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ARABS CONTINUE ATTACKS ON JEWISH POSITIONS; CAPTURE HILLS; FIRE UPON U.N. OBSERVERS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Arabs today continued to attack Jewish positions, especially in the Latrun area and on the southern front, it was officially reported by an Israeli military spokesman.

"The Arabs are continuing their attacks on the Jewish positions in order to prove their own, in flagrant violation of the truce," the spokesman said. He revealed that the Arabs captured several hills, and that they fired at United Nations observers.

During one of the attacks in the south, Egyptian military units prevented U.N. observers from reaching a spot where their presence was requested by Israeli military authorities. In authoritative circles here it is believed that some of the Arab military commanders are seeking to provoke large-scale clashes with the Israeli troops prior to the opening of the U.N. General Assembly in Paris a week from now.

In Jerusalem, an official Israeli communique stated, Egyptian artillery joined Arab Legion heavy batteries in an indiscriminate shelling of Jerusalem's Jewish quarters last night. The Egyptians concentrated on Katamon, Kiryath Shmuel, and Rehavia, while the Arab Legion shelled Beth Israel and Bukharia as well as the eastern and southern suburbs facing the Old City. Israeli batteries answered the fire. Ten persons, including one Israeli soldier, were killed and twelve were wounded by the Arab fire.

U.N. Mediator Orders Israel to Readmit 8,000 Arabs and Rebuild Their Homes

U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte today ordered the Israeli Government to restore three Arab townships destroyed during an alleged truce violation and readmit some 8,000 Arabs who fled the towns. The villages -- Ein Ghazal, Ijzim and Jaba -- all lie south of Haifa athwart the Haifa-Tel Aviv main highway.

The villages were brought under Israeli attack on July 18, at the beginning of the second truce, Bernadotte said. He insisted that the attack and the destruction could not be excused by the avowed desire to make the Haifa-Tel Aviv highway safe because fighting between villagers and Israelis occurred before the truce. "For months the Arabs in these towns had sniped at and ambushed Jewish traffic along the coastal road."

Ordering the Israelis to rebuild the homes of the 8,000 Arabs whom U.N. investigators found living in refugee camps in the Jenin area, Bernadotte said: "I am strongly of the opinion that the measures taken involving the systematic destruction of two of the villages were excessive and constituted a violation both of the spirit and letter of the terms of the truce." The Security Council was informed of the mediator's findings and action.

A report emanating from British sources in Haifa that the Mosul-Haifa pipeline has been damaged was denied today by the Israeli press. The newspapers also warned their readers against taking British reports at face value.

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VISION ON LARGE-SCALE IMMIGRATION INTO ISRAEL LIES WITH U.S. JEWS, DR. GOLDSTEIN SAYS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The Jewish people's willingness to face its possibilities toward Israel will be measured by the resources of the Jewish Agency treasury, Dr. Israel Goldstein, newly-elected Agency treasurer, declared the last night prior to leaving for a one-month trip to the United States.

Dr. Goldstein, who will return to Jerusalem after the U.S. visit to serve one-year term of office, was honored at a reception tendered him by the General Zionist Party, of which he is the world chairman. He said that since American Jewry is the most influential and largest Jewish community in the world, it will have to provide the greatest resources needed in Israel.

Asserting that it is for American Jews to decide "how many tens of thousands" of immigrants shall enter Israel, Dr. Goldstein said that he hoped that the United Jewish Appeal, under Henry Morgenthau's leadership, will be more successful in 1949 than in 1948 and that under the leadership of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver the New York branch of the Agency executive will be successful in mobilizing economic resources for the development of Israel.

JEV CAN ABSORB 100,000 NEW JEWISH SETTLERS, FISHER REPORTS UPON RETURN FROM ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- There is an acute shortage of labor in Israel today, Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America, reported today upon his return from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem where he attended the sessions of the Zionist Actions Committee and, together with Judge Morris Rothenberg, participated in discussions at which J.N.F. policy was formulated.

Expressing satisfaction that the sovereignty of the Jewish National Fund will be maintained, Fisher said that the form of fund-raising now in use in the United States will continue. He emphasized that "there is room for at least 100,000 Jewish families in the Negev" and that "the possibilities there are immense." The Jewish National Fund, he said, has a ten-year program that will require vast resources which the Jews of America and other parts of the world will have to provide.

NEW IRGUN-SPONSORED POLITICAL PARTY PREPARES FOR ISRAELI NATIONAL ELECTIONS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Preparing itself for an intensified campaign in connection with the forthcoming national elections in Israel, the Irgun-sponsored Freedom Movement today announced its intention to start soon the publication of a daily newspaper here. Several members of the editorial staff of the Revisionist paper Hamashkif will join the new organ, the announcement said.

It was also announced here today that religious women will not be mobilized in the Chen, the women's auxiliary corps of the Israeli army, but will be conscripted for labor. A special commission composed of representatives of religious organizations will decide as to the kind of work to which they should be assigned.

PRESIDENT WEIZMANN EXPECTED IN PARIS DURING U.N. SESSION; MAY ADDRESS U.N. MEETING

PARIS, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The possibility that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, may visit Paris during the session of the U.N. General Assembly, which opens on Sept. 21, was indicated here today. It is believed that President Weizmann, who is now in Switzerland, will address the United Nations prior to his departure for Israel.

RESTITUTION OF PROPERTY SEIZED BY NAZIS LAGGING IN AUSTRIA, GOVERNMENT SURVEY REVEALS

VIENNA, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Only 42 percent of the applications by victims of Nazism asking property restitution have been processed during the last three-and-a-half years, it was revealed here today by the Austrian Ministry of Property Control and Economic Planning. Only 21 percent of the applications were granted, the announcement said.

These figures tend to bear out criticism of the government's administration of the first three restitution laws voiced by many of the applicants for restitution. Government officials, and a number of Catholic and Socialist Party officials have decried all criticism as an attempt to blacken Austria's reputation abroad.

The government's statistics prove that of 20,380 applications received, 4,297 have been granted, 11,850 are still pending, 1,530 have been withdrawn or transferred to the jurisdiction of some other department and 828 have been denied. Of the applications filed under the First Restitution Law, which deals with confiscated property at present under state administration, about half are pending; under the Second Restitution Law, which provides for the return of seized property now owned by the state, about two-thirds of the cases are pending, and on the Third Restitution Law, providing for the return of property now in the hands of individuals, 64 percent of the cases are still pending.

JEWISH RELIEF WORKERS IN BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY SHIFTED ABOUT AS DP'S LEAVE

LONDON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Personnel of Jewish relief units in the British zone are being shifted about from camp to camp as the number of displaced Jews in the centers drops, it was announced here today by the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad. Most of the DP's have been moved to camps in the U.S. zone.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office has granted permission for three British rabbis to go to Germany to conduct Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services for the DP's in the British zone. Arrangements for the services have been made by the Chief Rabbi's Emergency Council.

U.S. RABBI, TOURING EUROPE, LAUDS CZECH AID TO ISRAEL; SAYS JEWISH DP'S ARE OPTIMISTIC

PARIS, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A wave of confidence is sweeping the Jewish displaced persons camps in Europe, Rabbi Samuel Wohl of Cincinnati, who is touring Europe, told a press conference here today. He said that the percentage of Jews in camps who want to go to Israel has risen to almost 100.

Rabbi Wohl, an American Zionist Labor leader, compared the role now being played by Premier David Ben Gurion with that of Winston Churchill during the late war. He praised Czechoslovakia, which he said was aiding Israel today as France aided the United States during the Revolutionary War. He also praised the personnel of the Joint Distribution Committee for cooperating closely with Jewish Agency representatives in Europe.

I.R.O. GENERAL COUNCIL TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF EXTENDING AID TO PALESTINE REFUGEES

GENEVA, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The question of providing aid for Palestine refugees is one of the problems which must be solved by the General Council of the International Refugee Organization, which opened its first meeting here today. Although the Preparatory Commission for the I.R.O. has been in existence for 21 months, the General Council could not be constituted until the full requirements of the I.R.O. constitution had been met.

1000 ARGENTINE JEWS AT RALLY GREET ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE; PARADE THROUGH STREETS

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Twenty-five thousand persons last night ended a huge mass rally in Luna Park, largest outdoor stadium in the city, to honor Dr. Moises Toffi, Israeli Under Secretary for Latin America.

After hearing Dr. Toffi describe Israel's fight for peace and independence as similar to the Argentine struggle for liberation during the last century, the meeting adopted a resolution calling on the Argentine Government to recognize Israel's provisional Government. After the rally, several thousand persons marched through the streets of Buenos Aires carrying banners and shouting slogans urging the recognition of Israel.

Dr. Toffi is scheduled to be received at Asuncion, Paraguay, today by President Natalicio Gonzalez and Foreign Minister Domingo Montanaro. The Israeli Under Secretary, who has already visited four South American countries on his current tour, was received by Argentine Ministers and Miguel Miranda, President of the Argentine Economic Council, with whom he discussed the possibilities of buying Israeli agricultural products.

Last week, he called on the Russian and American ambassadors to Argentina. He was accompanied on his official visits by Dr. Carlos Grunberg, member of the Israeli mission.

ARGENTINE-ISRAELI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ESTABLISHED BY BUSINESSMEN IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A decision to establish an Argentine-Israeli Chamber of Commerce was adopted here today at a meeting of prominent businessmen held under the auspices of the Argentine Chamber of Commerce.

A commission was appointed to draft a charter for the new institution, which will aim to develop extensive trade relations between Argentina and the Jewish state.

ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE IN ITALY HONORED AT RECEPTION; BLESSED BY CHIEF RABBI PRATO

ROME, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Arie Stern, Israeli representative in Italy, was honored at a reception here last night. Hundreds of Italian Jews and Jewish refugees at present in the country attended the reception.

Among the prominent Jewish leaders who honored Stern were Chief Rabbi David Prato; Dr. Raffaele Cantoni, chairman of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Italy; Leon Bernstein, chairman of the Jewish Refugee Organization; and Prof. Selig Brodetsky, one-man London branch of the Jewish Agency executive. Saturday, Stern attended services in the Great Synagogue of Rome, where he was blessed by Chief Rabbi Prato.

ISRAELI OFFICIAL ARRIVES IN CUBA TO HELP IN \$500,000 CAMPAIGN; IS GIVEN RECEPTION

HAVANA, Cuba, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Moshe Yuval, Israeli vice-consul in New York, was tendered a reception here by Jewish leaders upon his arrival in Havana in connection with the proclamation of a \$500,000 campaign for Israel.

UEBERALL, ISRAELI MINISTER TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, RECEIVED BY RUMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

BUCHAREST, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Itzhak Ueberall, Israeli Minister to Prague, was today received by Dr. Eduard Mezinescu, Acting Foreign Minister in the absence of Anna Pauker. Ueberall was accompanied by Moshe Agami, special Israeli representative here.

JEWISH FARMERS IN U.S. USE MINIMUM OF HIRED LABOR, AGRICULTURAL EXPEERT REPORTS

VINELAND, N.J., Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Estimating that there are about 150,000 Jewish farmers in the United States, Dr. Gabriel Davidson, managing director of the Jewish Agricultural Society, addressing the Annual Field Day of South Jersey farm settlers, revealed that "among Jewish farmers tenancy is almost non-existent." He emphasized that Jewish farms are operated by the owner and his family, with a minimum of hired help.

Dr. Davidson also reported that there has been a rapid increase of Jewish settlers in the Vineland area during the past seven years. Most of the new settlers are displaced Jews who were admitted to the United States. Prof. J.S. Joffe, soil specialist at the New Jersey State Agricultural College, spoke of the present agricultural conditions and possibilities in Israel and described agricultural potentialities in the Near East, on the basis of an investigation he conducted several months ago.

TEXAS UNIVERSITY BREAKS 75-YEAR-OLD RULE TO CONFER DEGREE UPON RABBI "IN ABSENTIA"

FORT WORTH, Texas, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- For the first time in the 75 years of its existence, Texas Christian University will break its rule against conferring honorary degrees "in absentia," in order to honor Rabbi Henry Cohen, of Temple B'nai Israel, Galveston, Texas, who because of his age is unable to travel beyond the Galveston area.

By a special vote of the board of trustees, Texas Christian University will present on Sept. 20 an honorary LL.D. degree to Rabbi Cohen "by proxy." The Galveston rabbi will be represented by Judge Theodore Mack of Fort Worth.

Still active and the sole spiritual leader of his congregation, Rabbi Cohen was the first president of the Galveston chapter of the American Red Cross; member of the executive committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine; and a member of numerous Jewish agencies for relief and civic causes. His biography, "The Man Who Stayed in Texas," was written to commemorate his 60th anniversary with his congregation. The Henry Cohen Community House was built in Galveston in 1928 in honor of his first 40 years of service with Temple B'nai Israel.

BENJAMIN LAZRUS, NOTED JEWISH LEADER, WILL HEAD 1948 DRIVE OF N.Y. JEWISH FEDERATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Benjamin Lazrus, noted Jewish leader, has accepted the post of chairman of the 31st annual campaign of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, it was announced today by Ralph E. Samuel, president of the Federation. The Federation's 1948 campaign will be officially launched on October 7th.

Accepting the campaign chairmanship, Lazrus said: "The financial problems that confront the Federation and its network of hospitals, health and welfare agencies as a result of four years of increasing costs and deficits are more than a menace to the affiliated institutions. These problems touch the lives of the thousands and thousands of people who each year turn to Federation's institutions seeking help."

As an indication of the seriousness of current financial difficulties, Lazrus disclosed that the Federation institutions had incurred, after their annual Federation allotments, a combined deficit for 1947-48 estimated at \$2,100,000.