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TWO JEWISH SETTLERS KILLED NEAR JERUSALEM BY ARAB BANDITS FROM TRANSJORDAN TERRITORY

JERUSALEM, March 19. (JTA) -- Two Jewish settlers were killed last night in the Jerusalem suburbs by Arab bandits who stole a herd of goats and then escaped across the border into Transjordan-controlled territory.

The Israel delegation to the mixed Transjordan-Israel armistice commission has called a meeting of the body for tomorrow in order to place before it a formal complaint concerning this and similar incidents.

The killings occurred in daylight near the deserted Arab village of Kolonia, about three miles west of Jerusalem. The first settler was knifed to death by Arabs in ambush. The second Jew died in similar fashion when he came seeking the missing man. Military authorities traced the stolen herd to the Israel-Transjordan border line. Another raid took place about one mile north of Kolonia at Beth Iksa.

Arab marauders operating from Transjordan territory were also active in the south this week-end. Colonists at Kibbutz Revadim lost 150 sheep and a number of mules, while several isolated thefts took place at Masayiah, where the tracks of the robbers led in the direction of Faluja, Amalin and Latrun. At Revadim the police gave chase to the bandits within two hours, but could not catch them.

The Israel Government today submitted to the Lebanese delegates at the Israel-Lebanon mixed armistice commission a list of Arab dependents residing in Lebanon whose repatriation to Israel is urged by their relatives living in this country. Heretofore 562 Arabs have been repatriated from Lebanon to Israel.

U.N. BODY GIVES JERUSALEM GOVERNOR CONTROL OF CITY'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

GENEVA, March 18. (JTA) -- The United Nations Trusteeship Council, which is currently considering an international statute for Jerusalem, last night agreed provisionally that the proposed U.N. governor of the city, rather than its legislative council, should have the right to appoint diplomatic representatives to foreign states and to sign treaties.

All treaties signed by the governor would be submitted to the legislature for ratification, it was decided. However, in the event the legislative body refused to countersign, the Trusteeship Council would have the final right of ratification.

During the discussion on this article Israel representative Aubrey S. Eban pointed out that some of its provisions violated the Israel-Transjordan armistice agreement concerning Jerusalem. The Arabs objected, asserting that the armistice pact was a provisional measure while the Trusteeship Council was working on a permanent solution. Council president Roger Carrean raised the discussion out of order, asserting that it was a problem which would be considered when the General Assembly received the Council's statute.

MAPAI CHARGES MAPAM CONFUSED IDEOLOGY, POLITICAL ORIENTATION CAUSED COALITION FAILURE

TEL AVIV, March 19. (JTA) -- The central committee of the Mapam Party this week-end issued a statement to the press listing the reasons for the failure of the months-long negotiations for coalition between itself and the Mapam Party and charging that the left-wing Socialist group's confused ideology and "unilateral political orientation" were responsible for the breakdown of the talks to broaden the coalition government by inclusion of the Mapam.

The government party statement revealed that it had rejected a demand for establishment of a labor bloc, consisting of the two groups, within the Cabinet. This, the Mapai insisted, was not possible in a Cabinet based on the principle of collective responsibility of all parties within the government. The statement also disclosed that there was a major difference in the economic field, with the leftists demanding the imposition of higher direct taxes and lower indirect levies.

On the question of a pact with Transjordan, the Mapam insisted that any treaty signed must contain a clause providing that the Anglo-Transjordan mutual defense treaty have no effect in Transjordan territory west of the Jordan River.

Another demand of the left-wing group, according to the statement, was that it must have specific assurances that the government would boycott any Middle East plan which would be equivalent to the Atlantic Pact or the Marshall Plan. It would not be satisfied with government assurances that the government would not become a party to any regional pact or economic plan which would undermine Israel sovereignty.

The Mapam also demanded that the Israel Government support in the United Nations motions to outlaw atomic weapons, reduce armaments and favor a "Big Five" pact. The Mapai felt that such a program would virtually place Israel within the Soviet Bloc at the U.N. and would nullify its neutrality policy.

The talks dealing with security matters revolved about reinstatement in the Israel Army of officers who were members of the Mapam. The Mapai had agreed to reinstatement of most of these officers, the statement said, but continued to object to some of them, including a man described as a popular war hero. Furthermore, the statement continued, the Mapam envisaged a people's army based on the settlement in the spirit of the Palmach, while the Mapai claimed that the military service act provided for maintenance of the pioneering spirit in the army as a whole.

Sharett Lashes Out at Mapam's Pro-Soviet Position

Speaking at a rally in advance of intra-party elections, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett rejected a Mapam statement blaming his party for the failure of the negotiations. He held that the Mapam's insistence on "Soviet Russia's peace trends" was responsible for the breakdown of the coalition talks.

Referring to Mapam charges that Israel is becoming a "Marshallized colony," Mr. Sharett said: "Yes, if such a charge results in the American loan, which Mapam settlements enjoy fully. Also yes, regarding technical assistance."

The Foreign Minister said that Israel had applied to the U.S.S.R. to send it an afforestation expert, but had been ignored by the Soviets, while requests for assistance to American scientists such as Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, soil conservation expert, and John L. Savage, water resources engineer, were immediately answered in the affirmative. The same is true of weapons, he asserted, stating that for heavy weapons such as planes and tanks, rather than for small arms, the Jewish state was forced to turn to the United States and other countries.

At another point in his speech, Mr. Sharett said that "we have not renounced Russian Jewry. The tragedy of our generation lies in the fact that we build our state without them."

BANK DEPOSITS RISE IN ISRAEL; LABOR PAPER CALLS FOR CURRENCY FREEZE TO BATTLE INFLATION

TEL AVIV, March 19. (JTA) -- Bank deposits in Israel have increased by about \$90,000,000 during the last 14 months, it was revealed this week-end in Davar, leading Israel daily and organ of the Histadrut. The paper urges that the deposits be turned over to "productive financing of industry" and other activities beneficial to the country's development.

"Income is becoming increasingly larger than production," the paper points out. "This constitutes a sign of inflation rather than of genuine saving, since these deposits may at any time be used to increase the demand for commodities." Davar suggests freezing the deposits for a fixed period. This, it says, would stabilize the surplus purchasing capacity of the population.

BRITISH RECOGNITION OF TRANSJORDAN AS MANDATE SUCCESSOR SEEN IN FINANCIAL TRANSACTION

LONDON, March 19. (JTA) -- The British Treasury has agreed to release 500,000 pounds (\$1,400,000) to Transjordan from frozen sterling balances here, it was reported today by the Daily Graphic. The release is interpreted as an indication of Britain's intention to recognize Transjordan as the successor to the Palestine Mandate in the Arab parts of the country.

Although the Treasury was "unable" to confirm the Graphic report, authoritative sources here say that it is substantially correct. The report says that the sterling release will be made to offset heavy expenditures by Transjordan here, but no explanation of the nature of the purchases is given. The release does not affect the British-Israel financial relations and was not discussed during the current British-Israel finance talks, an Israel source said.

BENJAMIN G. BROWDY UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ZCA FOR REMAINDER OF FRISCH'S TERM

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Benjamin G. Browdy, Zionist leader and prominent industrialist of New York, was unanimously elected president of the Zionist Organization of America -- the post vacated by the death on March 7th of Daniel Frisch -- at a specially convened meeting here today of the National Administrative Council, the ruling body of the organization between conventions. Rudolf Sonneborn, chairman of the Administrative Council, presided at the session which was attended by members from all parts of the country.

In his address of acceptance, Mr. Browdy, voicing gratitude for "the great honor you have bestowed upon me," pledged that "the last will and testament of our beloved departed leader shall be carried out and that the Zionist Organization of America, which he loved so dearly, shall have every ounce of energy, every minute of time that I can possibly spare as long as I am privileged to work and continue in his stead."

Mr. Browdy, who served as acting president of the organization during the absence of Mr. Frisch on his two visits to Israel, is president of the Keren Hayesod, and has been active in the Zionist movement since his early youth. He served in many high capacities in the movement as well as in fund-raising efforts for Israel. Last year he served as a member of the Praesidium of the American Zionist Council which represents all Zionist bodies in this country.

Preceding the election of the new president, the Council meeting was devoted to a memorial for the late Daniel Frisch. Among the speakers who delivered warm eulogies were Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Louis Lipsky, Judge Morris Rethenberg, Dr. Harris J. Levine and Mr. Browdy.

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FIRST GROUP OF CHRONICALLY ILL, CRIPPLED JEWISH DP'S LEAVES FOR ISRAEL TOMORROW

BAD WORISHOFEN, Germany, March 19. (JTA) -- The first group of Jewish hard core DP's consisting of 30 chronically ill, crippled and bedridden men and women will leave Tuesday from a hospital in this Bavarian spa town to begin their journey to Israel.

The group, ranging in age from 24 to 86, will be taken from their beds on stretchers to a nearby railroad siding to start the trip that many have been waiting half-a-century to make. They will arrive in Israel in time to observe the Passover holiday.

Under special arrangements completed today by the Joint Distribution Committee, the group will travel to Munich on two train cars that have been converted into a hospital-on-wheels. In Munich they will be joined by 150 healthy DP's and will then proceed to Venice, where they will board an Israel transport for the journey to Israel. The transport will have a fully equipped sickbay and a full corps of physicians and nurses.

To meet the problem of caring for the sick and aged refugees arriving in Israel, Samuel Haber, director of the J.D.C. in Germany, said that a \$15,000,000 welfare fund has been established in Israel by the J.D.C., the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency. He added that a recent grant of \$2,500,000 by the International Refugee Organization will also be used to care for the hard core cases in Israel. Mr. Haber pointed out that these persons and their families now comprise about 50 percent of the 13,000 Jews remaining in German DP camps. Most of them are scheduled to emigrate before the end of 1950.

The J.D.C. director said the problem of what to do with these DP's has been "particularly tough." He declared: "Already overcrowded Israel, where most wish to settle, can offer no facilities for the treatment which they require. But to leave them to rot in Germany," he said, "would have been a mockery of justice."

EX-HUNGARIAN JEWISH VETERANS' LEADER CHARGES ANTI-SEMITISM EXISTS IN HUNGARIAN GOVT.

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Bela Fabian, former president of the Jewish War Veterans of Hungary, this week-end charged that in various Hungarian Ministries and in the "Communist-founded National Peasants Party" officials continue an anti-Jewish attitude which does "not differ in the least in spirit from public offices under the Nazis."

In a letter published in the New York Times, Mr. Fabian specifically named the Ministries of Industry and Reconstruction and Public Works. He said that speakers of the Peasants Party vie with each other in anti-Semitic utterances, adding that recently a Parliamentary member of the party declared at a mass meeting in Szabolcs County that the Jews are sabotaging the Hungarian five-year plan.

Commenting editorially on the letter, the Times said that although there is no racialism per se in Communist doctrine, the Jews and other minorities are being persecuted because Marxist communism "cannot tolerate a rival or even separate loyalty." It adds that persecution for the Jews is more dangerous than for the Catholics or other groups because of the latent background of anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO INTERFERE IN HEDLER CASE, JEWISH GROUPS INFORMED

LONDON, March 19. (JTA) -- The British Government is watching the case of Wolfgang Hedler, suspended anti-Semitic deputy of the Bonn Parliament, the Foreign Office this week-end informed the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Manchester Union of Jewish Ex-Servicemen. Both Jewish groups had asked the government to intervene against Hedler's acquittal by a German court on charges of plotting to racism and anti-Semitism.

The Foreign Office said that it could not intervene since the German prosecutor was appealing the court's decision and the case was still "sub judice." At the same time, it pointed out that it felt that it would be more effective if the Germans themselves took care of such matters rather than the Allied authorities. It added that the British Government had sought since the fall of Germany to create conditions which would prevent the revival of Nazism and anti-Semitism in Germany.

JEWISH LEGISLATOR IN NEW SOUTH WALES ATTEMPTS TO AID REFUGEE DOCTORS TO PRACTICE

SYDNEY, March 19. (JTA) -- Abram Landa, only Jewish member of the New South Wales legislature, is seeking action by the legislature to admit to practice a greater number of physicians who have received their medical education and training in foreign countries. Many applicants thus qualified are Jewish refugees.

At present the regulations permit only eight foreign-educated doctors to be licensed in the province each year. The regulations also provide that the applicants shall have at least five years education abroad and three more at Sydney University before taking licensing examinations. There were 15 applicants for licenses this year, but seven were rejected despite a shortage of doctors, Mr. Landa pointed out.

J.D.C. DISTRIBUTED 1,500,000 POUNDS OF PASSOVER FOOD TO JEWS IN 17 COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- More than 1,500,000 pounds of Passover foods have been distributed by the Joint Distribution Committee to needy Jews in 17 European and North African countries, it was announced this week-end by Edward M.M. Warburg, J.D.C. chairman. Some 500,000 Jewish men, women and children will benefit from the special holiday distribution, which includes matzoh, matzoh meal and 40,000 bottles of Passover wine, the J.D.C. chairman declared.

The Passover holiday, which begins April 1, will this year be marked by thousands of Jews in the DP camps and in J.D.C. transient centers, waiting to reenact the Biblical story of the Exodus from Egypt by their own resettlement in Israel. During 1950, the J.D.C. expects to move a minimum of 120,000 emigrants from Europe and Moslem-Arab lands to Israel, Mr. Warburg said.

The largest distribution of Passover foods, 485,000 pounds, is being made in Hungary, where the J.D.C. now maintains its largest single assistance program in Europe. Other major distributions are being carried out in Germany--230,000 pounds-- Poland--220,000 pounds--and France--185,000 pounds. Passover supplies for Poland reached that country before the J.D.C. was ordered to wind up its program on January 1, and are now being distributed to Polish Jews by the Jewish Successor Organization, which represents all groups of Polish Jewry.

Every DP will receive five pounds of matzoh, a pound of matzoh meal, a bottle of wine and a supply of kosher fat. For Orthodox Jews in the DP countries, the J.D.C. has ordered special supplies of wheat from Israel. The wheat is now being processed and baked in Fuerst, Germany, under the supervision of DP rabbis. In addition to Passover supplies furnished directly by the J.D.C. approximately 250,000 Jews in Moslem countries, in North Africa and the Near East, will be provided special Passover cash allowances to permit their purchase of holiday foods locally. Other countries in which J.D.C. matzoh is being distributed include Belgium, Greece, Sweden, Norway, Portugal and Yugoslavia.

RABBI WEILER ELECTED CHIEF MINISTER OF JOHANNESBURG CONGREGATION FOR LIFE

TULSA, Okla., March 19. (JTA) -- Rabbi Moses C. Weiler, spiritual leader of the Jewish Reform movement in South Africa who is now on a visit here in behalf of the combined Union of American Hebrew Congregations-Hobrow Union College campaign; this week-end received a cable from Johannesburg that at a meeting of the Jewish Reform Congregation there he was unanimously elected Chief Minister of the congregation for life.

DROPSIE COLLEGE TO PUBLISH FIRST OF NEW 30-VOLUME TRANSLATION OF SCRIPTURAL WRITINGS

PHILADELPHIA, March 19. (JTA) -- The Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning here will this month publish the first in a series of 30 volumes of a new translation of the Scriptural writings known as the Apocrypha and Pseudipigrapha, it was announced this week-end.

The project, which is expected to cost \$100,000 and take ten years to complete, has been in the works for the past two years. Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, president of Dropsie College, said that the new translation is expected to "contribute materially" to a better understanding of both the Jewish and Christian religions. The first volume was translated by Dr. Sidney S. Tedesche, rabbi of Union Temple, Brooklyn.

ISRAEL RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR GIVES HERALD TRIBUNE AWARD FOR SERVICES TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Rabbi Moshe Hebroni, dean of the Hebron Yeshiva in Jerusalem, has presented the New York Herald-Tribune with a silver candelabrum "as a token of appreciation for meritorious services to the cause of Israel." Rabbi Hebroni is in this country at the invitation of the American Committee for the Hebron Yeshiva, which is seeking to raise \$1,000,000 for the institution.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF CYRUS ADLER MARKED AT JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- The tenth anniversary of the death of Cyrus Adler, noted Jewish ex scholar and third president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, was commemorated at a meeting at the Seminary.

Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, a member of the Atomic Energy Commission, recalled his friendship with Dr. Adler which began at the Peace Conference following World War I, and recited many facts about his early career, and his association with the Jewish Theological Seminary. The memorial meeting was attended by friends of Dr. Adler, members of the Adler family, and members of the Seminary's faculty.

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD FOR ELLIS A. GIMBEL; JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST DIES AT 84

PHILADELPHIA, March 19. (JTA) -- Funeral services took place here today for Ellis A. Gimbel, philanthropist, civic leader and businessman who died last Friday at the age of 84. The services were held at Temple Knesseth Israel and the remains were buried at the Mount Sinai Cemetery.

Mr. Gimbel was a director of the Federation of Jewish Charities of this city and of the Association for Jewish Children of Philadelphia. He also contributed to other Jewish charities.