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ISRAEL AIR FORCE BOMBS SYRIAN MILITARY POSITIONS; RETALIATES FOR INVASION

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- Israel's air force tonight carried out rigorous sorties against Syria in retaliation for the invasion by Syrian troops yesterday of Israeli territory in the demilitarized zone of the Huleh area and for the killing of seven Israeli civilian policemen in the village of Hamma, on the edge of the demilitarized zone.

A military spokesman here said that Israeli planes bombed Syrian military and para-military concentrations and entrenchments in the demilitarized zone. He declared that "the action was successful." He revealed that 45 concentrations had been bombed and credited the Jewish bombardiers with "scoring good hits." One of the targets was the police station in Hamma, he said. Other targets included fortified Syrian positions about 10 yards behind a road adjacent to the nearby boundary.

The Israeli spokesman declined to disclose the strength of the air units which participated in the operations. The retaliatory measures followed a meeting of the Israeli Cabinet today at which Brigadier Yisak Yadin, Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces, was present.

Israel Determined to Defend Its Borders. High Officer Says

A high Israel officer told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "We are ready to repulse any attempt to infringe upon our sovereignty in any area, including the Huleh area, and to defend our borders." He made it clear that Israel will insist on the withdrawal of Syrian troops from the demilitarized zone held by Israel and that the authorities of the Jewish state will not tolerate any Syrian interference with their reclamation of the Huleh marshes.

Col. Georges Bossavy, French chairman of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, was severely criticized by the Israeli spokesman for turning down an Israeli suggestion yesterday that the entire Armistice Commission--which was in session when the news of the Syrian invasion of Hamma reached Israel--should immediately proceed to the scene of the clash. The Israeli official said that the lives of the seven policemen killed by the Syrians could have been saved, had the Commission proceeded at once to Hamma.

The bodies of the dead Israelis were recovered today after intervention by United Nations observers. Several other policemen, taken prisoner by the Syrian soldiers during yesterday's invasion, were permitted to return to Israeli territory today under an arrangement made by the U.N. observers.

Col. Benmet de Ridder, U.N. acting chief truce officer, flew today to Damascus to discuss the situation with high Syrian officials. It is understood that he criticized Col. Bossavy for "inefficient and incompetent" handling of the situation by refusing to proceed to the scene of the clash.

ISRAEL WILL FILE COMPLAINT WITH SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST SYRIAN ATTACKS

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- The Israel Government will file a complaint with the United Nations Security Council against the actions of Syrian forces in the Hulah region of northeastern Israel where several weeks of intermittent firing by the Arabs and Jewish workers culminated yesterday in an invasion of the village of Hanna in Israeli territory.

It is understood that the Israeli démarche will charge the Syrians with deliberately planning the invasion of the Israeli village, which lies within a demilitarized zone. The Israeli Government will back this charge by pointing out that preparatory work on the Hulah reclamation project, to which the Syrians only recently took objection, was started four months ago with the full knowledge of the Syrians and the U.N. staff in Palestine. It is understood that the Israeli complaint will charge seven violations of the armistice agreement between March 15 and April 3, ending with yesterday's attack in which seven Jews were killed.

UNITED NATIONS RECEIVES REPORT ON SYRIAN CROSSING INTO ISRAEL-REPORT HELD CONFIDENTIAL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 5. (JTA) -- The United Nations has received a report on the new incidents on the Israel-Syrian border, United Nations sources indicated today. The report, from the U.N. observers on the scene, was held confidential and its contents not disclosed.

It was learned, however, that the United Nations has been informed that the Israel Government is taking a very firm position on its right to carry out civilian development projects in the Hulah area and on the principle that such work involves no violation whatever of the Israel-Syrian armistice agreement.

ARABS OPEN FIRE ON GATHERING ADDRESSED BY BEN GURION; TWO ISRAELI SOLDIERS WOUNDED

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion was exposed to gunfire from Arab Legionnaires yesterday when, accompanied by Brigadier Yigael Yadin, Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, he unveiled an obelisk at Kiryat Anavim in memory of members of the Palmach who fell in an attempt to lift the siege of Jerusalem during the Israel liberation war.

Kiryat Anavim is a settlement in the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv corridor, north of Jerusalem. Israel sources charged that the Jordan troops opened fire without provocation, slightly wounding two Israeli soldiers. They vigorously denied reports broadcast by the Jordan radio that ten fully-equipped Israeli soldiers had crossed the frontier near Kiryat Anavim. The Arab radio said that "Jordanian forces repulsed the attackers, killing one and wounding two."

In a brief speech dedicating the memorial, the Premier paid tribute to the heroism of the Palmach youths who had fallen and declared it was "the most precious weapon of Israel." The memorial was built with funds contributed by families of the fallen troops and the settlers of the Kiryat Anavim area.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE IN JORDAN CROSSES INTO ISRAEL, WILL HOLD TALKS IN TEL AVIV

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- Sir Alan Kirkbride, British diplomatic representative in Jordan, today crossed the demarcation line into Israel and immediately proceeded to Tel Aviv for talks with high officials of the Israeli Foreign Office. During his stay in Israel he will be the guest of the British Minister in Tel Aviv.

SALZBURG NAZIS ATTACK JEWS; SHOUT "JEWS AND AMERICANS GET OUT"; 30 JEWS INJURED

VIENNA, April 5. (JTA) -- A band of some 60 former members of Nazi youth organizations last night precipitated the first serious outbreak of anti-Semitism in Austria since the end of the war. Before the riot was over nearly 30 Jews had been injured, at least a dozen seriously.

The Nazis gathered in front of a theatre in Salzburg where the film "Immortal Beloved," produced by Veit Harlan, director of the Nazi-made anti-Semitic film "Jew Süss," was being shown. A demonstration--the second this week--against the film had been scheduled by Jews and others protesting the showing of Harlan's production. The Nazis began shouting: "Jews and Americans get out."

Fighting broke out shortly thereafter and the police intervened. Jewish leaders who participated in the demonstration charge that the police made little or no attempt to halt the Nazi provocation, but turned on the Jews instead. The police forced the Jews into a cul de sac and then, together with the Nazis, swung truncheons. As the demonstrators broke and ran, police, Nazis and many bystanders joined in the attack, using clubs and throwing stones.

Among the twelve persons seriously injured were: Pinkas Spiegel, member of the executive of the Salzburg Jewish community; Ferdinand Putz, chairman of the League of Socialist Fighters for Freedom; Frieda Scharf; and Stefan Grinstein, who suffered a fractured skull. One woman, unnamed, is reported to be in serious condition in a hospital. All the severely injured victims were hit in the head.

The only positive action taken by the police during the riot was to disperse the Nazi horde when it attempted to storm the headquarters of the Jewish Community after it ran out of individual Jewish victims. One high ranking police official was heard to remark during the riot: "You Jews should be beheaded." One result of the affair was that the management of the theatre withdrew the film.

Herman Kinsler, president of the Salzburg Jewish Community, immediately lodged a protest with the local authorities. He charged that Hitler Youth movement members were involved. A spokesman for the community revealed that before the protest threatening telephone calls had been received from the Nazis. The Socialist League, which was involved in the demonstration, protested to Minister of the Interior Oskar Helmer against the police behaviour in the riot, charging that they beat the peaceful demonstrators to a far greater extent than the Nazi provocateurs.

ISRAELI MINISTER TO ROMANIA RESIGNS; IS OFFERED NEW POST IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, April 5. (JTA) -- The resignation of Emd Avriel from his post as Israel's Minister to Rumania was announced here today following his return to Tel Aviv. It is learned that Premier David Ben Gurion offered Mr. Avriel the post of Director-General of the Premier's office.

JEWSH SOCIALIST BUND OF FRANCE ASKS PROTEST AGAINST TREATMENT OF JEWS IN IRAQ

PARIS, April 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Socialist Bund of France has requested the Socialist International to protest against the discriminatory laws and persecution to which Jews in Iraq are subjected, it was announced here today.

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UNITED JEWISH CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN DETROIT; BRINGS \$1,610,000 IN ADVANCED GIFTS

DETROIT, April 5. (JTA) -- The 1951 Allied Jewish Campaign, which is expected to raise more than \$6,000,000, opened here on Tuesday evening with a dinner in the Cadillac Hotel at which a record total of \$1,610,000 was raised in advance gifts.

The principal speaker at the dinner was William O. Douglas, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court who reported on his visit to Israel. He said that Israel is an example of a democratic society where tolerance and understanding flourish. "Ben Gurion and Weizmann are public servants who would do honor to any country," he declared.

ISRAELI MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS LEAVES FOR U.S.; WILL SEEK TO ACQUIRE EQUIPMENT

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- Dov Joseph, Israel's Minister of Communications and Transportation, left by plane today for the United States to participate in the campaigns for the United Jewish Appeal and for the sale of Israeli bonds. Prior to his departure, he said he would seek possibilities in the United States to obtain necessary equipment for every branch of his ministry.

He revealed that plans for the immediate future include the enlarging and deepening of Haifa harbor to enable ocean-going vessels to enter it, to build a free port in the Kishon River estuary, building a large harbor at Tel Aviv and extension and improvement of Israel's telecommunications system.

ISRAEL SPENDS \$110,000,000 A YEAR FOR AMERICAN PRODUCTS, TRADE MINISTER REPORTS

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- United States exports to Israel rose from nine percent of Israel's total imports in 1947 to 37 percent, or more than \$110,000,000 worth of commodities, raw materials and producer machinery in 1950, Israel Minister of Trade and Industry Yisroel Guri revealed today.

Making his first public appearance in the United States at a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Greater New York Committee of the \$500,000,000 State of Israel bond drive at the Biltmore Hotel, Mr. Guri stated that "the forthcoming bond issue in the United States really represents credit by those who wish Israel well to finance these vital purchases." Only in the United States, which has reached overwhelming importance in the economy of the world, can Israel find the tools with which to build a modern, progressive state," he declared. "We shall always be a large customer of the United States," Mr. Guri added.

LADY READING ARRIVES IN U.S.; SAYS JEWS ARE JUSTIFIED IN OPPOSING GERMAN REARMAMENT

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- The opposition of Jewry throughout the world to the rearmament of the German people "is based not only on the tragic experience of the last war but on the century-old experience of German psychology with its intolerance and nationalistic feeling and the propensity of the German people to fall under the spell of a militaristic leadership," the Marchioness of Reading told a press conference today.

Lady Reading, who is president of the British section of the World Jewish Congress, expressed concern over the fate of Jews in the Middle East. She also expressed conviction that Britain and the United States would maintain close harmony in their relations despite occasional differences.

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