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JORDAN TROOPS OCCUPY PART OF ISRAEL'S MAIN ROAD IN NEGEV; SITUATION NOT HELD SERIOUS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Israel military circles today took a grave view of the cutting of the Israel road to Eilat by Jordan military forces. However, the situation is not termed serious. The Israel authorities have formally demanded an emergency meeting of the mixed armistice commission.

The sudden occupation of part of the Israel main road in the Negev which leads to the Gulf of Aqaba was discovered when Israel troops, moving along this only road to Eilat, found the road blocked by Jordanian armored forces. Israel authorities immediately lodged a complaint with Col. Bennett de Ridder, acting United Nations chief of staff, terming Jordan's action a flagrant breach of the Israel-Jordanian armistice agreement and insisting on the immediate convening of a meeting of the mixed armistice commission.

The road which Jordan's Arab Legion occupied passes Israel territory along Wadi Araba, between Sodom and Eilat. Last week Jordan filed a complaint with the armistice commission claiming that the road passes through Jordan territory. This complaint has been referred to the Israel members of the commission in accordance with existing procedure. The claim has not yet been discussed by the Armistice Commission. Israel authorities expect Col. de Ridder to order the Arab Legion to evacuate the road.

Informal Israel-Jordan Talks Fail; Jordan Avoids Armistice Commission

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Informal negotiations between Israel and Jordan representatives which started this morning in the presence of Col. de Ridder failed to break Jordan's opposition to the holding of a full and formal meeting of the mixed armistice commission to take up the issue. The Jordanians demanded that a sub-committee first investigate their complaint that the road which they occupied yesterday passes through Jordan territory.

Meanwhile, Menahem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party, wired a request to the chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the Israel parliament insisting on the immediate holding of a meeting of this committee for the purpose of discussing Israel's attitude to the "aggressive act carried out by Jordan."

(The New York Times reported from Jerusalem today that Premier David Ben Gurion flew to Greece yesterday on a vacation. His trip is private and he is visiting archaeological sites. This is the first time that the Israel Premier has left Israel since the Jewish state was established.)

JEWISH FEDERATIONS OPEN THREE-DAY ASSEMBLY TODAY TO DISCUSS MAJOR COMMUNITY PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Major problems facing American Jewish communities in 1951 will be discussed at a three-day general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which opens here tomorrow at the Shoreham Hotel, with more than 700 Jewish leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada in attendance. The delegates will map plans for meeting total Jewish responsibilities in Israel, overseas, nationally and locally.

The three-day assembly will open with discussions on a long-range blueprint prepared by the Council for a community-sponsored national campaign organization. The blueprint, according to Council leaders, aims "to assure continued stability in fund-raising for Jewish causes and, if approved, would become operative only in the event that the present national fund-raising arrangements are dissolved or become so weakened as to lose effectiveness." A stormy debate is expected when the blueprint is presented to the assembly for approval, in view of the fact that there is strong Zionist opposition to it.

A full-dress debate is also anticipated tomorrow on recommendations by the Council to implement the creation of a central Israel fund and budget which would embrace all the various fund-raising activities for Israel in the United States, including the separate fund-raising projects conducted by Hadassah and the Histadrut in this country. At the General Assembly last year, the majority of the delegates voted in favor of the establishment of such a central Israel fund and budget. Leaders of Hadassah and the Histadrut, as well as of other Zionist groups, however, oppose the project.

The General Assembly will also vote on proposals designed to insure the most efficient manner of utilizing funds raised to meet Israel's most pressing economic needs. They will deal with the role of philanthropy in relation to the projected Israel bond drive in the country; with private investments in Israel, and inter-governmental loans to the Jewish state; and with the character of programs to be undertaken by American Jewish organizations raising funds for Israel. The proposals will be presented following an analysis of the Israel and overseas picture to be given by Harold Glasser, director of the C.J.F.W.F. Institute on Overseas Studies.

The Assembly will also hold a special session to discuss domestic needs as well as the needs of Jews in countries outside Israel. It will analyze the results of the 1950 fund-raising drives and evaluate the possibilities for the 1951 campaign. The strengthening of Jewish community organization in the United States will also be one of the subjects discussed at the Assembly.

The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds is the national association of community organizations serving 800 cities as their instrument in dealing with national problems and in providing central services in budgeting, community organization, social planning, campaigning and year-round interpretation. Member agencies of the Council annually raise more than 90 percent of all funds used for Jewish welfare purposes, the Council emphasized in a statement issued today.

American Zionists to Seek Priority for Israel at Welfare Funds Assembly

PARIS, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The importance of the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which opens tomorrow in Washington, was emphasized today by Moshe Kol, member of the Jewish Agency executive, upon his arrival here en route from New York to Israel.

Zionists at the conference will press a demand that priority be given by the Jewish welfare funds to Israel until there are at least 2,000,000 inhabitants in the Jewish state, Mr. Kol added.

GEN. MARSHALL EMPHASIZES ROLE OF PALESTINE JEWS IN HELPING DEFEAT NAZI ARMIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Admiration for Israel's achievements during its three years of existence despite the great difficulties which the country faces was expressed here last night by General George C. Marshall, Secretary of Defense.

Mr. Marshall spoke at a \$500-plate dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria attended by 1,500 persons celebrating the 76th birthday of President Chaim Weizmann of Israel and the third anniversary of the United Nations Palestine partition decision, which led to the creation of Israel. The dinner was sponsored by the American Committee for the Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute of Science, and Haifa Technion, which is currently conducting a campaign to raise \$5,500,000 in the United States.

Secretary Marshall compared the difficulties faced by the United States during the first three years of its existence with those now faced by Israel. He expressed the conviction that the Jewish state will grow and develop and be of help even to the neighboring Arab countries. He paid high tribute to the role which the Jews in Palestine played in the Allied armies, helping to defeat the Nazis in the Middle East. He especially emphasized the dangerous missions which Palestine Jewish parachutists carried out behind Nazi lines during the war.

Mr. Marshall's speech was termed by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban as an expression of friendly relations between the Jewish state and the United States. Ambassador Eban noted that the Secretary of Defense took the time to address the dinner despite the crucial international situation which developed in the last 48 hours and which keeps Mr. Marshall extremely busy with matters of great concern to the United States.

ABSENTEE SOLDIER BALLOTS GIVE GENERAL ZIONISTS EXTRA SEAT ON TEL AVIV CITY COUNCIL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The General Zionists gained another seat on the Tel Aviv municipal council today with the final count of the soldier vote.

The absentee ballots did not affect the standing of any of the other parties in the city. Over 130,000 persons voted, the final tallies reveal. This means that some 81 percent of the total electorate voted in the municipal balloting.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND GETS \$6,000,000 LOAN FROM BELGIAN BANKS; WILL BUY MACHINERY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund revealed today that it has been granted a \$6,000,000 loan by four of the largest banks in Belgium. The loan, repayable in five years at an interest rate of four-and-a-quarter percent, will be used for the purchase of machinery and essential industrial products in Belgium.

The General Postmasters of Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Iceland and Finland are due to arrive here at the end of this week as guests of the Israel Government. They will be given a reception by Dov Joseph, Minister of Communications.

BRITISH HIGH OFFICIAL ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO STUDY ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE JEWISH STATE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Sir Thomas Rapp, chief of the Middle East section of the British Foreign Office, with headquarters in Cairo, arrived in Israel last night from Egypt. He told newsmen at Lydda airport that he came to the Jewish state to study economic problems.

U.N. MAY CONSIDER JERUSALEM ISSUE ON MONDAY; 1,000 U.S. EDUCATORS SUBMIT PETITION

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The debate on the status of Jerusalem may start at the U.N. Ad Hoc Political Committee on Monday, it was indicated here today by informed sources. The issue is whether all of Jerusalem or only Holy Places in the Jerusalem area should be placed under international supervision.

In a petition submitted yesterday to the American delegation at the United Nations, more than 1,000 American educators urged the United States to take the initiative in solving the Jerusalem problem. They expressed support for the proposal that international supervision be restricted to the Holy Places instead of the complete internationalization plan approved in 1949. The petition was addressed to President Truman and a copy was also sent to the President of the U.N. General Assembly.

The 1,014 signers included 103 university and college presidents and 191 deans from 46 states and the District of Columbia. More than 100 of the signatories are on the staffs of theological seminaries; over 30 are from Columbia University, 55 from New York University, 18 from Boston University, 10 from Harvard. The signatories emphasize their belief that removal of the uncertainty over the status of Jerusalem will be particularly valuable from the educational point of view. Normalized relations between Jordan and Israel should lead to the opening of the now blocked route to the Hebrew University.

"It is tragic," the petition states, "that in an area so poor in educational opportunities as the Middle East, the facilities of such a well-equipped institution as the Hebrew University have been unused for almost three years. Those facilities have always been dedicated to the study and progress of the entire Middle East and, from the day of the University's founding, have been available to Arab and Jew alike."

FRENCH RETREAT ON JERUSALEM ISSUE IN FACE OF VATICAN CAMPAIGN FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION

PARIS, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- As a result of the Vatican's recently renewed campaign in behalf of internationalization of Jerusalem and its environs the French Government is less favorably inclined toward the Dutch-Canadian proposal for international control of the Holy Places alone, it was learned today from usually well informed sources.

These same sources maintained that the French delegation at Lake Success will take no active role in opposing the Dutch-Canadian move, contenting itself with merely abstaining on any formal vote.

CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP IN AUSTRALIA CALLS FOR SUPPORT OF VATICAN AIMS ON JERUSALEM

SYDNEY, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- R. McGuire, Catholic Archbishop of Canberra, today urged all priests in Australia to offer up prayers for Divine assistance to the United Nations in its consideration of the Jerusalem issue.

In a pastoral letter, the Archbishop called for support of the Pope's position for internationalization of the city and the surrounding area. "Immunity for the Holy Places in Palestine can only be guaranteed by an international statute for Jerusalem and its surroundings, also the protection of the Holy Places with full liberty of access, freedom for all Catholic institutions and protection of acquired secular rights of Catholics," the letter said.

SHARETT OPPOSES ANGLO-AMERICAN RESOLUTION AT UNITED NATIONS ON ARAB REFUGEE QUESTION

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Opposing an Anglo-American resolution regarding the Arab refugee question and Middle East peace here today, Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett reiterated his government's policy that outstanding questions between Israel and the Arab states can only be considered in the context of negotiations for a general and final peace settlement. He termed repatriation of any considerable number of the refugees impracticable and, from the point of view of Israel's security, "a downright act of folly."

He pointed out that Israel had already made a basic compromise in its position by offering to begin paying compensation for abandoned Arab lands into a reintegration fund, which is contemplated under a resolution already passed by the Committee. He said the appearance in the present resolution of the compensation question, with the setting up of an office under the Palestine Conciliation Commission established for this purpose, meant that Israel would be called upon to pay compensation twice over or to undertake uncoordinated commitments, which he said "my government cannot conceive."

FORMER NAZI OFFICIAL TESTIFIES AGAINST KOCH; SAYS SHE ROBBED JEWS OF TEETH FILLINGS

AUGSBERG, Germany, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- A former Nazi S.S. official said in court today that Ilse Koch's reputation for "incredible cruelties" earned the hatred of most people in and around the Buchenwald concentration camp. Konrad Morgen--a tall, bespectacled writer--was giving evidence at the fourth day of the German retrial of the Koch woman.

Morgen was commissioned by police headquarters in Berlin to investigate reports of corruption in the Buchenwald camp in 1944. He told the court he had established that Karl Koch, Ilse's husband, had sold articles produced by the prisoners to the value of "several million marks."

The Koch woman, he said, had sent gold to be worked into jewelry at a nearby store. The gold was of such a high carat value that it could not have been commercial gold as Koch has asserted, he added. He said it came from gold fillings in the teeth of living and dead Jews in the camp.

AMERICAN RABBIS DECIDE TO CONVOKE WORLD RABBINICAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- A resolution to convoke a world conference of rabbis, including leading rabbis from Israel, for the purpose of discussing pressing religious and social problems concerning Jewish life throughout the world was adopted here today at a convention of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada. The conference is to take place next summer in New York.

The rabbinical convention discussed the problem of Kashruth in the United States. Various speakers emphasized the increased need for strengthening of Orthodox education in this country. Reports on the decline of religion among Jews in rural sections of the United States were made by a number of delegates.

MRS. ROSENBERG UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS ASSISTANT DEFENSE SECRETARY BY SENATE UNIT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The nomination of Mrs. Anna Rosenberg as Assistant Secretary of Defense was unanimously approved here last night by the Senate Armed Services Committee. Mrs. Rosenberg, who is one of the country's top-flight manpower and labor relations consultants, will be in charge of manpower problems in the Defense Department.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY OPENS SERVICE BUREAU FOR JEWISH ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- An Educational Service Bureau, to help Jewish elementary and secondary schools improve their educational programs, has been established at Yeshiva University's School of Education and Community Administration, it was announced here today. The work of the Bureau will range from guidance in the analysis and solution of specific problems to assisting in the evaluation of a school's total program. It is expected that initially the Bureau will concentrate its efforts in the following areas:

1. The survey and inspection of schools. Qualified professional educators will inspect the school, upon request, and furnish a written report with suggestions and recommendations which will serve as the basis for the improvement of the school.
2. To make available the resources of the University's Psychological Clinic to the schools for purposes of admission, guidance, diagnosis, and correction, and in dealing with children who have problems.
3. To aid the schools with their personnel problems and to provide them with programs of in-service training; to keep the schools abreast with trends and developments and to serve as a clearing house between the schools themselves; to serve as an information center and liaison for and about the Jewish all-day schools.

The School of Education and Community Administration of Yeshiva University opened two years ago, trains selected personnel for positions of leadership in education and community administration, provides in-service training for personnel already engaged in the areas, and stimulates and carries on educational and social research.

ARGENTINE JEWS CELEBRATE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF U.N. PALESTINE PARTITION DECISION

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The third anniversary of the United Nations Palestine partition decision, which led to the establishment of the Jewish state, was celebrated throughout Argentina last night at meetings and special celebrations arranged by various Zionist groups. An appeal to all "friends of Israel" to enroll in the Zionist movement was issued by the Argentine Zionist Council.

SOLEMN PRAYERS RECITED AT MT. ZION IN JERUSALEM ON OCCASION OF WEIZMANN'S BIRTHDAY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Solemn prayers were recited yesterday at the "President's Cave" on historic Mount Zion on the occasion of President Chaim Weizmann's 76th birthday. Scrolls of the Law donated by Dr. Weizmann are kept in the cave.

ISRAEL ENVOY TO SO. AFRICA PRESENTS CREDENTIALS; LAUDS UNION'S FEELINGS TO NEW STATE

PRETORIA, So. Africa, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Edward D. Goitein, Israel Minister to South Africa, yesterday presented his credentials to Brand Van Zyl, Governor-General of the Union. The Israeli noted the "warm feelings of friendship of the government and people of the Union towards the new state of Israel."

Gen. Van Zyl, in response, said "the Union is glad the Jewish people has restored its ancient homeland" and expressed the hope for "close and friendly relations with the new state."