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ISRAEL AND EGYPT AGREE ON 13 POINTS; FOUR MORE POINTS TO SETTLE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Israel and Egyptian negotiators met at Kilometre 95, along the Gaza border, today to continue their weeks-long negotiations for an agreement designed to ease tension in the frontier region. At the end of the meeting Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, who presided over the session, appeared optimistic. The talks will continue tomorrow.

It is understood that 13 of 17 points involved in the discussions have been agreed to, but that the remaining four points on which agreement is still lacking are extremely important. Among these four points are: whether communications between the local commanders should be direct or through the United Nations; the rank of the local commanders who shall be in communication with each other; whether to hold local commanders' meetings with or without UN personnel present.

The problem of communications between the commanders was discussed today for a second time, but still no decision was reached. The Israelis favor direct talks to localize and minimize incidents, but the Egyptians insist on holding such communications only through UN personnel.

(Egypt is planning a southern land-sea route to Jordan, the Times of London reported today in a dispatch from Cairo. The overland route across the Negev was snapped when the State of Israel was established. The road will be built across the Sinai Peninsula, the dispatch said, and will connect with a ferry service at the Gulf of Akaba which will run to the Jordan port of Akaba, at the head of the Gulf. The same Sinai road will also branch off toward Jeddah, which is the port for Mecca, in Saudi Arabia.)

JEWS REPORTED IN DANGER IN MOROCCO; RABAT STORES CLOSED TWO WEEKS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Reports reaching here from Morocco assert that "Jewish lives are in constant danger" there, and that conditions for Jews have become "intolerable" in a number of Moroccan cities. In Rabat, Jewish stalls and shops have been closed for two weeks for fear of Moslem gangs, one report said.

A plea for speedy assistance for some 70,000 Moroccan Jews who have registered for immigration to Israel was voiced here today by Rabbi M. Fingerhut of Algiers, who reported on the situation of North African Jews to the joint world conference here of the Mizrachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi movements. Rabbi Fingerhut called for a "non-selective" immigration policy in Israel, warning that "we may be unable to accomplish tomorrow what can be accomplished today."

The conference set up a commission to consider the problem of North African immigration and to discuss with the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency urgent measures to bring North African immigrants to Israel immediately.

Extremists Oppose Equal Rights for Jews in Tunisia

TUNIS, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Although the Bey of Tunis has displayed friendship for the Jews on more than one occasion, and despite the fact that leaders of the nationalist Neo-Destour Party have given assurances that the Jews will enjoy equal rights in an independent Tunisia, Moslem leaders here, led by Sheikh Mohammed Djait, expressed complete opposition today to permitting non-Moslems to take any part in the government or administration when the country becomes autonomous.

This stand by the extremists was received with a good deal of apprehension by the Neo-Destour leaders who have prepared a draft of a constitution for Tunisia in which equal citizenship rights are provided for Jews and other non-Moslem elements of the population. Jewish leaders are concerned over the campaign started by Sheikh Djait to annul the promises made by the nationalist party to non-Moslems.

Meanwhile, it was reported today that Neo-Destour leaders are ready to enter into some kind of "limited relationship" with the Arab states, especially with Egypt. The report says that assurances to this effect have been given by the Tunisian nationalist leaders to an Egyptian mission which recently spent several weeks in Tunisia.

RUMANIA ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF ZIONIST LEADERS; NAMES MADE PUBLIC

VIENNA, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The Rumanian authorities have released a number of Zionist leaders following an appeal to the Supreme Court, it was reported here today from Bucharest. A list of the leaders released through outright acquittal by the High Court or by reduction of sentence was made public. It includes:

Dan Yeshno, Dr. Theodor Levenstein, Dr. Kornel Yanko, Regina Nossen, Yanko Mandelovitch, Emil Edelstein, Louis Dolberg, Moshe Schwartz, Sini Izikovitch, Yeshaya Tomerkin, Meir Rodich, Ina Zeilon, Leon Itzker, Mordechai Borshten, Yanko Brenner, Marcel Negrie, Szideriu Vitzan, Sami Krokener, Itzhak Schmidt, Friedrich Osterer, Rachal Michalovitz-Cohen, Blima Lupo, Moshe Belkirsh, Israel Stein, Meir Schwartz, Itzhak Itzker, Hugo Nacht and Gitta Beibovich. Also released were Mssrs. Gronich, Permo and Gabbai, none of whose first names were given in the list.

TALKS ON FORMATION OF COALITION CABINET START IN ISRAEL TODAY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Negotiations for the establishment of a coalition cabinet to govern Israel will get under way officially tomorrow, although Defense Minister David Ben Gurion has been "feeling out" various parties for the past ten days. The official negotiations will be initiated by a Mapai committee which will be named tonight at a meeting of the Labor Party's central committee.

In his earlier negotiations, Mr. Ben Gurion emphasized that he was not acting as Premier-designate but as "an ordinary citizen" and therefore was not interested in discussing details involved in a coalition such as the number of portfolios to be distributed to participating parties, but rather in general principles upon which a coalition could be based. Mr. Ben Gurion is known to have spoken with leaders of Mapam, Poale Agudah, Poale Mizרחי and Progressives.

As of tomorrow, the Mapai committee will be discussing practical aspects in the organizing of a government with the representatives of various parties. The general impression here is that whether the committee, Mr. Ben Gurion or any one else conducts the negotiations serious obstacles will be met. It is freely predicted that the negotiations will last many weeks.

WORLD CONGRESS FOR HEBREW CULTURE OPENS IN ISRAEL; 100 U.S. DELEGATES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The second World Congress for Hebrew Culture was opened here last night by Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi in the presence of some 250 delegates who assembled here from all parts of the world. The largest delegation consists of some 100 persons from the United States.

The Congress is sponsored jointly by the Department of Culture and Education of the World Zionist Organization and the World Union for Hebrew Culture. The first congress was held in 1950.

Zalman Shazar, member of the Jewish Agency executive, who was the major speaker at last night's session, spoke about the state of Hebrew culture in countries outside Israel and said that the main outcome of this congress is expected to be a complete reorganization of the movement to spread Hebrew culture. Premier Moshe Sharett spoke briefly and greetings were read from Chief Rabbis Isaac Herzog and Yitzhak Nissim.

JEWISH CENTER FOR U.S. SOLDIERS CLOSES IN GERMANY; OPEN 10 YEARS

HEIDELBERG, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- After ten years of service to American military personnel stationed in Germany, the Jewish Welfare Board Center in this university town, which is also headquarters of the U.S. Army in Europe, has closed its doors. The building is being returned to the German student fraternity from which it was originally requisitioned.

The many-faceted program of the center will, however, not be abandoned. It is being shifted to Kaiserslautern, the hub of the greatest concentration of American military strength in Germany. Aaron Grodsky, for the past several years JWB representative for Germany, will remain in charge.

The center, opened early in 1946 by the Jewish Welfare Board, has been a "home away from home" for literally thousands of GI's, officers and civilian employees of the armed forces. In addition to serving their spiritual needs, it sponsored a variegated recreational program.

BERLIN COURT ORDERS ANTI-SEMITIC TO MOVE FROM JEWISH-OWNED BUILDING

BERLIN, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A local court has ordered a German woman tenant to vacate her apartment, a long-term lease notwithstanding, because she had made an anti-Semitic remark and, under the circumstances the Jewish landlord, Mrs. Betty Klempere of Cleveland, Ohio, could not be expected to continue the relationship.

MAJORITY OF BRITONS LIKE JEWS; FAVOR INTERMARRIAGE WITH JEWS

LONDON, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Twelve percent of all people who replied to a poll of readers of the Daily Herald, the Labor Party newspaper in this country, are prejudiced against Jews, the newspaper disclosed this weekend. The poll was undertaken after the news broke of a college in Cambridge considering whether to accept or reject a bequest tied to anti-Semitic and anti-Negro conditions.

The poll also found that more than half--52 percent--of the readers liked all Jews. Replying to another query, more than half of the Daily Herald's readers said that they would approve of their children marrying Jews.

U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS DIFFICULTIES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. , Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The difficulties which the United Nations has experienced in finding practical methods to speed adoption and implementation of the principles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on a world-wide basis are emphasized by U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold in his report to the forthcoming General Assembly which will open here next month.

"The consolidation and extension of human rights throughout the world continues to be a solemn obligation of the United Nations," Mr. Hammarskjold states. "It is perhaps in this field that future lines of action are most difficult to define. International instruments embodying the principles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights do not yet appear to meet with general acceptance, and it is doubtful whether the technical assistance approach, which has proved so fruitful in other fields, could contribute significantly to the promotion of human rights.

"It should not be surprising that, having laid down universal standards in an area where cultural differences are so wide and fundamental, the United Nations should experience some difficulties in finding practical methods to enhance the adoption and implementation of these standards on a world-wide basis. These inevitable difficulties should not generate a sense of frustration, nor should it prompt the organization to actions with doubtful implications. In carrying out its obligations under the Charter in the field of human rights, the organization should favor initiatives leading forward without introducing the risk of sterile and endless controversy," the U. N. Secretary General recommends.

BOSTON JEWS WARNED OF MULTIPLICITY OF FUND-RAISING DRIVES

BOSTON, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Jews in Boston were urged to grant an overwhelming portion of their philanthropy dollars to the Combined Jewish Appeal in a call issued here by Jewish community leaders following an all-day conference at which plans were mapped for the 1955 CJA campaign which gets under way in a few weeks.

The all-day planning conference adopted a resolution calling attention to the growing multiplicity of independent fund raising campaigns which constitute a threat to the central Jewish community organization which shoulders the responsibility of financing a network of 201 health, welfare, education and recreation agencies helping Jewry at home, nationally overseas and in Israel. It reaffirmed the basic principle that "all valid Jewish appeals deserving the support of the full Jewish community belong in the Combined Jewish Appeal, except when there is mutual agreement between it and an outside agency that the latter shall conduct its own campaign."

"In such an event," the resolution stated, "the timing and other conditions governing such campaigns should be worked out in agreement with the Combined Jewish Appeal" since "it is only through orderly and responsible processes that maximum support can be obtained, while maintaining the principle of flexibility for the initiation and growth of worthy new causes where required." The resolution emphasized that it has the responsibility of developing community cooperation "to the point where prospective contributors will clear with the CJA before making contributions to independent drives and clearance of CJA.

While a considerable portion of the planning conference was devoted to problems of fund raising, the community leaders spent much time discussing other vital problems. A major portion of the day's deliberations was devoted to a discussion and exchange of ideas regarding the population shifts taking place in the Greater Boston area and the growth of suburbia. The conference called for the conduct of a community survey which would provide information about the nature of the old and new Jewish communities.

IOWA GOVERNOR ACTS TO CHECK RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

SIOUX CITY, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Gov. Leo A. Hoegh has appointed Meyer S. Levitt, of Sioux City, chairman of a committee to study the problem of employment discrimination in Iowa on grounds of race and religion. Mr. Levitt, a finance company executive, is active in Jewish affairs.

U. S. PRESS CRITICIZES NAVY DEPT.'S REFUSAL TO COMMISSION LANDY

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The Navy Department's refusal to commission Eugene Landy, the 21-year-old Jewish youth who graduated Friday from the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point Long Island, with second highest honors, was ridiculed today by newspapers from all parts of the country regardless of political differences among them.

The Navy Department refused Mr. Landy the commission on the grounds that his mother had been a Communist and that he was "close to his mother." Most newspaper comments today praised Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas for setting the case and ordering an investigation of the circumstances of the Landy case.

Earlier, Sen. Herbert H. Lehman issued a blast at the Navy's action and demanded an investigation. The Daughters of the American Revolution, which had awarded Mr. Landy a plaque for academic achievement, announced it would not withdraw the award. The youth, who has won a scholarship to study admiralty law at Yale Law School, sailed today on a Sun Oil Company tanker for a 30-day voyage to earn money to continue his studies at Yale.

CENSUS IN FAIRFIELD ESTABLISHES PROFESSIONS OF JEWISH POPULATION

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A survey of the Jewish community of the nearby town of Fairfield has revealed that the breadwinners of the 500 Jewish families are chiefly professionals, owners and executives, but with a goodly number of semi-skilled workers.

The professionals, the survey indicated, number 134, the owners, managers and executives total 246 and the semi-skilled workers come to 139. Included in the latter category are 34 factory workers and five truck drivers. Although Fairfield Jews make up only one-eighth of the Jewish population of the Bridgeport area, they supply almost one-third of the funds raised for the Bridgeport United Jewish Campaign. The survey, carried out by the Jewish community center of Bridgeport in cooperation with Fairfield Jews, also found that the 500 families had 919 children.

REFORM LEADERS CLARIFY STAND ON ESTABLISHING CONGREGATION IN ISRAEL

CINCINNATI, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A statement denying a newspaper report that Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of Hebrew Union College-- Jewish Institute of Religion, who is now on an archeological mission in Israel, will become a rabbi of a Reform congregation to be established there this year was issued here by HUC-JIR. The statement reads:

"Some months ago the College-Institute announced that it will establish, in Israel, the American Jewish Cultural Institute, a branch of HUC-JIR. This latter institution will not be a congregation. It will be a school for research, for graduate students, and for those College-Institute students who wish to come there to catch the spirit of the prophets of old, by which they were able to utter the great ethical truths, the only verities that can save our world today.

"Through our projected cultural center of American Judaism in Palestine, we hope to bring the spirit of American Liberal culture to Israel, and to demonstrate to the Israelis how we have tried to effectuate a synthesis of the finest ideals of America. The Institute in Israel will include a chapel.

"The College-Institute is cooperating with the World Union for Progressive Judaism and with other Liberal Jewish agencies in the United States toward creation of an indigenous Liberal Jewish movement in Israel. But the American Jewish Cultural Institute is an entirely separate endeavor. Dr. Glueck would certainly have confided in us if he had any plans for establishing or leading a congregation in Israel."

AMERICAN EXPERT LECTURES IN ISRAEL ON SYNAGOGUE ARCHITECTURE IN U. S.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A lecture on synagogue architecture in the United States was delivered here by Rachel Wischnitzer, American expert and author, before a group at the Bezalel Museum. The lecture was arranged by the Israel Association of Architects and Engineers.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY MADE BY ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGISTS DURING EXCAVATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A new major discovery has been made at the famous diggings at Bet Shearim, between Haifa and Nahalal, the Israel Exploration Society announced today. Archaeologists have discovered a number of rooms and passageways carved out of solid rock and filled with scores of sarcophagi, many of them decorated. The excavations, now in their eighth year, have revealed many objects dating back to the period of the Second Temple, which was destroyed by the Romans.