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ISRAEL-ENVOY OFFERS PEACE TO ARABS AT U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 31. (JTA) -- The hand of peace was offered to the Arab states today by Abba Eban, head of the Israel delegation to the United Nations, addressing a meeting of the UN Security Council at which was discussed the British resolution aimed at strengthening the recent cease-fire achievements along the Arab-Israel frontiers by UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. The discussion will continue tomorrow.

Mr. Eban urged the Arabs to join Israel in a "journey toward peace." He said that although Israel seeks to strengthen its defenses in order to prevent aggression, the Government of Israel wants peace with its Arab neighbors, and believes that if all the countries in the area unite their efforts the Middle East can prosper and develop. He pointed to Premier Ben Gurion's recent statement of readiness to meet with any head of the Arab states at any time and in any place to talk peace.

Emphasizing that Israel had extended cooperation to Mr. Hammarskjold during his recent "peace mission" in the Middle East, Ambassador Eban told the Council that although Israel has some reservations with regard to certain parts of Mr. Hammarskjold's report, it nevertheless associates itself with the expression of appreciation of Mr. Hammarskjold's achievements contained in the British resolution. He called for corroboration of the gains achieved by Mr. Hammarskjold and announced that Israel will continue to cooperate with the UN Secretary General in his efforts to strengthen his cease-fire achievements on the Arab-Israel frontiers and to pave the way for further Arab-Israel agreement.

Referring to the British recommendations for "full compliance" with the armistice agreements by Israel and the Arab states, Mr. Eban said that such "full compliance" naturally means the abolition of belligerent practices on land and sea as provided by a number of United Nations resolutions. Mr. Eban took issue with Ahmed Shukairy, of Syria, who preceded him at today's meeting of the Security Council. He stressed that Israel could not accept Mr. Shukairy's views with regard to the development of the Jordan waters.

Although there is no open warfare in the Middle East, Mr. Eban said, the atmosphere is one of "tense, brooding turbulence" fraught with "great menace." He pointed out that the destruction of Israel was a matter of public discussion and policy in Arab states, that the Arab states were re-arming to an extent and with armaments never before seen in the Middle East. This means, Mr. Eban stressed, that the "greater part of the journey toward peace" must still be traversed. He asked for positive action now by the Security Council, pointing out that once it dispersed, there was no telling when it would again take the opportunity of dealing with the Arab-Israel conflict which was still in a dangerous state.

Arabs Oppose British Resolution; Soviet Urges Changes in Text

Opposition to the British resolution was expressed at the Security Council meeting by the representatives of Syria, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan. Especially sharp in his opposition was the Syrian delegate Ahmad Shukairy who characterized the resolution as "evil" and delivered one of the most virulent attacks against a great power ever voiced here by a representative of a smaller nation.

The Syrian delegate "condemned" the resolution and said that Palestine was "part and parcel of the Arab homeland." The Arab world, he said, will not subject itself to the acceptance of Israel. The representatives of Jordan and Lebanon spoke in similar vein, but the representative of Egypt took a somewhat milder tone.

Soviet delegate Arkady Sobolev appealed to the Arabs and Israel to "refrain from (armistice) violations, and maintain and strengthen the peace." The Soviet Government, he said, "is prepared to afford support to the United Nations to that end, taking account of the will of the parties concerned and without interference in their internal affairs."

Mr. Sobolev said that further efforts to maintain and strengthen the peace in the Middle East "should be preceded by consultations with the Arab countries and Israel and with those members of the Council who have the major responsibility" for peace in the Middle East. He said that "unfortunately" the parties and all of the powers concerned -- obviously meaning the USSR -- had not been consulted before the British resolution was presented. He expressed the hope that Britain as a sponsor of the resolution would make some changes especially those sought by Egypt and Iran in order that the resolution may be adopted unanimously.

SHARETT TO REMAIN IN CABINET; OTHERS CONSIDERED FOR MAPAI LEADERSHIP

JERUSALEM, May 31. (JTA) -- A decision on pulling a Mapai Minister out of the Cabinet and placing him at the helm of the party in an attempt to stem internal differences and to otherwise strengthen the Labor movement, is expected to be taken next week by a special committee of nine top party leaders who, under the chairmanship of Premier David Ben Gurion, have been studying the problem, it was learned here today.

The decision on who should be the new secretary general of the party seems to be swinging away from Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, who was first believed to be the best choice. The prevailing opinion is that changing the country's Foreign Minister at this stage would be costly from a political point of view. Reports here have either Labor Minister Golda Myerson or Finance Minister Levi Eshkol as likely candidates for the top party posts. Mr. Sharett is keeping aloof from the discussions and is pictured as prepared to take whatever assignment the party gives him.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT DENIES SENDING 90 TANKS AND MUNITIONS TO EGYPT

PARIS, May 31. (JTA) -- The French Foreign Office denied today reports originating here that 90 French tanks and a shipload of munitions had been sent to Egypt.

A Quai d'Orsay spokesman said that neither the Foreign Office nor the Defense Ministry knew of deliveries of this nature nor of negotiations concerning them. The spokesman admitted, however, that certain deliveries had been made on an order for 40 tanks placed by Egypt last July. The last ten of these, he said, were in the process of delivery.

MOROCCO WILL BE PRESSURED TO JOIN ARAB LEAGUE, MOROCCAN LEADER PLEDGES

PARIS, May 31. (JTA) -- A major Moroccan party will make an all-out effort to ally Morocco with the Arab League, it was reported here today from Damascus.

Addressing a press conference here, Mohammed Hassa Ouzanni, general secretary of the Moroccan Independence Party, said that he would bend all his efforts toward that goal. He also expressed opposition to the emigration of Israel-bound Moroccan Jews, asserting that since "we recognize that our Jewish brothers have the rights of all citizens" there is no justification for such emigration.

DANGER FOR JEWS IN NO. AFRICA GROWING; EMIGRATION OF 100,000 PLANNED

TEL AVIV, May 31. (JTA) -- Political developments in North Africa have reached a point where the danger to the Jewish population is so great that Israel must plan on accepting 100,000 North African Jews this year, Yehuda Braginsky, new head of the Jewish Agency absorption department, said today.

He revealed that 20,000 more Jews are expected to arrive from North Africa by the end of September, bringing the year's total at that point to 54,000. The first year's absorption costs for each family, he estimated, comes to about 7,000 pounds. The 20,000 families composing the 100,000 anticipated immigrants will cost 140,000,000 pounds, he underscored.

He made a twofold plea for financial assistance: to the Jews of Israel and to world Jewry outside Israel. To Jews abroad he appealed for the greatest possible fund-raising efforts. The Israelis he urged to make greater economic sacrifices to be able to meet the costs of admitting new immigrants, even to the extent of foregoing housing construction currently in the planning stage.

THREE ALGERIANS SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR THROWING GRENADE AT SYNAGOGUE

PARIS, May 31. (JTA) -- Three Algerian terrorists were sentenced to death today for throwing a hand grenade at Jews emerging from a synagogue in Constantine, Eastern Algeria, last week-end. A report from Algiers said that a military tribunal had passed the death sentences. Three Jews were wounded when the bomb exploded.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS DELEGATION WILL GO TO MOSCOW IN SEPTEMBER

JERUSALEM, May 31. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress delegation which will visit Moscow at the invitation of Moscow Chief Rabbi Solomon Schleifer will leave for the Soviet Union in September to be there during the High Holidays, it was revealed here today.

While today's meeting of the Israel section of the World Jewish Congress did not name any member to the Moscow delegation, it became known that the group which goes will include representatives of the principal centers of Jewish life -- in Israel, United States, Latin America, Britain and France. The decision on the composition of the delegation will be made at a forthcoming conference of the WJC executive to be held either in Europe or in Israel.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann reported to the parley today on the negotiations which led to the issuance of the invitation by Rabbi Schleifer. He also explained what the delegation hoped to do in the USSR and its plans for contacting top Soviet officials while visiting the Jewish communities and studying their needs.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT NAMES BOARD TO DISTRIBUTE \$21,000,000 IN CLAIMS FUND

VIENNA, May 31. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government has designated the eight members and eight alternate members of the board that, on the basis of an agreement reached in June 1955 with the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria, is to administer the distribution to Nazi victims from Austria of the \$21,000,000 fund which will be made available for relief and rehabilitation purposes over the next ten years.

Chairman of the board is Dr. Franz Sobek, director general of the Government Printing Office here and himself a former inmate of the Dachau concentration camp, as well as president of the League of Nazi Victims. As executive secretary, the board has appointed Dr. George Weisz, who for the past several years headed the Berlin office of the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization. He is already here.

The four Jewish members of the eight-man board are Dr. Charles Kapralik of London and Hermann Kraemer of Tel Aviv, both active in representative bodies of Jews from Austria; Vienna insurance executive Norbert Liebermann and Dr. Emil Maurer, the president of the Vienna Jewish Community. The alternate Jewish members are Fred Jellinek of New York, Felix Bacher, a Vienna businessman, and Wilhelm Krell, the executive director of the Vienna Jewish Community. The Catholic Church is represented by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Leopold Ungar, who is of Jewish ancestry.

The board agreed that the fund will begin to function on June 1 and that applications for compensation payments will have to be filed within a year. It is estimated that some 15,000 former Austrian Jews, who for the most part now live in the United States, England and Israel, will eventually benefit.

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR DEMANDS RELEASE OF 15 CHARGED WITH KILLING JEWS

VIENNA, May 31. (JTA) -- Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab, leader of the People's Party, larger of the two parties in the coalition government, clashed today with his Socialist colleagues in the Cabinet over the arrest of 15 Austrian ex-policemen arrested here last week and accused of having participated in the mass extermination of Jews in a number of cities during the Nazi occupation of Poland. The Chancellor wanted the men released and further investigation of their case dropped; the Socialists refused. It is expected that the next government, which will again have the People's Party leading it, will pass wider amnesty laws for ex-Nazis.

Yesterday, the Cabinet decided to advise the Ministry of Justice to speed up its investigation into the cases of 15 Austrian ex-policemen. At the same time, a spokesman for the Chancellery declared that any possible recommendation for amnesty for the policemen must await the new Austrian Government, since the present government must resign shortly, following recent Austrian elections.

The People's Party has protested the arrests, declaring that the policemen had already been sufficiently punished and had suffered enough in Soviet prison camps. The People's Party offered the same explanation in the case of a former Gestapo leader, Johann Sanitzer, who was once sentenced to life imprisonment by an Austrian court, then turned over to the Russians, and has remained free here since his release by them. The Austrian veterans organization also protested the arrest of the 15 accused policemen on the grounds that the accusations against them are based on Communist Polish assertions.

On the other hand, the Austrian resistance movement defended the arrests, and demanded that the proved murderers be sentenced since the accusations against them are well-founded.

JEWISH EX-OFFICERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REINSTATEMENT IN GERMAN ARMY

BONN, May 31. (JTA) -- There are two former German Army officers of Jewish descent among 44 who have recently been ruled eligible for reactivation or reinstatement on the basis of their having been ousted by Hitler for reasons rooted in Nazi ideology, it was learned from the Defense Ministry here.

The data was obtained through an attempt by Social Democratic Bundestag deputy Dr. Adolf Arndt to find out why no officers removed by Hitler on political or racial grounds, and, therefore, entitled to at least their old rank, have so far been appointed to the new German army.

JEWISH PHYSICIAN NAMED BARON BY QUEEN OF ENGLAND; OTHER JEWS HONORED

LONDON, May 31. (JTA) -- Prof. Sir Henry Cohen, 56-year-old world famous diagnostician and professor of medicine at Liverpool University, was named a Baron today in the Queen's Honors List. Among the other Jews awarded honors today are: Rabbi Jacob Danglow of St. Kilda, Victoria, Australia, named a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George; A. Samuel of London, named a Commander of the British Empire, and H. Berman, temporary chief executive officer of the British Information Services in Bonn, who was awarded the Order of the British Empire.

CANADA SEEN AS BRIGHT SPOT FOR JEWISH IMMIGRATION AT N. C. J. C. S.

ST. LOUIS, May 31. (JTA) -- Canada was described as a bright spot in the emigration plans of the United Hias Service for Jews from North Africa at the concluding session here today of the convention of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service. The convention, attended by more than 1,000 Jewish social workers from all parts of the country, heard a report on Jewish migration from James P. Rice, acting executive director of United Hias. Edward M. Kahn, executive director of the Jewish Social Service Federation and the Jewish Welfare Fund of Atlanta, Ga., was elected president of the Conference.

During the last two days the convention discussed anti-Jewish discrimination and heard reports on attempts to introduce religious instruction into the public schools. Leo Pfeiffer, associate general counsel of the American Jewish Congress, told the parley that there is great pressure developing to evade the U. S. Supreme Court's decision banning religious instruction from the public schools. Opposition to this decision, he noted, was widespread although the majority of Americans are opposed to sectarianism in the schools.

The problem of discrimination against the admission of Jewish students to colleges and universities is not as great now as it has been in the past, A. Abbot Rosen, executive director of the mid-west region of the Anti-Defamation League, told the convention. With the lessening of bias in industry against Jews and other minorities, Mr. Rosen said, schools which discriminate have lost the props of the argument that they train students for specific fields and that they do not accept students who cannot be placed in such fields for reasons beyond the colleges' responsibility.

Moishe Barsella, director general of the Israeli Ministry of Social Welfare, told the convention that social welfare plays a vital role in Israel's domestic life. He reported that last year the government gave special welfare assistance to 200,000 persons, including 54,000 Arabs. He appealed to American social workers to contribute "their experience and their American technical know-how to strengthen and expand Israeli social services."

PAN-AMERICAN "OSE" CONFERENCE ON JEWISH HEALTH OPENED IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, May 31. (JTA) -- The first Pan-American OSE Conference opened here today, attended by delegations from the United States and Jewish communities in Latin American countries. It will discuss medical and health requirements of the Jewish population in various countries, problems of Jewish child care, dissemination of medical knowledge among Jews in Central and South America, and other problems concerning Jewish health. A number of prominent physicians will address the five-day parley.

In a statement issued here by Abel Shaban, chairman of the World Union of OSE who arrived here from Johannesburg to preside at the gathering, it was emphasized that "the purposes of the conference are to obtain first-hand information on the existing health conditions of the Jewish populations, their needs and requirements in the field of health, child-care and medical education in the various Latin-American countries, and also to formulate a program of OSE health activities in these countries in conformity with local needs and in cooperation with the Jewish communities and existing medical institutions and organizations there."

ORTHODOX RABBIS URGE DISASSOCIATION FROM SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

GREENFIELD PARK, N. Y., May 31. (JTA) -- The 14th annual convention of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, representing about 400 Orthodox rabbis, concluded here today with decisions "to make Orthodoxy a militant and autonomous group free from any encroachment and influence by our pseudo-co-religionists from the Conservative and Reform ranks."

Leaders of the organization, in their addresses at the convention, urged Orthodox rabbinic and lay groups to disassociate themselves from the Synagogue Council of America and from the New York Board of Rabbis. The two latter bodies are composed of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations.

LARGE SECTION OF WINGATE FOREST IN ISRAEL DESTROYED BY FIRE

TEL AVIV, May 31. (JTA) -- Tens of thousands of trees in the Wingate Forest on Mt. Gilboa burned down Monday in the worst fire of the season. Initial estimates set the damage caused by the blaze at 250,000 pounds. The fire was started accidentally by a watchman. Fanned by a high wind, it spread rapidly and went out of control. Firemen from Tiberias, Afulah and Hadera battled the blaze in efforts to localize the damage.

H. ROSENBLATT, NOTED JEWISH AUTHOR, DIES IN CALIFORNIA; WAS 78

LOS ANGELES, May 31. (JTA) -- Henry Rosenblatt, prominent Jewish writer, died here today at the age of 78. He was the author of numerous works in Yiddish. Born in Russia, he came to the United States as a boy of 14. He was a winner of the Louis LaMed Foundation literary award and served as honorary president of the California YIVO.