

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE PREMIER BEN GURION AND OTHER ISRAEL CABINET MEMBERS FOILED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- An attempt to assassinate Premier David Ben Gurion and other members of the Israel Cabinet was foiled today when guards in the Knesset overpowered a young Jew who aimed a loaded Sten gun at the Ministers of the Jewish state after jumping to the Speaker's platform from the visitors' gallery.

The Knesset was holding its last session prior to its adjournment for a period extending through the High Holy Days. The would-be assassin, Avraham Tzafati, who is believed to be a religious fanatic, was standing for some time in the visitors' gallery overlooking the Speaker's platform. Suddenly he jumped from the gallery to a position before the Knesset chairman's seat and aimed his lethal weapon at the Israel Ministers who were seated on the platform. He was swiftly seized and overpowered before he could open fire.

Tzafati, who shouted, "Kill Ben Gurion," as he was taken out of the Knesset building, carried a book of plans for the erection of the Third Temple in Jerusalem. When he was conducted past the Israel Premier, Tzafati screamed: "We fought for you, why don't you build the Temple?"

The Knesset adjourned shortly after the excitement over the disturbance subsided and an inquiry into the attack was immediately launched. Tzafati is believed to be of unsound mind. He was reported to have claimed after his arrest that he "did not mean to kill anybody" but planned instead to take his own life.

Before adjournment of the session, Herut deputies demanded that the Israel parliament initiate a full-scale debate on the Jerusalem issue in view of the imminent arrival of a United Nations representative for Jerusalem. The demand was opposed by Zalman Aharonovits, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee, who revealed that his group had already discussed the arrival of the U.N. representative with members of the Foreign Ministry. He pointed out that the last U.N. resolution on Jerusalem empowered the U.N. Conciliation Commission to appoint such a representative which it had now decided to do.

The Jerusalem municipality yesterday adopted unanimously a resolution reiterating opposition to the internationalization of the city. The resolution stated that "in view of the present efforts to reintroduce plans for the internationalization of Jerusalem the municipality once more declares in the name of the inhabitants that it will accept only full Israel sovereignty. Jerusalemites fought and shed their blood for the city when it was abandoned by all the world and they will continue to defend it so that it will remain the capital of Israel."

U.N. CONCILIATION BODY ADJOURNS LAUSANNE TALKS; SESSIONS TO RESUME IN N.Y. NEXT MONTH

LAUSANNE, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The U.N. Conciliation Commission for Palestine informed the Israel and Arab delegates attending the peace talks here that it has decided to adjourn the Lausanne meetings and reconvenes in New York between October 15-20. The Commission's headquarters and secretariat will be moved to Jerusalem.

UNITED NATIONS APPOINTS PRO-ARAB DIPLOMAT AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN JERUSALEM

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Alberto Gonzalez Fernandez of the Colombian delegation to the United Nations has been appointed the U.N. representative in Jerusalem by the Palestine Conciliation Commission, it was announced here today.

Dr. Fernandez was appointed upon the nomination of U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie, with authority to assume his duties in Jerusalem and call on the local officials to set up an interim U.N. administration in the area. Under the General Assembly resolution adopted in Paris last year this would be a preliminary step in the complete internationalization of the city.

The appointment was seen in U.N. circles here as evidence of a new "get tough" policy with Israel. The interpretation stems from the fact that Dr. Fernandez was the only non-Arab to serve on a subcommittee of the Assembly which was empowered to work out an alternative scheme to partition at the 1947 session of the Assembly. This session finally voted partition as a solution for Palestine's problem.

At the same time, a report from the Commission at Lausanne stated that Gordon R. Clapp, chief of the newly created economic mission for the Middle East, had expressed the hope that his group would produce a report in time for submission to the General Assembly this year. Dr. Clapp arrived at Beirut, his group's Middle East headquarters, yesterday.

ISRAEL "WILLING AND READY" TO GUARANTEE FREE ACCESS TO HOLY PLACES, DR. WEIZMANN SAYS

FRIBOURG, Switzerland, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- "Israel is willing and ready to give formal guarantees for the safety of, free access to, and normal functioning of all the Holy Places situated in the Jewish sector of Jerusalem and throughout Israel," President Chaim Weizmann today declared. He spoke here at the University of Fribourg at a special ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of his being granted a doctorate in natural sciences by the institution.

The Israel President also said that his government would "welcome direct international supervision over the Holy Places and institutions so that these guarantees would be a living reality." He added that Israel had made definite proposals on the future of the Holy Places "based on a synthesis of the interests of Christianity and the state of Israel." He stated that he believed that international supervision of the Holy Places "combined with the guarantees of the state of Israel will serve well the interests and concerns of Christianity as well as the interests and concerns of the state of Israel. We believe these interests are reconcilable."

Pointing out that Israel recognizes its responsibilities to the international community for the security and free access of the Holy Places in its jurisdiction, the President stated that since the return of peace to Israel the government authorities "have spared no effort to repair damages and to enable the holy institutions to continue their noble work." He also stated that "close and happy relations" exist between Israel and the ecclesiastic representatives.

Present at the ceremony, at which the officials of the university hailed Dr. Weizmann as the most prominent student of the school, were representatives of the Swiss Government, municipal authorities, scholars and leaders of the Jewish community of Switzerland. Also present were Israel representatives in the country. After the ceremony at the University, Dr. Weizmann and his party were honored at a reception.