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U.N. MEDIATOR BERNADOTTE ASSASSINATED; U.S. REPORT PRESUMES KILLERS TO BE STERNISTS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte was today assassinated in Jerusalem, it was confirmed here this afternoon by the State Department. A message from John J. MacDonald, U.S. Consul in Jerusalem, to the Department said that Bernadotte and French Col. Sorot, senior U.N. observer in Jerusalem, were murdered "presumably by the Stern Gang."

"This is regarded here as a great tragedy," a State Department spokesman said, in releasing the report of the assassination. A press spokesman for the Israeli mission in Washington said: "I am very deeply shocked and grieved. The Government of Israel has always believed that the United Nations personnel is inviolate in performing its duties inside and outside of the state of Israel."

The text of the message received by the State Department from MacDonald in Jerusalem reads:

"Regret to report Count Bernadotte and Colonel Sorot, French officer and senior United Nations observer Jerusalem, killed this afternoon at 17 hours (Jerusalem time) presumably by Stern Gang. Convoy in which he was riding was returning from Government House. As they passed through Katamon, a Jewish-held area, jeep suddenly appeared blocking route, containing four men, two of which proceeded to Count's car.

"Colonel Frank Bogley, United Nations security officer (an American citizen), grappled with one and was slightly wounded in face. Second reached Count's car and assassinated two men at point blank range with Sten gun. Jeep succeeded in escaping. Above is preliminary report. Full report will follow."

U.N. Security Council Summoned to Discuss Bernadotte's Assassination

PARIS, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- An urgent meeting of the U.N. Security Council has been called for tomorrow morning immediately after the U.N. headquarters here received the news of the assassination of Count Bernadotte and Col. Sorot.

U.N. Secretary General Trygve Lile, who is now in Oslo, cancelled all schedule plans and is returning tomorrow to Paris. Meanwhile, Acting Secretary General Arkadi Sobolev directed Ralph Bunche, senior U.N. official in Palestine, to remain in the area and assume full authority over the U.N. mediation mission.

Gen. Aage Lundstroom, chief of the U.N. military mission in Palestine, has been directed by Sobolev to start immediately an investigation into the nature of the assassination. U.N. officials abstained from making any comment, emphasizing that they are awaiting further news about the identity of the assassin and the circumstances of Bernadotte's death.

ISRAELI CABINET HOLDS SPECIAL SESSION ON BERNADOTTE'S ASSASSINATION; ARMY ALERTED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The Israeli Cabinet went into special session immediately after it became known that U.N. mediator Bernadotte was assassinated in Jerusalem.

At the same time, the Israeli Army was placed under alert because of fear that the Arabs may utilize the Bernadotte assassination for launching a sudden offensive against the Jewish forces.

Count Bernadotte's last hours were spent in conferences with Arab Legion commanders at Ramallah and he was returning to Jerusalem to confer with Israeli military leaders tomorrow when he was assassinated.

Originally, the mediator's plans did not call for him to visit Jerusalem, but to be in Damascus today. However, his itinerary was changed at the last minute on account of last night's heavy shelling of Jewish Jerusalem by Arab forces. The barrage, considered one of the worst to be laid down in Jerusalem, accounted for the deaths of three Jewish civilians and the wounding of an Israeli soldier and five civilians.

When Bernadotte arrived at the Kollandia airfield, near the city, he was greeted by American consul John J. MacDonald, chairman of the U.N. consular truce commission. Both men then proceeded to Ramallah for the parley with the Legion commanders.

AMERICAN ZIONIST AND NON-ZIONIST LEADERS GRIEVED, HORRIFIED BY BERNADOTTE'S MURDER

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- American Zionist and non-Zionist leaders today expressed grief, horror and indignation upon receipt of the news of the assassination of U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte in Jerusalem.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, declared: "Every right thinking person will be horrified by the news of the assassination of Count Bernadotte and Col. Serot in Jerusalem. This shameful and dastardly crime is aggravated by reason of the fact that the lives of the Count and the French observer, representative as they were of the authority of the United Nations, should have been inviolate. It comes as the culmination of a series of outrages directed against U.N. personnel, including the murder of Mr. Wasson, the American consul in Jerusalem, and of the two French U.N. observers at the hands of Saudi Arabians as well as of two other U.N. officials. We await further details concerning the identity of the assassins of the Count and Col. Serot."

Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, stated: "The American Jewish Committee has received with grief and horror the news of the brutal assassination of Count Bernadotte and his aide, Col. Serot. Count Bernadotte was struck down while trying to establish peace and avoid further bloodshed in Palestine. His murder is a crime violative of all that decent men hold dear. If the assassins and their instigators are within the jurisdiction of the state of Israel we are confident that the Israeli Government will bring them speedily to justice. Whatever their nationality those murderers should be made to pay the penalty for their crimes without delay."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, declared in a statement that "the dastardly assassination of Count Bernadotte and his French observer Col. Serot is most shocking." He emphasized that Zionist leaders "are anxiously awaiting further details concerning the circumstances and perpetrators of this foul murder." He expressed the hope that "whatever their identity, they will be promptly apprehended and brought to justice." (Other statements received too late to be included in this issue of the Bulletin will be published in the next.)

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SECRETARY MARSHALL CALLS FOR CONTINUATION OF BERNADOTTE'S WORK; SHOCKED BY HIS DEATH

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. (JTA) --- Secretary of State George C. Marshall issued a statement expressing his deep shock at the assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte, particularly when the mediator had "achieved such a great measure of success." Secretary Marshall's statement, which called for a continuation of Bernadotte's work, reads:

"I am deeply shocked to learn of the assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte in Jerusalem. His whole life has been one of assistance to mankind. During the past four months Bernadotte has been acting as the representative of the United Nations in an endeavor to bring lasting peace to Palestine.

"It is particularly tragic that he should have been shot down at a time when he had achieved such a great measure of success. I am convinced the world will demand that the work he so effectively commenced be vigorously pursued. To Countess Bernadotte and his children I extend my deepest sympathy. The world will bitterly regret his loss."

PALESTINE TRUCE WILL CONTINUE DESPITE BERNADOTTE'S ASSASSINATION, U.N. AIDE SAYS

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- United Nations Acting Secretary-General Benjamin Cohen tonight stated that the assassination of U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte did not void the Palestine truce. "The truce will continue," he said. Mr. Cohen further stated that the news had been received both at the U.N. headquarters in Paris and at Lake Success "with a great deal of sadness."

A statement issued by the U.N. Secretariat reviewed Bernadotte's role as Palestine mediator following his unanimous choice on May 20 by the representatives of the permanent members of the Security Council, sitting as a committee of the General Assembly.

BRITISH KING GETS REPORT ON BERNADOTTE'S ASSASSINATION; JEWS CONDEMN OUTRAGE

LONDON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The news of the assassination in Jerusalem of Count Folke Bernadotte was given tonight to King George at Balmoral Castle, while the Board of British Jews issued a statement describing the assassination as "a dastardly outrage" and "a most deplorable happening."

The likelihood is envisaged here that the recent proposal by Trygve Lie, asking the United Nations for a police force to undertake special assignments and lend protection to U.N. investigators abroad, might now receive renewed attention at the U.N. General Assembly sessions opening Tuesday in Paris.

In official circles the view was expressed that some new procedure must be devised immediately for continuing mediation in Palestine. There was unanimity against any abandonment of mediation, a move which one high government official said was "inconceivable." The point was stressed that in spite of local setbacks, the U.N. truce had proved more successful than had first been believed possible.

Both official and unofficial circles expressed the view tonight that the assassination of Count Bernadotte was a severe moral blow to the authority of the United Nations. In the forefront of the minds here of those reached for comment was the fact that the United Nations mediator was shot down in Jerusalem only a few hours before his Palestine report was due for submission to the U.N. General Assembly at Paris.

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ISRAELI STATE COUNCIL ADOPTS STIFF INCOME TAX PROGRAM; KAPLAN CITES WAR NEEDS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The Israeli State Council last night adopted a new income tax bill which has aroused a storm of protest in some circles since it was first proposed three weeks ago by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan.

The program, based on the principle of progressive taxation, is the stiffest ever to be introduced since the beginning of the Mandatory administration. In his final appeal for adoption, Kaplan last night told the Council that it was a necessary war measure, emphasizing that the present "cold war" in effect during the truce is as expensive as war on the battlefield. On the final vote, 23 members of the Council voted for the bill, three against and six abstained.

Twenty-one million Israeli pounds (\$84,000,000) in currency has been put into circulation during the first four months of the Jewish state, it was announced here. All but 2,000,000 pounds were issued in exchange for Palestine currency issued by the Mandatory administration.

BRITISH COMMANDER OF ARAB LEGION CHARGES SOVIET UNION SUPPORTING ISRAELI WAR EFFORT

LONDON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Russia is supporting Israel in the "Zionists' efforts to control Palestine by force," Brig. John B. Glubb Pasha, Commander-in-Chief of the Transjordan Arab Legion, asserted today prior to his scheduled return to the Middle East.

He charged that large quantities of arms had been smuggled to Israel from "behind the iron curtain." The arms, he said, had been bought by means of "large subsidies" from the United States. He cited the "smuggling of aircraft to Israel out of Britain" as evidence of Israeli efficiency. He stressed that it was in Britain's interest to arrive at an early Jewish-Arab settlement and "that can only be reached if the United Nations call on Count Folke Bernadotte for a final plan and that the United Nations then insure that it is carried out."

The Foreign Office, meanwhile continued to maintain its strict secrecy concerning the purposes of Glubb's visit to Britain. A spokesman today refused to divulge the identity of Foreign Office officials with whom Glubb met. He also was vague on the part which Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin took in these talks, confining himself to a declaration that the Secretary did not receive Glubb at the Foreign Office.

STATE DEPT. HAS NO INFORMATION ON REPORT OF YEMEN THREATS TO CANCEL U.S. OIL TALKS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- A press report that the Arab nation of Yemen has threatened to cancel further talks with Americans on a projected agreement to grant oil-prospecting agreements brought comment from the State Department today that it has no information on the situation.

A spokesman said that as far as economic discussions are concerned, the State Department has had none with Yemen since Prince Abdullah was here in August, 1947. He added that the Department has no information about the present Yemen Government giving any thought to concessions in oil. In fact, he said, no talks on the subject have been held since the Yemen revolution last spring.

PROSPECTIVE IMMIGRANTS TO U.S. ADVISED BY STATE DEPARTMENT TO REGISTER FOR VISAS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The State Department today advised all potential immigrants to the United States now in Europe to register for visas under the existing immigration system so that they would be eligible for normal movement to America "in the event they should fail to meet all the qualifications" to come as displaced persons under the DP law.

Applicants will be processed as soon as possible on a first-come, first-served basis. The State Department made it clear, however, that registration for visas will be under the existing immigration law of 1924 and not under the new DP act.

A report emanating from Frankfurt said today that the U.S. Government has lifted the ban on the immigration of Germans and Austrians to the United States. Another report said that the American Military Government has commuted the life sentence of Ilse Koch, widow of a former commandant of the notorious Buchenwald death camp and a convicted war criminal in her own right, to four years' imprisonment. Frau Koch, who will be freed some time next year under the terms of the sentence, was convicted last year by an American military court at Dachau. She was charged with responsibility for the death of thousands of Jewish and non-Jewish prisoners whose skins she later used for lampshades.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT RESTRICTS JEWISH GROUPS TO ONE PUBLICATION; PAPER SHORTAGE CITED

BUDAPEST, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The Hungarian authorities today banned the publication of separate Zionist and Agudist weekly magazines here. The authorities informed the Jewish groups that because of the paper shortage only one publication will be allowed for all Jewish groups.

The Mizrahi Organization of Budapest today announced its withdrawal from the Orthodox community board because of the body's stand on various Zionist matters. The Mizrahi demanded that the Jewish National Fund and Koren Hayesod collections be sanctioned in the synagogue and that the Hatikvah be sung and the blue-and-white Zionist flag be displayed in the synagogue on solemn occasions. The non-Zionists, expressing their support of Israel, refused to accede to the other requests, asserting that both funds were not Israeli but Zionist, and that until Israel adopts the anthem and the flag as national symbols they remain Zionist and as such are not acceptable in the synagogue.

President Arpad Szakasits today received a delegation of Hungarian Labor Zionists, headed by Bela Denes. The delegation included a Histadruth representative who greeted the President in the name of Israeli labor. Szakasits asked the delegation to convey to Israel his "warm sympathy" and "profound solidarity" with the people of the Jewish state in its fight for "liberty, culture and human existence against imperialist violence and barbarism." He added that he is "convinced of the ultimate victory of Israel's just cause."

EXHIBIT DEPICTING FATE OF JEWS IN NAZI GERMANY OPENS IN BERLIN; HEROES HONORED

BERLIN, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Documents telling the tragic history of the Jews in Nazi Germany are being shown here at an exhibition entitled "The Other Germany," which opened today at the former palace of the Reich president, the residence of German presidents.

The exhibit also depicts the activities of a Jewish resistance group in Germany which, in 1942, under the leadership of one Herbert Baum, blew up a Nazi exhibit, for which 50 members of the group were executed. A special room of honor contains portraits of prominent Nazi victims, mostly Jews, who perished in the Oswiecim and Sachsenhausen camps.

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AMERICAN ZIONISTS SEEK U.S. INTERVENTION ON DEATH SENTENCE OF IRAQI JEW IN BAGDAD

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The Zionist Emergency Council today disclosed the text of a wire sent by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, its chairman, to Secretary of State George C. Marshall, drawing the attention of the United States Government to the death sentence and \$20,000,000 fine imposed by the Iraqi Government on Rafiq Ades, a Jewish citizen of Iraq, "allegedly for his pro-Zionist activities." The death sentence is subject to the approval of King Feisal II.

In his telegram of protest Dr. Silver stated: "I am certain that the United States Government would not wish to remain indifferent in the face of such shocking suppression of human rights and the danger of quasi-legal assassination. If unchanged, this will set an extremely dangerous precedent, opening the way for wholesale persecution and oppression of national and religious minorities in the Arab lands."

R. JAMES G. HELLER RESIGNS FROM ZOA; DISAGREES WITH POLICY; JOINS LABOR ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Rabbi James G. Heller, former co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and of the United Palestine Appeal, has resigned from the Zionist Organization of America and affiliated himself with the Labor Zionist Organization of America, it was announced here today.

In a letter to Dr. Berl Frymer, L.Z.O.A. executive secretary, Dr. Heller, who is also spiritual leader of the Isaac M. Wise Temple in Cincinnati, declared that he was "deeply out of sympathy with the present policy of the Z.O.A." He revealed that he has already applied for membership in the Labor Zionist chapter in his city in order to join in unity with "the spirit of justice and of idealism that characterizes the Histadruth."

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN HOPES AMERICAN ZIONIST LEADERS WILL SETTLE IN ISRAEL

PARIS, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The hope that additional American Zionist leaders will settle in Israel was voiced here today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, newly-appointed Jewish Agency treasurer, who is en route to the United States.

Emphasizing that the future role of American Zionists will be chiefly to finance the absorption of 10,000 immigrants monthly into the Jewish state, Dr. Goldstein disclosed that the present proportion of aid extended to Israel by Jewish communities other than those in the United States is now one-third of the total, with the remaining two-thirds emanating from the U.S.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD WILL MAINTAIN SIX CLUBS FOR SERVICEMEN DRAFTED IN PEACETIME ARMY

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Board has accepted the assignment to participate in the direction of 15 U.S.C. clubs which will be reactivated in connection with the new peacetime army, it was announced here today by Milton Weill, chairman of the J.W.B. armed services committee. The agency will be directly responsible for the maintenance of six clubs in Kansas, California, New Hampshire, Nebraska, Indiana and Michigan.

DR. JULIUS MARK OFFICIALLY INSTALLED AS SENIOR RABBI OF TEMPLE EMANU-EL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Julius Mark was officially installed as Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El here today at special services in the synagogue. Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, installed Dr. Mark, who previously served for 22 years as spiritual leader of the Vine St. Temple in Nashville, Tenn.