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SHARETT SEES DANGER FOR ISRAEL IN ABDULLAH'S ASSASSINATION; URGES INCREASED DEFENSE

HAIFA, July 22. (JTA) -- The assassination of Jordan's King Abdullah holds a warning of danger for Israel, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett declared at a political rally here today.

Pointing out that the neighboring Arab country "contains explosive materials likely to provoke a flare-up at any moment," Mr. Sharett said that such a development could involve the Jewish state. For that reason, he insisted, Israel must increase its manpower and its defensive strength. Drawing attention to the fact that Abdullah was assassinated only a quarter of a mile from the Jewish quarters of Jerusalem, the Foreign Minister said that the killing was "not a simple murder, but a political assassination affecting the central authority" of the Jordan Government.

At another political rally in this city, Herut leader Menachem Begin said that the assassination prevented a "disreputable shame" from befalling the Jewish people. "Abdullah's disappearance from the political scene has prevented the conclusion of a peace treaty consecrating Israel's forfeit of Jerusalem, Hebron and other places sacred to the Jewish people," the former Irgun commander declared. He asserted that although Mr. Sharett would express his sorrow at the murder of the King, he would not be expressing the feelings of the Israel people "who never admitted the historical amputation of our inheritance by Jordan."

The Davar, Tel Aviv's Laborite daily, saw in the development in Jordan a reason for Israel to "consolidate its military and political preparedness." Noting the recent assassination of former Lebanese Premier Raïs el Solh and intensification of Egyptian and Iranian nationalism, the newspaper added: "The renewed terrorist activity by the Mufti's followers (Abdullah's assassin was identified as a supporter of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem) forecasts a period of unrest and anxiety in the stormy Middle East." Davar also felt that these developments threatened Western plans for the region.

Murder of Abdullah Lessens Chances of Israel-Arab Accord, Washington Thinks

WASHINGTON, July 22. (JTA) -- The assassination of King Abdullah of Jordan was interpreted here today by government sources as a major blow to peace and stability in the Near East and a development which will lessen chances of an Israel-Arab accord. The actual killing of Abdullah was thought to be an internal Arab affair, engineered by the followers of the former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el Hussein, who aided the Nazis during World War II.

(Israeli representatives in Washington and at the United Nations abstained from making any comment on the assassination. In London, Israel Ambassador Elath told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "Abdullah was a man who worked hard for understanding between Israel and Jordan and whose efforts, if successful, would have contributed much progress to the welfare of the entire area".)

"UNFORTUNATE REPERCUSSIONS" FOR ISRAEL SEEN AS RESULT OF ABDULLAH'S ASSASSINATION

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- The assassination of King Abdullah of Jordan could have "unfortunate repercussions" for Israel and brings closer the danger that Arab extremists may be spurred to another round of the Palestine war. It will make the task of turning the Palestine truce into a genuine peace more difficult.

This is the opinion expressed today in the leading New York newspapers. Analyzing the situation created by the death of the Jordan ruler, the New York Times says his passing is unquestionably a loss to Israel. It emphasizes Abdullah's "peaceful inclinations toward Israel, in contradiction to the proclaimed policies of most of the other Arab states." Other newspapers comment in a similar vein.

United Nation circles made no secret of their concern over the consequences of Abdullah's assassination. They pointed out that since the end of the war between Israel and her Arab neighbors, peace in the area has hung in precarious balance, with King Abdullah as a stabilizing factor. They expressed fear that Abdullah's assassination might give encouragement to ultra-nationalist Arabs.

Details of Abdullah's Peace Talks with Israel Revealed

The New York Times reveals that during the Arab-Israeli truce negotiations under Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations Mediator, at Rhodes, delegates from Tel Aviv conferred secretly with Abdullah and his aides at the King's summer palace at El Shun. The Jordanian ruler sought a permanent settlement with Israel that would grant him an outlet to the Mediterranean at Gaza, with a strip of territory linking that port to Jordan. However, since Gaza was and is in Egyptian hands, the project failed.

Then, Abdullah tried to persuade Tel Aviv to cede a strip of Israeli territory north of Gaza. Israel objected to this, because Jordan demanded too wide a corridor, which would be settled by Arabs and would cut Israel off from the Negev. Various formulas were examined, including one project to create a strip similar to the United States Canal Zone in Panama. These talks broke off, but contact remained. Later on, a second set of negotiations started but bogged down on trade relationships. Israel offered Abdullah free port rights at Haifa, but the Jordanian ruler feared his country would be boycotted by the other Arab states.

He then proposed a five-year nonaggression pact between Amman and Tel Aviv, including freezing of the de facto frontiers (Jordan obtained a large piece of Arab Palestine as a result of the war and added this to her realm). It was suggested that joint guarantees would be given for the Holy Places and free access by citizens of both lands to Mount Scopus and Bethlehem. Abdullah's political leaders objected to this formula. Conversations--which, incidentally, were always held in Arabic--continued, but nothing concrete emerged. Politically, the project was too explosive.

Z.O.A. PRESIDENT ASKS ZIONIST CONGRESS TO ALLOCATE SEATS TO ISRAELI GENERAL ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today appealed to the Jewish Agency "and other Zionist bodies having jurisdiction in the matter," to allocate a sufficient number of seats in the World Zionist Congress, for the delegates of the General Zionist Party of Israel. The General Zionists of Israel boycotted the elections for delegates to the Zionist Congress held in Israel two months ago.

ZIONIST TESTIMONY FOR \$150,000,000 GRANT WELL RECEIVED BY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, July 22. (JTA) -- Testimony of Zionist spokesmen Thursday evening on the need for the proposed \$150,000,000 grant-in-aid for Israel was received with indications of almost general agreement by members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. As a matter of fact, some committee members pointed out reasons why the U.S. should aid Israel which were overlooked by the Zionist spokesmen, although the Zionist testimony was considered to be one of the most excellent and comprehensive presentations of information about Israel ever made before a committee of Congress.

The Congressmen said the testimony gave them a better understanding of Israel's needs in connection with the appropriations bill for the Mutual Security Program. It is expected that the amount Israel will get (the \$23,500,000 mentioned by the State Department or the \$150,000,000 provided for in the grant-in-aid bill) may be known in mid-August when the measure is drawn up.

A.A. Berle, Jr., former Assistant Secretary of State, appeared as a witness before the Committee and submitted testimony on his impressions of the world situation. Mr. Berle pointed out the dangers of Communism to the Near East and said Israel was very much worth preserving. He predicted that Israel "over a long period of time" would raise the living standards of the entire area.

Robert Nathan, an economic expert on the Near East, outlined to the Committee why aid is necessary not only for Israel but also for the Arabs and for the area as a whole. He traced the economic background of Israel and explained why the grant is needed.

House Minority Leader Urges Adoption of \$150,000,000 Grant-in-Aid

Foreign Affairs Chairman James P. Richards, of South Carolina, commended Nathan, Louis Lipsky, and Dr. Joseph Schwartz on their testimony. He told Mr. Lipsky that the Zionist point of view was ably presented. When Dr. Schwartz mentioned the concentration camps in the course of his statement, Rep. Richards interrupted to say that he had visited the camps in 1945 as a member of a Congressional committee. "And they were more terrible than anything I ever saw," he commented.

Rep. James G. Fulton, of Pennsylvania, pointed out that Israel has taken a burden off the U.S. Treasury and that he favored the Israel request. He said that in the Pittsburgh area the Jewish community supported not only the U.J.A. but also the local charities from which, he said, the Gentiles were the principal beneficiaries.

Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., told the Committee of his visit to Israel and said "the free world has a showcase in Israel which displays what democracy can do." He added: "This bill is in the national interest of the U.S. and its people." Another Committee member, Rep. Edna F. Kelly, of New York, said she was shocked by the persecution of European Jewry. "This report tonight," she said, "makes us wonder if we are living in a civilized world."

House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, urged the adoption by the House Foreign Affairs Committee of the grant-in-aid bill for Israel, in the amount of \$150,000,000, which the committee is now considering in the wake of testimony of Zionist leaders. Rep. Martin emphasized "there is no doubt in my mind that to help Israel is to make America more secure."

Assistant Secretary of State George C. McGhee, testifying before the Committee, said that the United States may soon give \$40,000,000 in arms aid to Israel and the Arab states to combat anti-Western sentiment and "neutralism" in the Near East.

OVER 100 JEWS REPORTED UNDER ARREST IN IRAQ; ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE CONDEMNED IN LEBANON

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- Over 100 Jews have been arrested in Iraq following a hate campaign which has been systematically conducted by authorities there, it was reported here today. The detained Jews are accused of sabotage, high treason, fifth-column activities and converting synagogues into arms depots. Between 15,000 and 20,000 Jews still remain in Baghdad, it is reported.

A similar, though smaller scaled, campaign against the Jews is being conducted in Lebanon. During a recent Parliamentary debate, a deputy asked that Jewish property in Lebanon be confiscated to help the Palestine Arab refugees. Although the Lebanese Jews have been accused of sabotaging the proposed economic union between Syria and Lebanon, the Beirut press has strongly condemned this anti-Jewish drive.

FORMER GESTAPO COMMANDER, CHARGED WITH KILLING 100,000 JEWS, GOES ON TRIAL IN WARSAW

WARSAW, July 22. (JTA) -- Lt. Gen. Jurgen von Stroop, commander of the Gestapo troops in Warsaw during the Warsaw Ghetto uprising in 1943, went on trial here charged with the extermination of at least 100,000 Jews and with crushing "in brutal fashion" the Ghetto revolt. More than 100 Polish and Jewish witnesses are scheduled to be called to testify during the trial, which is expected to last more than a week.

JEWISH LAWYERS, EVICTED FROM BUDAPEST, PUT TO WORK ON LAND IN HUNGARIAN PROVINCES

VIENNA, July 22. (JTA) -- Many Jews were among the 800 lawyers evicted from their homes in Budapest recently and deported to provincial areas, it was reported here today by Jews reaching here from Hungary. The lawyers expelled from the Hungarian capital with their families have been put to work on farms, the emigrants said.

UNITED NATIONS GROUP GRANTS CONSULTATIVE STATUS TO COUNCIL OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

PARIS, July 22. (JTA) -- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has accorded consultative status to the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, it was announced today. The Council is composed of the American Jewish Committee, the Anglo-Jewish Association and the Alliance Israelite.

PARIS MUNICIPALITY ALLOCATES SITE FOR MONUMENT FOR 6,000,000 JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS

PARIS, July 22. (JTA) -- The Paris municipality has made available to the Center for Jewish Documentation a site for the erection of a monument honoring the 6,000,000 European Jews who were slain by the Nazis, it was announced here today.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF BRITAIN GRANTS VOTING RIGHTS TO WOMEN IN CONGREGATIONS

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- The United Synagogue Council has approved a unanimous recommendation of a specially-appointed committee that voting rights be granted to women members of British synagogues, it was made known here.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT PERMITS JEWS TO KEEP STORES OPEN ON SUNDAYS; MUST CLOSE ON SATURDAYS

THE HAGUE, July 22. (JTA) -- The Dutch Government, following representations from Jewish groups in this country, has agreed to amend the "Sunday closing act" to enable Sabbath-observing Jews to keep their shops closed on Saturdays and open them Sunday afternoons.

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