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FOUR ISRAELIS KILLED IN ARAB AMBUSH IN HEBRON AREA NEAR TRANSJORDAN-HELD SECTOR

TEL AVIV, April 1. (JTA) -- Four Israeli soldiers were killed last night in an ambush of an Israeli military vehicle in the Hebron area, south of Jerusalem and two miles south of the front lines, it was learned here today.

Earlier in the day, an Israeli Government communique ascribed the ambush to uniformed Arabs operating from territory held by the Arab Legion. The communique added that, because of the heightened tension, Israeli forces in the area had been instructed to increase their vigilance. United Nations truce observers were immediately notified, the communique added.

FINAL JOINT ISRAELI-TRANSJORDAN ARMISTICE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR WEEK-END

RHODES, April 1. (JTA) -- What is hoped will be the final set of joint meetings between Israeli and Transjordan armistice negotiators is scheduled to begin here tomorrow, it was learned here today.

This decision was apparently reached after the return here from Tel Aviv of Reuven Shiloah and Lt. Col. Moshe Dayan, top Israeli negotiators, who reportedly received the approval of the Israeli Government for the final draft pact, except for several minor alterations. The parley's resumption awaits the arrival of Sidki Jundi, head of the Arab delegation, who is expected tomorrow from Amman.

SECURITY COUNCIL TO GET PROTEST ON EGYPTIAN BAN ON ISRAELI CARGOES PASSING SUEZ CANAL

TEL AVIV, April 1. (JTA) -- Israel has informed Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting United Nations mediator, that unless Egypt agrees to let Israel-bound cargoes pass through the Suez Canal, Israel would complain to the U.N. Security Council, Dr. Walter Eytan of the Israeli Foreign Ministry said today.

Dr. Eytan added that Dr. Bunche had repeatedly applied to Egypt on this subject as well as on the problem of Jews detained in Egyptian camps, yet the Egyptian replies were only that they were studying the question.

Dr. Eytan said that negotiations with Syria would probably start next week and revealed that Israel was ready to talk with the new Syrian Government if the U.N. were prepared to preside at the talks. He said that the site for the talks had not been decided, although the Syrians had proposed to establish two headquarters for the two delegations, in Marj Ayun on the Syrian side and in Metullah on the Israeli side, holding talks in a customs house between the two towns.

An Israeli-Transjordan agreement would be signed at Rhodes, Dr. Eytan said, probably on Sunday, and no outstanding points would be left open for discussion. He confirmed that the triangle (Nablus-Jenin-Tulkarm) would be included in the agreement which, he added, would exclude the British in Aqaba as the Transjordanians were not able to speak in their behalf.

He categorically denied reports of any new direct conversations with King Abdullah.

BEVIN SAYS ARAB VIEW IN PALESTINE SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED; ADMITS ISRAEL "ESTABLISHED"

WASHINGTON, April 1. (JTA) -- British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, addressing members of the National Press Club here today, said that the Arab point of view in Palestine should not be overlooked.

Under questioning, he denied that he ever said there was no real place for a Jewish state in the Middle East and that Arabs would push the Jews out of Israel into the Mediterranean. He asked that the world await the outcome of the Middle East problem before he is judged on his stand. Bevin also stated: "I think the Israeli Government is established."

PERON SENDS PERSONAL MESSAGE TO WEIZMANN; HOPES FOR CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS

TEL AVIV, April 1. (JTA) -- A personal message from President Juan Peron of Argentina was given today to President Chaim Weizmann at his home in Rehovoth by Susher Matrajt, head of the Organizacion Israelita Argentina, who is here with his wife for a short visit. The message expressed Peron's hope for future cordial relations between the two governments and for the rapid progress of Israel.

JEWISH AGENCY SPENDING \$25,000,000 MONTHLY TO BRING IMMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL, GOLDSTEIN SAYS

TEL AVIV, April 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency is now spending \$25,000,000 monthly to bring immigrants into Israel and settle them here, Dr. Israel Goldstein, treasurer of the Agency, said today in Haifa. The average cost of maintaining each immigrant is now \$1,000, he said. He appealed to the Jews of America to contribute their share toward this work.

The Israeli mission to Britain is scheduled to leave here Monday, it was announced. The mission will be headed by Dr. Mordecai Eliash, the first Israeli Minister to the Court of St. James. It will also include Levi Alon--formerly confidential secretary to Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett--who has now been appointed a consul.

Addressing the opening session of the national convention of the Hapoel sports organization, Premier David Ben Gurion last night called on the athletes to settle on the land in the areas of the country liberated by the Israeli Army.

Lt. Col. Shlomo Gorontzrik, chief chaplain of the Israeli Army, resigned this week after being sharply criticized for advocating permission to turn on the electric light on the Sabbath.

WORLD MIZRACHI LEADER CRITICIZES ISRAELI GOVERNMENT FOR INACTION ON JERUSALEM SITUATION

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- Rabbi Meir Berlin, world leader of the Mizrahi movement, last night criticized the Israeli Government for having "more words than deeds" in relation to solving the Jerusalem situation. He made his charge at a press conference.

"Jerusalem is indivisible. We will never sign a peace with Abdullah, if it means that we will have to give up the Old City in any form, including internationalization," Rabbi Berlin insisted.

MRS. MYERSON DENIES REPORT THAT SHE WAS ILL-TREATED IN MOSCOW; HITS CORRESPONDENTS

MOSCOW, April 1. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Myerson, retiring Israeli Minister to the Soviet Union and Israeli Minister of Labor, in a statement to the press on a News-week article published last week asserting that she was "indignant over treatment she received during her brief stay in Moscow," declared today that "I am indeed indignant, not over anything I have met in the U.S.S.R. but with reports of correspondents who, either through sheer ignorance or wilful malice, report such things which are as absurd as they are unfounded."

Mrs. Myerson's statement added that "ever since the Israeli legation came to Moscow, we met nothing but helpfulness and courtesy from everybody whom it was our privilege to meet. I feel almost inclined to believe that it is the cordial relations between the two countries, as expressed through relations between the U.S.S.R. and the Israeli legation, that leads some who are dissatisfied with this, to publish such folly," she said.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE LEADERS EN ROUTE TO ISRAEL ARRIVE IN PARIS; SEE CAFFREY

PARIS, April 1. (JTA) -- An American Jewish Committee delegation headed by Jacob Blaustein, its president, arrived here today en route to Israel. The A.J.C. leaders later met with U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffrey and were informed that President Auriol, who is not in the city, had expressed a desire to receive them on their return journey. The delegation will attend a dinner this evening arranged in their honor by Maurice Fischer, Israeli representative to France.

Upon their arrival here, the delegation, in a statement to the press, emphasized that Israel must be aided to become self-supporting. The statement, issued by Blaustein, also voiced the belief that friendly relations between Israel and the Arab states could be achieved. The American Jewish Committee will do its utmost to help in this effort, the statement added.

1,220 CZECH, TRIPOLI AND GERMAN JEWISH IMMIGRANTS SAIL FOR ISRAEL FROM ITALIAN PORTS

ROME, April 1. (JTA) -- The S.S. Galila and the S.S. Tampa sailed from Italian ports today for Israel carrying 720 and 500 Jewish immigrants, respectively. The former's passengers come from Czechoslovakia and Tripoli while the 500 immigrants aboard the Tampa are displaced Jews from Germany who boarded the vessel at Marseilles.

Meanwhile, the appointment of Dr. L. Ghinton as the first commercial attache to the Israeli legation here was announced today.

200 SHANGHAI JEWISH REFUGEES ARRIVE IN NAPLES; WILL RESETTLE IN AUSTRIA, I.R.O. SAYS

VIENNA, April 1. (JTA) -- The International Refugee Organization announced today that an I.R.O. transport, carrying 200 Austrian Jewish refugees from Shanghai, has arrived at Naples. The refugees are expected to return to Austria soon for resettlement.

TEN SHIPS TO BRING 8,500 DISPLACED PERSONS TO U.S. DURING APRIL, I.R.O. ANNOUNCES

WASHINGTON, April 1. (JTA) -- Ten ships are scheduled to leave Bremerhaven, Germany, this month carrying 8,500 DP's to this country, the International Refugee Organization announced here today. This number is an increase by 2,253 persons over the total number of DP's brought here in March. Six ships will arrive in New York and four at Boston.

PLAN PREPARED TO ACQUIRE 250,000 ACRES IN ISRAEL, DR. GRANOVSKY SAYS; LEAVES FOR HOME

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Plans for the acquisition of some 250,000 acres of land in Israel by the Jewish National Fund to meet the extensive needs of the great numbers of immigrants currently entering the Jewish state have been completed, Dr. Abraham Granovsky, world chairman of the J.N.F., announced here today just before leaving by plane for Holland and Switzerland, en route to Israel.

Dr. Granovsky, who will negotiate with financiers in those countries, declared that the full and speedy implementation of these plans depends on the availability of American financial support. "Our program for 1949 is to double the national land holdings of the Jewish people in Israel by acquiring the second million dunams of land (250,000 acres), which is an essential prerequisite to the founding of 200 new agricultural settlements planned for this year in Israel," he stated.

Lauding Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the J.N.F. of America and acting chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, for his "devoted leadership," Dr. Granovsky added: "In saying Shalom to my friends I would like them to always remember that the five tasks of the Keren Kayemeth--land acquisition, reclamation, development of water resources, reforestation and participation in the cost of settlement--are the cornerstones upon which the future and progress of Israel rests."

NINE ISRAELI WAR HEROES HERE ON U.J.A.-SPONSORED TOUR OF U.S. RECEIVED BY N.Y. MAYOR

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Mayor William O'Dwyer today received the nine Israeli war heroes here on a tour of the U.S. in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal at a City Hall ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony eight of the nine flew to various cities to board U.J.A. "Caravan of Hope" trains on which they will serve as honor guards. The ninth will leave this city with the New York caravan on Sunday afternoon.

Receiving the seven men and two women officers, Mayor O'Dwyer declared: "The Israeli soldiers are welcome messengers from our sister infant republic. Their very presence here represents an appeal which I am sure all will listen and respond to. It pinpoints the great needs which must be met in bringing great masses of homeless Jews to Israel."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE OF UNITED SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OPENS 22ND ANNUAL CONVENTION

ATLANTIC CITY, April 1. (JTA) -- Unless the gap between Judaism and Zionism is closed, American Jewry is headed "down the road to assimilation and extinction," Dr. Robert Gordis, president of the Synagogue Council of America, declared here tonight in a keynote sermon before 750 delegates at the opening session of the 22nd annual national convention of the Young People's League of the United Synagogue of America. The convention will continue through Sunday.

"Zionism has scored an everlasting triumph in establishing the state of Israel and in preserving the Jewish people," Rabbi Gordis said. "But nationalism is only one aspect of the totality of Jewish life. Zionism without the Jewish religion is a body without a soul. We must face the fact that those Zionists who are not also Jews will soon be lost to the Jewish people."

1,800 VISAS ISSUED DURING PAST THREE MONTHS, ISRAELI CONSULATE IN NEW YORK REPORTS

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- A total of 1,802 Israeli visas have been issued during the past three months to Americans wishing to visit the Jewish state, the Israeli Consulate here reported. Applications are being received at the rate of 30 daily, it added.

PLEDGES TO NEW YORK UJA PASS \$10,000,000 MARK, TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR MRS. LEVY HEARS

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Pledges to the 1949 drive of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York have passed the \$10,000,000 mark, it was announced here last night at a dinner honoring Mrs. David M. Levy, executive chairman of the Women's Division of the New York U.J.A. It was also revealed that contributions already turned over to the organization totalled \$5,665,000, including \$550,000 by members of the Rosenwald family and \$500,000 by Joseph and Abraham Mazer.

Featured speakers at the testimonial dinner were Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, who presided. Sharett and Lehman spoke chiefly of the immigration movement of Jewish refugees to Israel, which the latter described as "Operation Homescoming"--the third phase of the U.J.A.'s work in behalf of Jews in overseas areas. Mrs. Roosevelt presented Mrs. Levy with a testimonial book designed to hold mementoes of her work and travels in behalf of the U.J.A. over the past decade.

DR. JOSEPH ROSEN, AGRO-JOINT DIRECTOR WHO RESETTLED 250,000 JEWS IN RUSSIA, DIES IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, noted agronomist and colonization authority who directed the resettlement of 250,000 Jews on farms in the Crimea and Ukraine after World War I, died last night at his home here. He was 73 years old.

As director of the American Jewish Joint Agricultural Corporation (Agro-Joint), he supervised farm settlement projects in Russia in behalf of Jews who had been deprived of their citizenship rights following the Russian revolution. From 1924 to 1937 he directed the administration of some \$16,000,000, provided to Agro-Joint by the Joint Distribution Committee. Dr. Rosen was also the discoverer of "Rosen rye," a new variety of winter rye, which is now grown all over the United States.

Born in Moscow in 1876, Dr. Rosen left Czarist Russia to study at the University of Heidelberg, and came to the United States in 1903. He found employment as a farm worker for two years and then attended Michigan Agricultural College, where he received the degree of Master of Agriculture. Later he received his doctorate in agricultural chemistry at the University of Minnesota. From 1915 to 1918, Dr. Rosen directed the Baron de Hirsch Agricultural School in Woodbine, N.J.

Dr. Rosen's knowledge and services were utilized in 1939 when he joined a special commission, appointed jointly by the British Government and President Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, to survey the possibilities of refugee resettlement in British Guiana. In 1940 Dr. Rosen directed the resettlement of refugees in the Dominican Republic. As vice-president of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, Inc., he made several trips to the colony at Sosua.

Edward M.M. Warburg, J.D.C. chairman, declared in a statement that "Dr. Joseph A. Rosen was one of those men who put vast scientific gifts at the service of humanity. His life was devoted both to increasing the productivity of the soil and its products and to teaching men how to make better use of the bounty of nature. He has left behind two great monuments to his memory, his Rosen rye, which still grows on America's farms, and his great labors in the resettlement of hundreds of thousands of distressed Jews on the land."