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SECRETARY DULLES REVEALS PLAN TO PREVENT SYRIAN-ISRAELI CLASHES

WASHINGTON, April 1. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles indicated at his press conference today that there is a plan, acceptable to Israel, which may prevent further clashes between Syria and Israel in the Lake Huleh area. He said that the flare-ups along the Israel-Syrian border arise primarily from irrigation work being carried out by Israel in a demilitarized zone the precise limits of which are not altogether clear, but probably involve a few hundred yards.

Asked whether he has considered the advisability of proposing the stationing of United Nations Emergency Forces along the Israel-Syrian border, as was done on the Israel-Egyptian frontier, Secretary Dulles replied: "I don't know of any consideration being given to that proposal at the present time. I would hope, and we have considerable reason to hope, that this matter can be settled through the United Nations machinery that is already there."

"There is a plan," Mr. Dulles said, "to have a survey made which would permit of delimiting with greater accuracy just exactly what are the boundaries of the neutralized zone, and there is an indication of the willingness of the Israeli Government to comply with whatever is the result of that survey. So I would hope that the matter could be worked out in an amicable way and without such a rather major operation that would be required to establish new units of the UNEF in that area."

Meanwhile, U.S. official sources revealed that American diplomats in Israel and Syria are urging restraint. An evaluation of possible wider implications of the Syrian-Israel border affair has been requested from the American Embassy in Cairo, U. A. R. capital, by the State Department.

ISRAEL CABINET REVIEWS SYRIAN ATTACKS; DECIDES TO CONTINUE DRAINAGE

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet met in extraordinary session today to review the implications of the recurrent Syrian attacks on Israeli workers in the area south of Lake Huleh, along the Israel-Syrian frontier. Yesterday's attack, which resulted in a two-and-a-half hour tank and cannon duel, left one Israeli dead and three wounded in the frontier Kibbutz Halatha to which the Syrians spread their firing.

It was reported that the Cabinet unanimously decided to proceed with the drainage work in the Lake Huleh area, though the official communique following the session did not reveal any decision. Premier David Ben-Gurion reviewed the situation and Foreign Minister Golda Meir reported on her conversation with United Nations truce chief Maj. Gen. Carl C. von Horn, whom she summoned to the Foreign Office yesterday to explain the gravity with which Israel views the latest border outbreak.

In a statement to the press, Mrs. Meir this morning expressed hope that the United Nations will succeed in influencing the Syrians to end their shooting at Israeli workers in the Lake Huleh region. She emphasized that the drainage work which the Syrians are attempting to disrupt is being carried out on Israeli soil which is not even in the demilitarized zone.

An uneasy cease-fire, enforced after several false starts yesterday, continues in the Lake Huleh region today. Tension, however, continues high as Israeli settlers clear away the debris at Kibbutz Halatha where shell bursts took their toll among the settlers who had taken shelter in previously prepared entrenchments.

Cairo Reported Seeking U. N. Security Council Meeting

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 1. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic was reported here this morning to have sent a request directly from Cairo for a meeting of the Security Council on the complaint of alleged Israeli "aggression" in the Lake Huleh region along the Syrian border.

Simultaneously, the UAR delegation at the United Nations today took its complaint to Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., the American delegate and this month's president of the Council. Mr. Lodge is understood to have asked the delegation not to submit a request for a meeting of the Security Council today.

KNESSET APPROVES RECORD BUDGET OF 1,197,900,000 POUNDS FOR 1958

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament approved today a record budget of 1,197,900,000 Israeli pounds for the fiscal year of 1958 which began today. The deputies promptly recessed for the Passover holiday.

The Herut, General Zionists and Communists voted against the budget, while the Agudah and Labor Agudah Parties abstained. During the 22 days of debate in the House, the budget was increased by 35,000,000 pounds.

Before wielding his gavel to close the session, Speaker Joseph Sprinzak voiced the Parliament's holiday greeting to the President, the army and the people. The recess will last until May 19.

SHELL OIL COMPANY ANNOUNCES SALE OF ALL ITS ISRAELI ASSETS

LONDON, April 1. (JTA) -- The Shell Oil Company announced here that it had completed today the formal transfer of all its installations and assets in Israel, as well as the assets of British Petroleum, to an investment group headed by Isaac Wolfson, British industrialist. Though the actual purchase price was not announced, it was understood that the value of the property transferred was in the vicinity of 4,250,000 pounds (\$12,100,000).

Included in the transfer were all stores of petroleum products including the stores and installations in Haifa, the bulk oil depots at Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Beersheba, 50 service stations throughout the country and additional pumps, tank trucks and other equipment. The investor group was organized under the name of IWOL.

DUTCH FINANCIERS FLOAT \$2,000,000 LOAN FOR JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY

AMSTERDAM, April 1. (JTA) -- A Dutch financial group has floated a \$2,000,000 loan for the Jerusalem municipality, it was announced here today. Designed to enable the city to carry out local development projects, the six percent loan is repayable in 30 years.

It was also reported today that leading Netherlands Catholics and Protestants of various denominations joined Dutch Jews in pressing the current Israel bond sales drive on the occasion of Israel's tenth anniversary. This is the first time in Holland's history that such a wide spectrum of Christian support has been mobilized on Israel's behalf.

IMMIGRANT WHO THREW GRENADE IN KNESSET CONCLUDES HIS OWN DEFENSE

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- Moshe Douek, the young immigrant on trial here for throwing a hand grenade into the Knesset last October and wounding five Cabinet Ministers including Premier David Ben Gurion, summed up his own defense in District Court today, attempting to stress testimony establishing a mental lapse and "irresistible impulse" at the time of the deed.

Pressed by the court to enter a plea of insanity, which may not legally be entertained once the trial moves to the detailed examination of evidence, Mr. Douek retorted that to do so would mean an admission of guilt. Nevertheless, serving as his own counsel, he analyzed the testimony of various witnesses in such a way as to indicate he will attempt to prove that he is not normal.

BURMESE DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL AS GUESTS

TEL AVIV, April 1. (JTA) -- A delegation from the Burmese Minister of Defense arrived here last night to spend a week in Israel as guests of the Israeli Defense Ministry. The Burmese group is headed by U Maung Maung, Permanent Secretary of the Defense Ministry.

Foreign Minister Golda Meir told newsmen today that Liberian President Tubman, Ghanaian Premier Nkrumah and West Nigerian Premier Balawo will visit Israel this Spring or Summer in the aftermath of her visit to Africa. In addition, numerous youth delegations from many countries, particularly French West Africa, will come to Israel for training in cooperative agricultural techniques and other fields.

JEWS FROM ARAB LANDS MUST BE CONSIDERED REFUGEES, CHURCH LEADER SAYS

GENEVA, April 1. (JTA) -- A leading Protestant church official has issued a warning against ignoring the fact that the Middle East refugee problem includes Jews as well as Arabs.

Dr. Elfan Rees, representative of the Commission of Churches on International Affairs and advisor on Refugee Affairs to the World Council of Churches, asserted in a 254-page booklet, "Century of the Homeless Man," that it was "necessary to remember that concurrently with the perpetuation of the Arab refugee problem, more than 400,000 Jews were forced to leave their homes in Iraq, Yemen and North Africa."

SOVIET JUDGE HEARING ISRAEL'S CASE AGAINST MOSCOW RESIGNS

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- An ailing member of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce arbitration tribunal whose illness has several times held up Israel's suit for more than \$2,000,000 in damages resulting from Soviet breaching of an oil-for-citrus pact has resigned because of ill health, it was learned here today.

Since the judge, M. Ramzaytsev, was chosen by Israel from an available panel, Israel will now have to make another selection. It is hoped here that this aspect of the case will be gotten through with shortly and the hearings resumed.

Israel's case is based on the fact that the Soviet oil exporting trust abrogated its contract after the Sinai operation on the grounds that the USSR Government had ordered it to. Israel holds that the company and the government are in fact one and therefore responsible for damages.

HEARINGS STARTED IN SLOVAKIA AGAINST 17 FASCIST WAR CRIMINALS

LONDON, April 1. (JTA) -- Hearings have begun in Zilina, Slovakia, on an application of the regional prosecutor for the re-opening of criminal proceedings against 17 members of the anti-Semitic Hlinka Guard accused of war crimes and atrocities in 1945 against Slovak patriots, anti-Nazi partisans and Jews. A report of the proceedings was broadcast by Prague Radio and heard here.

The men were tried originally by a people's court after the liberation and sentenced to prison for various crimes. New evidence has since been found and the state moved to quash the old sentences and re-open the case on the basis of a broader indictment. One of the defendants, Anton Sedlacek, has told the court of escorting a party of Jewish prisoners from one concentration camp to another.

GOVERNOR GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA LAUDS JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO COUNTRY

SYDNEY, Australia, April 1. (JTA) -- Field Marshal Sir William Slim, Governor General of Australia, paid high tribute here last night to the role of Jews in the development of this country. He spoke at a dinner in his honor tendered by the local Jewish community. Three hundred guests attended.

Sir William noted that Middle East events have shown that in addition to their qualities in the arts, music, science and commerce, the Jews have not lost their martial spirit. He pointed out that in Australia Jews had also contributed to the military arts, singling out the late World War I hero of Australia, Sir John Monash, who was the first commander of the Australian corps which fought in France in that war.

U. N. ASKED TO PUBLISH CONFIDENTIAL DATA ON VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 1. (JTA) -- Israel and the United States joined here today in putting through the Human Rights Commission a resolution looking toward the possibility that the United Nations would make public a heretofore confidential report about violations of human rights in countries throughout the world.

The resolution was adopted after a plea by Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, UN representative of the World Jewish Congress, who asked for such steps on the ground that the world should know whenever governments are accused of violations of human rights.

Declaring that often, private organizations -- for which governments are not responsible -- foment a racial prejudice on an international scale, Dr. Perlzweig said that Ku Klux Klan type propaganda is being disseminated not only in the United States but also in Sweden and other European countries.

Non-governmental organizations, Dr. Perlzweig said, should be encouraged to file reports about human rights violations, and governments should be given an opportunity to reply to such reports. However, the WJC representative indicated, such reports should be made public even when governments fail to reply to the charges. He declared that in the last nine years about 65,000 complaints have been received at the UN. To date these complaints have not been published.

Roger N. Baldwin, representing the League for Human Rights, also spoke for the resolution. The resolution, co-sponsored by Israel, Argentina, Belgium and The Philippines, received the favorable vote of the United States, Italy, Mexico and Lebanon. Negative votes were cast by Britain, France, Russia, the Ukraine, Poland, India and Iran. The resolution, finally adopted by a vote of nine to seven, with Ceylon abstaining, authorizes establishment of a committee to recommend steps for publishing the reports to the Human Rights Commission.

21 JEWISH EMIGRANTS FROM POLAND AMONG PASSENGERS RESCUED AT SEA

SYDNEY, April 1. (JTA) -- Twenty-one Jews were among the 1,000 passengers and crewmembers rescued from the burning Norwegian immigrant vessel which sank last night in the Indian Ocean, it was reported here today. The 21 Jews aboard the Skaubryn were Jewish immigrants bound from Poland to join relatives in Australia.

JEWISH MEMBER OF CANADIAN PARLIAMENT RE-ELECTED IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS

MONTREAL, April 1. (JTA) -- Leon Cresthol, of Montreal, only Jewish member of the last Canadian Parliament, was re-elected yesterday in the national elections. He was one of the few Liberal Party members to survive the Conservative landslide which gave Conservative Prime Minister John Diefenbaker control of 80 percent of the seats in Parliament.

On the eve of the election, Mr. Diefenbaker paid courtesy calls on two leading Montreal rabbis, Shale Hershorn and Zemac Zambrowsky.

SO. AFRICAN JEWRY TO MAKE GIFT OF TOWN OF ASKELON TO ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

JOHANNESBURG, April 1. (JTA) -- South African Jewry will present the core of a town in Israel to the Israeli Government within the next six months, it was decided here last night.

Ten years after laying out the basic communal buildings, parks and 900 homes, the South African Jewish Appeal, the Union's Zionist Federation and the South African Jewish Board of Deputies decided to give the town of Askelon to the Israel Government as a gift of South African Jewry.

In the flush of enthusiasm following upon the proclamation of the State of Israel, the South African communal organizations organized a company to plan, finance and build a "garden city" in Israel as a demonstration project for future urban development in the Jewish State. "Afriidar," as the town planning and housing company was called, drove through with its plans even though the final costs were three times the original estimates.

OVER 200 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN U.S. OFFER COURSES IN HEBREW

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Over 200 colleges, graduate, and professional schools offering courses in Hebrew and Hebrew texts are listed in "Hebrew in Colleges and Universities," a new reference work published today. The volume was edited by Judah Lapson, chairman of the Hebrew Culture Service Committee for American High Schools and Colleges.

"Hebrew in Colleges and Universities" was prepared at the request of guidance counselors in American high schools. It presents state by state all institutions of higher learning offering courses in Hebrew and Hebrew texts. In an informative introduction the editor discusses Hebrew as a modern language and reviews the vocational and professional opportunities offered by Hebrew study.

AMSTERDAM MUNICIPALITY NAMES STREET AFTER DUTCH JEWISH SCHOLAR

AMSTERDAM, April 1. (JTA) -- The Town Council of Amsterdam today posthumously honored a Dutch Jewish scholar by naming a street after him. It so honored Prof. Leonard Salomon Ornstein, who was chairman of the Netherlands Zionist Federation and a member of the board of the Hebrew University prior to his death in 1941.

British Queen Elizabeth II conferred honors on three prominent Dutch Jews during her visit to Holland last week, it was learned today. She conferred the Order of the British Empire on Minister of Justice Dr. Ivo Samkalden; Grand Officer, Order St. Michael and George on Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Dr. E.H. Vanderbeugel; and, the Royal Victorian Order on Dr. L.J.F. Wysenbeek, director of the Communal Museum at The Hague.

CORNERSTONE LAID FOR "ANNE FRANK HAVEN" AT HADASSAH YOUTH CENTER

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi today placed a torah in the Ark at the synagogue dedication and cornerstone laying ceremonies for the Anne Frank Haven at Ramath Hadassah, the Youth Aliyah reception center.

Later, the President and Mrs. Ben Zvi lunched with the 300 boys and girls at the haven. The synagogue at the center was built at a cost of \$60,000. The center is one of a score of Youth Aliyah projects. The funds for the synagogue were raised in the United States by Hadassah.

J. N. F. TO PLANT FOREST IN ISRAEL IN HONOR OF THE MAYOR OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO, April 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund of Chicago has purchased land in Israel and will plant a forest on it in honor of Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley, it was announced at a JNF dinner here.

Not to be outdone, former Dublin Mayor Robert Briscoe, a speaker at the dinner, announced he would purchase an acre of land in County Limerick, Eire, where Mayor Daley's ancestors lived, and would plant a Daley Forest there.

POSTMASTER GENERAL REQUESTED TO ISSUE AN "EMMA LAZARUS" POSTAGE STAMP

WASHINGTON, April 1. (JTA) -- The New York State democratic delegation today joined in a letter to Postmaster General Arthur A. Summerfield requesting issuance of a postage stamp commemorating the 110th anniversary of the birth of Emma Lazarus, Jewish poetess, whose verse is inscribed at the base of the Statue of Liberty.