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U.N. HALTS ISRAELI-SYRIAN MEETING AS SYRIAN GOES AGAIN BEYOND AGENDA

B'NOT YAACOV, Israel, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The third meeting of the extraordinary session of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, held today in a Syrian customs house a few miles from this Israeli frontier town, was brought to an abrupt halt this morning after talks lasting only one hour.

Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, who has been chairman of all three ISMAC meetings held thus far, summoned another meeting to be held "in a week's time." The first meeting -- after an eighty-year hiatus during which ISMAC had not met at all -- was held on the Syrian side on January 25, and the second was convened at Mahanayim, Israel, last Sunday. The next meeting is also to be held at Mahanayim.

The meeting today was adjourned by Gen. Bull after the chief of the Syrian delegation ignored an opening statement by the U.N. official, requesting both sides to adhere strictly to the single item officially on the agenda, concerning only land cultivation and cultivation rights in the demilitarized zones on the Israeli-Syrian frontiers. However, when Syria's chief delegate insisted on going beyond the agenda, and Israel protested, Gen. Bull called the halt. Both Israel and Syria agreed at the meeting to continue their talks, as proposed by Gen. Bull.

Israel Praises Gen. Bull For Patience in Face of Syrian Attitude

Israeli sources expressed deep pessimism about the outcome of the talks, which had been summoned by U.N. Secretary-General U Thant, several weeks ago after Arab guerrilla incursions into Israel from Syrian bases raised border tensions to a dangerous level.

The Israelis pointed to the repeated Syrian attempts to raise issues outside the agreed-on agenda. However, tribute was paid in Jerusalem to Gen. Bull's impartial and energetic efforts to keep the Syrians to the agenda. The sources indicated fears that Syrian "obstinacy and ill-will" would prove to be too much even for Gen. Bull's patient diplomacy.

It was felt in Jerusalem that if the Syrians did not alter their behavior at the ISMAC meetings dramatically, the entire U.N. effort would be doomed, despite Israel's willingness to cooperate.

Informed sources in Jerusalem said today that heavy international pressure had been brought to bear on the Syrian regime to induce a more moderate Syrian attitude at the resumption of the talks. The reported pressure has come from foreign governments and from the United Nations Secretariat, as well as from Gen. Bull.

The UNTSO chief came to today's meeting directly from Damascus, where he appealed to the highest echelons of the Syrian Government to avoid ISMAC statements that could torpedo the extraordinary session.

AMBASSADOR COMAY TO LEAVE U.N. ISRAEL DELEGATION; RAPHAEL TO SUCCEED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry announced last night that Michael S. Comay will leave his post as Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, and that Gideon Raphael had been named to replace him.

The Ministry said that Mr. Comay had asked last summer to be relieved of the U.N. assignment, in which he has served since 1959, succeeding Abba Eban, Israel's first Ambassador to the U.N., who is now Israel's Foreign Minister. The change-over in Ambassadors is expected to take place in April.

Mr. Comay will serve in the Foreign Ministry on his return to Israel. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said it had not yet been decided whether Mr. Comay would attend a special U.N. session on South Africa, scheduled for April.

Mr. Raphael is now deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry. A frequent member of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations, he served as vice-chairman of the dele-

gation at the recent 21st U.N. General Assembly. He is also special assistant to the Prime Minister and Israel's only roving Ambassador.

Born in Berlin, Mr. Raphael settled in Palestine in 1934. Entering the foreign service of the pre-state Jewish Government, he served as a member of the Jewish Agency delegation to the U.N. Special Commission on Palestine, and to the U.N. General Assembly in 1947.

He was an alternate representative on the Israel delegation to the U.N. from 1951 to 1953, and an Israeli representative to the Palestine Conciliation Commission in 1952. From 1947 to 1960, he served as Israel's Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Economic Community.

AMBASSADOR HARMAN DISCUSSES U.S. - ISRAELI ISSUES AT STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Israeli Ambassador Avraham Harman met today at the State Department with Under-Secretary of State Eugene Rostow. The meeting was described as a routine discussion of current matters of mutual interest.

GOLDBERG TO MEET TODAY WITH DELEGATION MADE UP OF 'AMERICAN ARABS'

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, chairman of the United States delegation here, will meet at his headquarters tomorrow morning with a group organized by the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations. The group has been pressing for such a meeting since last September, after Mr. Goldberg had held a conference -- on a non-Israeli-Arab issue -- with American Jewish leaders.

Dr. M. T. Mehdi, an Arab propagandist, said 15 "prominent American Arabs" will participate in the conference. The session will be held behind closed doors.

GERMAN CAPTAIN ACCUSED OF FAILING TO AID ISRAELI SHIP IN DISTRESS

HAMBURG, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The German shipping firm of Rudolf A. Cetker today relieved the captain of a tanker of his command, pending investigation of charges that he failed to aid an Israeli freighter which sank only a few miles from his ship. The company refused to publish the name of the captain. A company spokesman said the captain was ordered to return to Hamburg immediately to explain his actions during the sinking of the Israeli ship "Hashlosha" off Sardinia in the Mediterranean Sea, last week.

Israel had asked Bonn to probe reports that the 45,000-ton German vessel "St. Michaelis" failed to respond to flares and SOS signals from the "Hashlosha" only six nautical miles away. The Israeli ship was bound from Sicily to Marseilles with 20 persons aboard. No survivors were found.

The captain reportedly said he saw flares, but thought it was some sort of naval exercise. He said his ship heard the radio distress signals but that they were garbled and not dispatched properly.

GERMAN JUSTICE CHIEF PLEDGES CONTINUANCE OF NAZI WAR CRIMES TRIALS

BONN, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- West Germany's Justice Minister Gustaf Heinemann said here today that he would do everything he could to see to it that the prosecution of Nazi war criminals continued even after the expiration of the statute of limitations on December 31, 1969. He made that statement to a delegation of international resistance fighters from Western Europe and Israel, currently visiting Bonn.

INTERFAITH MEETING AT WINNIPEG PROTESTS AGAINST GERMAN NEO-NAZISM

WINNIPEG, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Some 500 civic and communal leaders of various faiths accepted here a resolution expressing concern over the growth of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party in West Germany, and taking strong exception to the manner of presentation of a recent interview on Canadian Broadcasting Corporation television with Adolf von Thadden, deputy leader of that party.

The resolution, approved at a meeting on neo-Nazism held at Rosh Pina Congregation, called for special efforts aimed at informing and instructing young persons "about the evil philosophy of Fascism and its destructive deeds during World War II, all of which were carried out under the Nazi banner and the swastika symbol, which have become synonymous with mass murder."

The meeting was one of a number of such gatherings held recently in Canadian cities, including Montreal and Toronto, called to express concern of Canadians generally over the growth of neo-Nazism and rightwing extremism in West Germany.

ISRAELI PHYSICISTS IN U.S.A. FORM PROJECT TO AID SCIENCE IN NEGEV

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Israeli physicists working in the United States have organized a project to provide housing facilities near the Dimona nuclear facilities in Israel's Negev for scientists from the United States and other countries, an Israeli official disclosed here today.

Abraham Ben-Zvi, director of the North American branches of the Israel Government Bureau for Israeli professionals, disclosed details of the plan. He said that the idea had been endorsed by Premier Levi Eshkol who promptly assured Israeli Government help for the project.

Mr. Ben-Zvi said that the plan grew out of an effort by his office to persuade Israeli scientists now stationed in the United States to consider returning to Israel to help contribute to Israel's scientific programs.

After his office sent out invitations to some 50 Israeli scientists in this country, who were known to be planning to attend a physics society conference held here, a group headed by Prof. Gideon Carmi of Yeshiva University and Prof. Aharon Eviatar of Bell Laboratories proposed that a scientific community be built at Arad, a few miles from Dimona.

Eshkol, Labor Minister Alon Endorse Move, Promise Aid

Mr. Ben-Zvi transmitted the idea to Premier Eshkol, Labor Minister Yigal Alon and Prof. Amos de Chalit, a leading nuclear physicist. Replies were received endorsing the idea, promising help and urging the Israelis to proceed with it. Subsequently, 44 Israeli scientists signed a statement of readiness to back the project.

The project will seek to create a community in Arad which will provide appropriate housing and other facilities where scientists, both Israeli and non-Israeli, can reside while doing pure and applied research with facilities at Dimona. The project also will seek to induce such scientists to seek sabbatical research leaves to be spent in Israel living in Arad and working in Dimona. Arad is now a small town of some 2,000 people, mostly native-born Israelis.

Mr. Ben-Zvi said that the scientists, headed by Professors Carmi and Eviatar, will seek to set up committees in the United States, in cooperation with his office, to raise funds and seek to induce scientists to go to Arad. One hope of the sponsors is that Israeli scientists, now stationed in other countries, may decide to remain in Israel because of the improved housing and working facilities. He said that, since the Israel Government is already committed to providing such facilities, fund-raising will be the lesser of the activities of the projected committees.

FAMOUS SCIENTIST DESCRIBES DEVELOPMENTS AT 6,000-STUDENT TEL AVIV U

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Leading physicists attending the sessions here of the American Physical Society, were among the guests last night at a reception and dinner at the Regency Hotel in honor of Dr. Yuval Ne'eman, the noted Israeli physicist, one of the discoverers of the "eightfold way" theory which has blazed a new trail in theoretical physics.

Dr. Ne'eman is now the chairman of the physics department of Tel Aviv University. The reception was tendered by the American Friends of the Tel Aviv University, under the chairmanship of Daniel G. Ross, chairman of the board of the organization. Prof. Maurice Goldhaber, head of the Brookhaven National Laboratories, where Dr. Ne'eman's theory was tested and confirmed, introduced the Israeli scientist and stressed the significance of his work.

Dr. Ne'eman described the development of Tel Aviv University which now has more than 6,000 students, the organization of its faculties, and plans for development of the physics department, the faculty of which, he said, now numbers 80. In reply to questions, he said that departments of the university worked in close cooperation with Israel's other educational and research institutions.

TWO ISRAELI-BORN ARAB STUDENTS GET MAGNES SCHOLARSHIPS AT HEBREW U

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The 11th annual Judah L. Magnes Scholarships at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem have been awarded to two Israeli-born Arab students, Mustapha Mahmud Haj Yehiya and Daher Nabia. Announcement of the grants was made here Thursday by James Marshall, president of the Magnes Foundation, donor of the scholarships.

The scholarships, which are named for the first president of the Hebrew University, are given to Arab or Druze students for notable scholastic achievement. Dr. Magnes, a noted American educator and rabbi, was president of the university from its inception in

1925 until his death in 1948. Mr. Marshall, a New York attorney, is a former president of the New York City Board of Education. For many years he served as a vice-president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

Mr. Haj Yehiya, who was born in the village of Taibeh and received his elementary and secondary education there, is now in his third year of study at the university, where he is working toward his bachelor's degree in sociology and political science. Mr. Nabia, a native of the village of Sajour in Upper Galilee, studied at the Seminary for Arab teachers in Jaffa. A graduate student in the Faculty of Humanities, he chose as his major subjects Hebrew and Statistics. He received his B.A. degree in Hebrew last October.

BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY SETS INSTITUTE FOR FULL-TIME STUDY OF JUDAICA

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A new institute for the full-time study of Judaica, including Talmud, Jewish philosophy and Jewish history, is planned for Bar-Ilan University in Israel under the auspices of Yavneh, the National Association of Religious Jewish Students.

Henry Horowitz, the organization's national president, said today the new Yavneh Israel Institute would be open to college students who have completed a year of college-level studies by the time the classes begin.

DETROIT UNIVERSITY, CATHOLIC, LAUNCHES PROGRAM OF JUDAIC STUDIES

DETROIT, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The University of Detroit, a Roman Catholic institution, has introduced a program of Jewish studies under the direction of Dr. Shlomo Warenof, dean of the College of Jewish Studies here.

Rev. Paul F. Conen, the Jesuit dean of the university's College of Arts and Sciences, who announced the new program, said that the studies will deal "not only with the special religious and cultural relationships which exist between Judaism and Christianity, but also with the broader themes of the history of Jewish contributions to contemporary civilization and the place of Judaism in the modern world."

PRIORITY ON ISRAEL'S BEHALF URGED BY AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL HEAD

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Rabbi Israel Miller, recently elected chairman of the American Zionist Council, has called on Zionists in this country to give priority to the "security and viability of the Land of Israel." In his first major address as Council chairman before the Zionist leadership in the New York area last night, Rabbi Miller said that American Zionism "cannot evade the challenges which confront us -- a responsibility which history has placed upon us, since the two loci of strength of the Jewish people today lie in Israel and America."

The Zionist movement, he declared, "did not help to bring about Israel's establishment in order to stand by and be a witness to its destruction." Rabbi Miller also stressed the urgent need of the Zionist movement to become actively involved in programs for Jewish survival, which, he said, has always been a major Zionist concern.

Mrs. Rose Halprin, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, who addressed the meeting, stressed Israel's need for more immigrants from Western countries, especially the United States. She said that a large portion of the Israelis were now taking an increased interest in the affairs of the American Zionist movement, and were waiting to see increased Zionist activity in the United States.

DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN TO HEAD ZOA JUBILEE PARLEY SLATED FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, honorary president of the Zionist Organization of America, and member of the American section of the Jewish Agency executive, has accepted the post of chairman of the ZOA's national convention committee for the organization's 70th Jubilee conclave to be held in Israel next July, it was announced today by Jacques Torczyner, president of the ZOA.

Associate chairmen of the convention committee are Mr. Torczyner and former ZOA presidents Mortimer May, Rabbi Irving Miller, Dr. Max Nussbaum and Robert Szold.

RABBI EMANUEL RACKMAN ELECTED TO FIFTH AVENUE SYNAGOGUE PULPIT

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, spiritual leader of Congregation Shaarey Tefila, Far Rockaway, and assistant to the president of Yeshiva University, has been elected to the pulpit of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue. He will succeed Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, newly-elected Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth. Rabbi Rackman will continue in his post at Yeshiva, which he has held since 1962.

Born in Albany, N.Y., 56 years ago, Dr. Rackman has served in his present pulpit for the past 20 years. He is a former president of the Rabbinical Council of America and of the New York Board of Rabbis. A former vice-president of the Religious Zionists of America, Rabbi Rackman is a member of the Jewish Agency executive, American section, and serves on the board of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.