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LAST MINUTE NEWS

SYRIAN TROOPS INVADE ISRAELI TERRITORY IN HULAH REGION; KILL SEVEN JEWISH POLICEMEN

TEL AVIV, April 4. (JTA) — Syrian troops today invaded Israeli territory in the Hulah region of northeastern Palestine and killed seven Jewish policemen, wounded one and captured another Jew. This is the first time since the dispute over Israel's right to reclaim marsh land in the demilitarized zone between Israel and Syria that such an invasion occurred and such casualties were inflicted.

A report from the scene of the invasion late tonight declared that the wounded man and the prisoner had come under United Nations protection. It was also reported that Col. Shaul Basati, top Israel Army officer, was hurrying to the scene southeast of Ein Gev, to study the situation and take charge of the bodies of the dead policemen.

From Jerusalem it was reported that the Israeli representatives on the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission proposed that the members of the Commission proceed immediately to the scene of the clash. The suggestion was turned down, without explanation by the U.N. chairman, Col. H. Bessav, whereupon the Israelis walked out of the meeting.

The Jerusalem reports also stated that U.N. military observers in the Hulah region, hurrying to the scene of the clash, were fired upon by Syrian troops and were forced to seek safety in Samakh. According to these same reports Syrian troops invaded Arab villages in Israeli territory, dispersed the local Arab policemen and opened fire on two Israeli police patrol trucks. One truck is reported to have escaped with two wounded Jews aboard, but nothing is known of the whereabouts of the second vehicle.

ISRAEL NATIONAL ELECTIONS SET FOR JULY 30 IN BILL ADOPTED BY KNESSET IN FIRST READING

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) — Israel's forthcoming national elections will be held on July 30 under the provisions of the new election bill which passed its first reading in Parliament today, it was officially announced tonight. The announcement corrects an earlier report that the balloting would be held June 30. (See earlier story on next page.)

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KNESSET ADOPTS NEW ELECTION LAW; FIXES JUNE 30 AS DATE OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today adopted a first reading of the new election law, fixing June 30th as the date of the forthcoming Parliamentary elections.

The Parliament also passed the Transition Law, which provides that the present Parliament be dissolved at the very moment that the newly-elected Parliament is convened. This law was passed in the face of opposition by Mapai, Israel's Labor Party, which demanded that Parliament be dissolved a day prior to the elections of the new body.

ISRAEL'S OPERATIONS IN HULEH CONTINUE UNMOLESTED; KIDNAPED JEWS TO BE RELEASED

TEL AVIV, April 4. (JTA) -- Israel's drainage operations in the Huleh continued today without molestation by Syrian troops, while the Israel-Syrian armistice commission resumed meeting in an attempt to find a peaceful solution of the conflict arising out of Israel's reclamation of marshland in the border area.

The three members of Kibbutz Betar who were kidnaped yesterday by soldiers of the Arab Legion will be returned to Israel on April 8, in accordance with a decision today of a sub-committee of the Mixed Armistice Commission. Upon their return they will be put on trial in Israel charged with unlawfully crossing the border and contacting the enemy, a government spokesman said here today.

U.N. TRUCE CHIEF'S REPORT ON HULEH SAYS SYRIA'S OBJECTIONS ARE NOT JUSTIFIED

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 4. (JTA) -- An Israel delegation spokesman declared today that the Huleh marshes being reclaimed lie within Israel's territory and that the drainage project is in full accord with provisions of the armistice agreement with Syria which call for facilitating "the transition from the present truce to permanent peace in Palestine."

The spokesman cited a March 21 report of truce supervisor Major Gen. William E. Riley to the U.N. Security Council which declared: "In draining the Huleh marshes, the Israelis are performing works of a civilian nature for the purpose of reclaiming land for cultivation. This work affects land in the territory under Israel control. Therefore Syria cannot on any grounds offer objections to this type of work."

Asserting that Israel found no inconsistency between the Huleh development scheme and the armistice agreement, the Israel spokesman said the Syrian protest to the Security Council had no foundation either in fact or in law. Meanwhile, Syria's United Nations representative, Faris el Khouri, today addressed a second protest against Israel to the president of the Security Council. His communication alleged the "illegal evacuation by force" of 980 Arabs from the region of Baqqara by Israel police.

SWISH DELEGATION CALLS ATTENTION OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO FATE OF JEWS IN IRAQ

LONDON, April 4. (JTA) -- A delegation of Jewish religious and communal leaders today called at the Foreign Office to bring to the attention of the British Government the precarious situation of the Jews of Iraq as a result of the recently adopted anti-Jewish legislation of the Iraqi Government. The delegation was received by Kenneth Younger, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, who is currently responsible for Middle East Affairs in the Foreign Office.

A meeting of the leaders of the British Zionist Federation adopted a resolution calling on the British Government to express its displeasure to the Iraqi Government over the manner in which the Arab state treats its Jews. Expressing admiration for the sacrifices made by Israel in accepting the Iraqi immigrants, the Zionist leaders urged all British Jews to give fullest support to the Joint Palestine Appeal.

"The serious position of the Jews of Iraq which might lead to similar developments in other Arab countries, makes it imperative that every effort be made to achieve a general peace settlement between Israel and the Arab states," H. Goodman, political secretary of the Ahudas Israel Organization, said today at a meeting of the European executive of the organization.

BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION FINDS RELATIONS IMPROVED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND BRITAIN

TEL AVIV, April 4. (JTA) -- The marked improvement in relations between Israel and Britain was mirrored in the fact that during its entire eight-day stay in the Jewish state the British Parliamentary delegation never once heard any hostile or adverse remark about Britain. R. Glonvil Hall, leader of the delegation, told a press conference here just before his group returned home.

He said that the delegation, which came to Israel at the invitation of the Knesset, had gained the impression that any differences between the new Jewish state and Britain could be "ironed out in an atmosphere of understanding and mutual appreciation."

HUNGARY NO LONGER PERMITS EMIGRATION OF JEWS. ISRAELI MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION REPORTS

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- Hungary no longer permits the emigration of Jews to Israel, Moshe Shapiro, Israeli Minister of Interior, Health and Immigration, today told a press conference here. Even the emigration of 3,000 Jews under an existing Israeli-Hungarian agreement is meeting with difficulties, he declared.

On the other hand, emigration from Rumania to Israel has increased, the Minister reported. Jewish emigration from Poland is in its last stages, he revealed, adding that there are today about 42,000 Jews left in Poland, most of whom do not think in terms of emigrating to Israel. Nevertheless, Israel will admit 120,000 immigrants within the next four months--the largest immigration record in the history of the Jewish state--he pointed out. Most of the newcomers will be Jews from Iraq and Rumania, he said.

CHANGE OF NAME OF ANGLO-PALESTINE BANK EFFECTED; NEW NAME IS ISRAEL NATIONAL BANK

TEL AVIV, April 4. (JTA) -- The change of name of the Anglo-Palestine Bank to Bank Hileumi L'Israel--Israel National Bank--was registered today in the District Court here, with an official statement that as of January 19 the Israel National Bank had taken over from the Anglo-Palestine Bank all shares, except for 5,976 ordinary shares and 8,345 preferred shares. The capital of the National Bank is now 3,000,000 Israeli pounds divided into three categories of shares.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN ITALY SUPPORT ISRAEL'S CLAIM FOR REPARATIONS FROM GERMANY

ROME, April 4. (JTA) -- The fourth Congress of the Union of Italian Jewish communities concluded here after adopting a resolution supporting Israel's claim for \$1,500,000,000 in reparations from Germany and expressing the conference's disappointment over the progressive readmission of Germany to the family of nations without it having shown the will to compensate for the moral and material damages caused the Jews. Forty-two delegates representing 23 communities attended the parley.

Another resolution declared that the remilitarization of Germany is a threat to world peace, and called upon the Allied powers to destroy German nationalism and to re-examine their policies toward Germany. A third resolution scored the freeing of Nazi war criminals by the Allies. Other resolutions hailed the work of the World Jewish Congress and pledged cooperation in the upbuilding of Israel.

Dr. Raffaele Cantoni, president of the Union, reported that in the five years which have elapsed since the last Congress, the Council of the Union has won the approval of the Italian Ministry of Interior and the respect of the Vatican for its consistent line of action in behalf of Jewish rights. Other speakers said that the future of Italy's 35,000 Jews is not bright unless Jews who became Christian converts during the persecutions of the Fascist regime return to the Jewish community. Dr. Cantoni was re-elected president of the Union. For the first time in the history of the Council of the Union a woman, Tullia Zevi, was named to the 15-member Council.

AUSTRALIANS AGAIN RECEIVING ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE FROM SWEDISH PAMPHLETTER

SYDNEY, April 4. (JTA) -- After a brief respite of several months anti-Semitic literature is again being received in Australia from Einar Aberz, notorious Swedish anti-Semite, whose activities the Swedish authorities are pledged to halt. Steps are being taken to bring the matter to the attention of the Swedish and Australian authorities.

The last time the Australian Jews protested to the Swedish Minister to Australia, the latter said that Aberz's further use of the mails for distributing anti-Semitic propaganda would bring the law in Sweden down on him. This time Aberz is not only sending his own tracts to individual Australian businessmen, but is also acting as a distributing agent for anti-Semites operating out of St. Louis and Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT TO GET BILL ADVOCATING BAN ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN HOTELS

LONDON, April 4. (JTA) -- A bill to outlaw racial discrimination in hotels and motion picture houses will be introduced in the House of Commons Friday by Laborite R.W. Sorenson. The bill defines discrimination as the refusal, denial or withholding of accommodations, facilities or privileges on account of race or color.

HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL ACCEPTS \$200,000 BEQUEST WHICH STIPULATES RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

BOSTON, April 4. (JTA) -- A \$200,000 bequest to establish a scholarship fund "preferably for applicants of Anglo-Saxon ancestry" was accepted by the Harvard Medical School, it was reported here today.

The acceptance of the bequest was protested by Walter C. Carrington, president of the university's Society for Minority Rights. "Acceptance of this new fund will contribute to racial discrimination at Harvard," Mr. Carrington charged.

GRADUATES OF LIBERAL JEWISH SEMINARY VOLUNTEER AS CHAPLAINS IN U.S. ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- Virtually all eligible members of the 1951 graduating class of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati and New York have volunteered for service in the chaplaincy, according to an announcement today by Dr. Nelson Glueck, president. College-Institute students, like other theological students and clergymen, are exempt from military draft.

The Division of Religious Activities of the Jewish Welfare Board had been asked by the armed forces to have 111 Jewish chaplains on active duty by June 30. It is expected that these will be supplied in equal numbers from Jewish Reform, Conservative and Orthodox groups. With the mass enlistment of the eligible seniors from the College-Institute, the Reform movement comes close to total fulfillment of its third of the total goal. --

IMMIGRANTS FROM YEMEN WILL VOTE FOR ISRAEL'S LABOR PARTY, DAVAR EDITOR PREDICTS

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- The conviction that a large number of religious immigrants in Israel, especially immigrants from Yemen and Iraq, will vote for the Mapai in the forthcoming Parliamentary elections was expressed here today by Don Pines, managing editor of Davar, Israeli labor paper. He spoke at a press luncheon tendered him by Zionist Laborites here.

Mr. Pines reviewed the present situation in Israel and declared that the newcomers from Yemen are not satisfied with the Mizrahi and the Amish organizations. He revealed that there is a sharp difference of opinion on religious matters between the Israel Rabbinate and the spiritual leaders of the Yemenite community in Israel.

"CHILDREN TO PALESTINE" HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL DINNER; ATTENDED BY CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- More than 500 leading Jews and non-Jews tonight attended the first annual dinner of Children to Palestine, an organization of Christians and Jews engaged in a program of humanitarian services for orphaned Jewish children in Israel.

No appeals for funds were made, but the speakers emphasized that they hope the activities of the organization represent a sound approach to the strengthening of friendly relations among people of all faiths. Principal speakers included Judge Robert P. Patterson, former Secretary of War; Benjamin Cohen, Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations; Martha Sharp, Special Assistant to the chairman of the National Securities Resources Board, Spyro Skouras, theatre manager; and Mary Pickford.

Organized by a group of Christians and Jews in 1943, Children to Palestine has found that in following the history of children made homeless by Nazi anti-Semitism, American youth can be made aware of the potential plight of any minority group and sharpened to recognize and to act against discrimination. The organization is conducting its educational activities through the use of worship services, films and projects for use in schools, churches and community groups.

BALTIMORE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENTED WITH TALMUD PRINTED IN POST-NAZI GERMANY

BALTIMORE, Md., April 4. (JTA) -- A set of the first Talmud to be printed in Hebrew in post-Hitler Germany was presented here last night to the Board of Jewish Education by Harry Greenstein, executive director of the Associated Jewish Charities. The 19-volume edition was given to Mr. Greenstein by the Joint Distribution Committee in recognition of the role he played in its publication, while serving in Germany as advisor on Jewish affairs to the American Military Government.

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