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THREE ISRAELI SOLDIERS KILLED IN FIGHT WITH ARABS; U.N. COMMISSION INVESTIGATES

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- Three Israeli soldiers were killed today in a clash between an Israeli border patrol, and a group of armed Arabs ploughing Jewish fields near Kiryat Anavim. The Israeli patrol surprised the armed Arabs who crossed into Israeli territory under cover of Arab military forces and began to plough the land inside Israel.

The battle lasted several hours. The Arabs, who were finally driven off the land, suffered heavy casualties. The Israeli authorities submitted this afternoon a strongly worded protest to the Israel-Jordanian Mixed Armistice Commission, and the Commission sent special investigators to the scene of the incident.

Israeli authorities also filed a complaint with the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission over a border incident on Tuesday which resulted in the slaying of an Israeli soldier. The incident occurred when Arab shepherds from the Jordan-held "triangle" area in central Palestine, crossed into Israeli territory. Israeli troops, attempting to expel them, were fired upon by Jordan national guardsmen who crossed the frontier.

The Arab newspaper *Falastin*, published in the Jordan-held part of Jerusalem, reports today that Israeli guards at Mt. Scopus fired on Arabs who were grazing flocks on the grounds of the Hebrew University. Israeli sources emphasize that the shots were fired after the shepherds disregarded the warnings given to them previously.

Twenty-four complaints were struck from the agenda of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission at a five-hour meeting earlier this week. The Commission reaffirmed a decision that nobody will reside or work in the Latrun no-man's-land without the agreement of both parties.

The Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission held a four hour informal meeting today on one of the border settlements in the presence of Major Gen. William Riley, chief of the U.N. staff in Palestine. Gen. Riley reported at the meeting on the contacts he made with the Arabs who own the seven acres of land in the demilitarized zone of the Huloh area. Under a decision of the U.N. Security Council, Israel cannot conduct the drainage of the swamps in these seven acres without the consent of the Arab owners.

(John B. Blandford, newly appointed director of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees, said yesterday that a "bold and dramatic" program to resettle Arab refugees in the Near East will get under way July 1. At a press conference at U.N. headquarters here, the new director declared the objective of the plan is to move the refugees from camps into permanent homes and to make them self-supporting.)

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Z.O.A. CRITICIZED BY PROGRESSIVE PARTY IN ISRAEL FOR SIDING WITH GENERAL ZIONISTS

TEL AVIV, June 20. (JTA) -- "The resolution adopted by the Zionist Organization of America identifying the Z.O.A. with the General Zionists in Israel seriously threatens the special legal status in Israel for the world Zionist movement," says a resolution adopted here today at the national conference of the Progressive Party.

Other resolutions adopted by the delegates calls upon the Israel Government to grant legal status for the world Zionist movement, asks for the establishment by the Israel Government of an Economic Council under a qualified Minister for Economic Affairs, grants equal treatment for all types of economic enterprise and criticizes the "monopolistic trends" prevailing in the developments of Israel's economy.

Dr. Silver Lauds Z.O.A. Resolutions; Departs For South Africa

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, on the eve of his departure for South Africa in connection with the celebration there of the Golden Jubilee of the Jewish National Fund, today issued a statement here lauding the resolutions adopted at the convention of the Zionist Organization of America in Atlantic City.

"The discussions and the action which was taken have demonstrated anew the devotion and maturity of American Zionists who are determined to protect with equal vigor the vital interests of Israel and of the Zionist Movement," Dr. Silver said. He added that "the good spirit in which the minority has accepted the decisions of the large majority, confirms the basic unity and solidarity of the Zionist Organization of America."

U.S. CONGRESS URGED BY RABBINICAL CONVENTION TO VOTE GRANT-IN-AID FOR ISRAEL

KANSAS, June 21. (JTA) -- President Truman and Congress were today urged to assist Israel with a grant-in-aid of \$150,000,000 to develop Israel's economy and "to promote the security and general welfare of the U.S. and Israel" at the concluding session of the 51st annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America.

The 275 rabbis from all parts of the U.S. and Canada who attended the four-day convention at the hotel Concord also called upon the U.S. Government, either directly or through the U.N. to "take the lead in initiating direct talks" between Israel and the Arab countries to bring about an effective and lasting peace in the Middle East.

A third resolution adopted by the convention called upon the American delegate to the U.N. to take the initiative in the Security Council in adopting the recommendations of Major General William E. Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff, in affirming Israel's right to continue drainage of the disputed Hula area.

The convention today considered two pressing problems relative to the status of women before Jewish law. The subject of "Halitza," the Jewish law requiring a childless widow to marry her brother-in-law, was presented by Rabbi Isaac Klein of Springfield, Mass. Methods of providing relief for an "Arunah," a deserted wife, were presented by Rabbi David Aronson of Minneapolis, Minn.

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500 CLERGYMEN ISSUE APPEAL WARNING OF CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANTI-JEWISH FEELING

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- More than 500 Christian clergymen of many denominations have affixed their names to an appeal warning of Christian responsibility for anti-Jewish feeling in this country, it was announced today by the Council Against Intolerance in America. The "Appeal to Christian Leaders" goes far beyond the encouragement of brotherhood and the tolerance of religious faiths. It stresses dangers not clearly recognized heretofore.

The appeal suggests that frightful as has been the ordeal of anti-Semitism to the Jewish people, "it may be that the injury is even more terrible to the Christian world unable to prevent it, and tempted to offer excuses or disclaim responsibility." It urges that the Christian world must take account of what happens to its own fellowship and the spirit of its own people when they foster anti-Jewish feelings, condone them, or are unable to prevent their terrible consequences.

The appeal points out that one of the most subtle and powerful influences in arousing anti-Semitic feeling is the careless or unwise use of Christian source materials, including the New Testament. The Bible itself may be unwittingly used with harmful results if there is not a clear understanding of its origin and background, the appeal says. Thus the Gospel of John, the statement points out, was written around the end of the First Century A.D. when the antagonism between Jew and Gentile had developed to unhappy proportions.

The statement contends that the Jewish people have precisely the same faults and virtues possessed by Gentiles. If there is any differences, the Jew can boast of longer cultural heritage, but the primary reason that Jews have suffered discrimination and persecution is that they were a minority. "They have never been strong enough to prevent other people yielding to the baser motives of discrimination," the statement says. It makes an appeal for the closer unity of all peoples and religions, because this unity is "the one hope of overcoming the evils which threaten Jew and Gentile alike."

REFORM RABBIS OPPOSE OBSERVANCE OF JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW LONDON, Conn., June 21. (JTA) -- The 62nd annual meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, at its session here, went on record voicing sharp opposition to any attempt to inject the practice of sectarianism in the nation's public schools. The conference warned that the principle of separation of state and church, "was being questioned, challenged and undermined in many quarters."

A comprehensive report dealing with the question, was submitted to the session. This report voiced sharp opposition to Bible readings, religious holiday observances in the public school systems and to the released time program of religious instruction. The report emphasized that the Central Conference was strongly devoted to the principle of separation of church and state and that the rabbis were opposed to the observance of Jewish as well as Christian holidays in the public schools as "improper, illegal and unconstitutional."

Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion maintained that while American Jews must continue to have close spiritual bonds with Israel, they also must continue "to grow as an integral part of the American scene in sturdy and creative self-reliance."

In his address, which highlighted the evening session of the meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Dr. Glueck called on American Jews to join forces with Americans of other faiths "in safeguarding the democratic ideals and principles."

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS PROTESTS PRO-FELDER DEMONSTRATION OF UCRINIANS IN TORONTO

TORONTO, June 21. (JWA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress today issued a protest against a public demonstration by Ukrainian groups here, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the death of Simha Bolshak, the notorious Ukrainian leader, under whose rule thousands of Jews were massacred in the Ukraine after World War I.

"That is we lifted our voice in condemnation thirty years ago--as did the Canadian authorities --at the outrageous slaughter of tens of thousands of Jews by arms under Bolshak's command, so it we now protest attempts to commemorate his name in a community which numbers among its Jewish residents hundreds who fled from these very pogroms," the Jewish Congress statement said.

JEWISH CONGRESS AIMS UNITED NATIONS GROUP FOR PROTECTION OF RIGHT TO EDUCATION

LONDON, June 21. (JWA) -- The World Jewish Congress office here announced today that it presented a memorandum to the session of the United Nations Education, Social and Cultural Organization now taking place in Paris. The memorandum calls for the creation of effective machinery to protect the elementary right to educate and participate in cultural life. It suggests the setting up of such machinery within the UNESCO framework.

The U.N.C.O. proposal lays special stress on the right of petition, adding that this prerogative should be accorded non-governmental organizations in all matters concerning the infringements upon cultural rights of the individual, as well as religions and ethnic groups.

BOSTON, PITTSBURGH, BALTIMORE SELL \$6,400,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS SINCE START OF DRIVE

NEW YORK, June 21. (JWA) -- Sales of the Israel Bond Issue have passed the \$6,400,000 mark in Boston; Pittsburgh has purchased more than \$2,000,000 worth, and the Baltimore drive passed the \$1,000,000 mark, it was reported here today. The drive in these cities continues with the determination of the leaders to have their respective quotas over-subscribed.

The Congregation Sinai Jeshurun in New York, of which Dr. Israel Goldstein is the spiritual leader, today received a cable from Prime Minister David Ben Gurion of Israel thanking the sale of \$1,200,000 in Israel Bonds as a "shining example" for Jewish congregations throughout the United States to follow.

PROF. ZEITLIN TELLS SCHOLARS IN JERUSALEM HE DOUBTS AUTHENTICITY OF ISAIAH SCROLLS

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JWA) -- Prof. Solomon Zeitlin of Dropsie College, Philadelphia, lecturer at the Hebrew University here, questioned the authenticity of the scrolls discovered some time ago in the Dead Sea area, among which one is said to be the original manuscript of the prophet Isaiah.

"There is no direct archeological evidence to support the pre-Christian character of the scrolls," Prof. Zeitlin, noted expert in the field of Semitics, told the audience which consisted of members of the academic staff of the Hebrew University and of noted Jewish and Christian scholars. His lecture provoked a serious discussion.