Jewry in connection with America from Columbus through the present day, is being presented as part of the observance this year of the American Jewish Tercentenary.