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ARAB LEGION FIRE KILLS ISRAELI, HALTS RAIL TRAFFIC

TEL AVIV, June 5. (JTA) -- Railway traffic between Tel Aviv and Haifa was at a standstill today as Arab Legion posts in the vicinity of Qalquilya continued a heavy gunfire they had commenced last night.

One Jew was killed yesterday when Arab Legion troops opened fire on a group of Israeli truck farmers on the outskirts of Jerusalem. The incident took place at Arza, about four miles west of the city's center and well within Israeli territory as defined in the latest border agreement signed by Israeli and Jordan representatives last March 20. The Israeli authorities summoned United Nations observers to the scene.

An Israeli military spokesman reported today that infiltration of Israel territory by marauding gangs of Arabs appeared to be increasing. He revealed that eight infiltrates were killed by Israeli patrols last week.

ISRAEL ARMY HAS NEW ARMORED WEAPONS, CHIEF OF STAFF REVEALS

TEL AVIV, June 5. (JTA) -- The Israel Army has made "important acquisitions" of armored weapons during the past year, Brig. Yigal Yadin, Chief of Staff, said today. Addressing the first group of officers to complete courses in handling armor, the Israeli commander stressed the significance of armor as an offensive weapon and said it was the avowed policy of Israel to carry the fight into enemy territory if Israel is attacked again.

"But even the best of tanks will be useless," he told the passing out parade, "unless the crew and officers are properly trained."

ARABS SEEK SHARE OF GERMAN REPARATIONS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, June 5. (JTA) -- Measures to secure compensation for Palestine Arab refugees from reparations which Germany may pay to Israel will be considered at a meeting of the Arab League to be held in Alexandria, Egypt, on June 26, Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the league, announced today.

In a statement broadcast by the Damascus Radio, Azzam Pasha said that "obviously, the Palestine Arab question would have high priority in the debates." He said that this question would include "study of the situation created by American aid to Israel, the situation of the Arab refugees, the organization of Arab cooperation against Zionist aggression in countries bordering on Palestine, and compensation of Palestinian Arab refugees by reparations of Germany to the Zionists."

CLAIMS CONFERENCE REVIEWS STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GERMANY

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, announced today that a concrete offer from the German Government was expected in the near future. It said that the nature of that offer would determine whether there was any basis for resumption of The Hague talks.

The committee met today and reviewed recent developments in connection with the negotiations for satisfaction of Jewish material claims against Germany. Dr. Nahum Goldmann reported on his meeting with Chancellor Adenauer in Paris on May 28, when Dr. Adenauer stated that the German Federal Government would submit a concrete offer in the very near future.

In a communique following the meeting, the committee expressed "hope that the offer, which has not been received as yet, would provide a basis for the resumption of negotiations." It said that the "executive committee reaffirmed its earliest decision to resume negotiations only after the Government of Israel decided to do likewise" and announced its decision to call a meeting of the policy committee of the conference, composed of all member organizations, as soon as issues arise requiring policy decisions."

ABS INSISTS ON LINK BETWEEN GERMAN FOREIGN DEBTS AND ISRAEL'S CLAIMS

BONN, Germany, June 5. (JTA) -- The German Government will not revise the offer it made to its foreign creditors at the London conference on Germany's external debts, Hermann Abs, head of the German delegation to the conference, said here today. He said the German Government was prepared to make some concessions in the methods of payment but that on no account would the total amount of the German offer be exceeded. He expressed confidence that an agreement on the basis of the latest German offer was possible.

The German finance expert insisted there was a close material connection between the London conference and the reparations negotiations with the State of Israel and said they would either break down or be successful, "but I don't believe there will be a breakdown."

HOUSE APPROVES MUTUAL SECURITY AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 5. (JTA) -- The House today voted final approval of the report of the Senate-House Conference which recommended \$70,228,000 in Mutual Security Aid for Jewish refugees in Israel. The Senate is expected to follow suit by the end of the week. The conference also agreed on \$2,772,000 in technical assistance to the Jewish State.

After both Houses act on the conference report, the bill will be sent to the White House. Before the funds may be transferred, a further piece of legislation, known as an appropriation bill, is necessary. The present bill establishes the authorization on which the appropriation bill will be based.

While the general reduction made by Congress in the Administration's recommendations for aid was in the neighborhood of 20 percent, Congress reduced the appropriation for Israel by less than eight percent.

Israel Ambassador Abba S. Eban expressed satisfaction today over the progress made in the grant-in-aid program for Israel and said it reveals the strength of the sympathy for Israel held by the American people.

CRISIS BREWING IN ISRAEL GOVT. BETWEEN LABOR, ORTHODOX PARTIES

LONDON, June 5. (JTA) -- A crisis in relationships between the Orthodox and Labor wings of the Israel Government has been brewing over the issue of national service for Orthodox girls, the London News Chronicle reported today.

Immediate cause of the crisis, according to the paper, is Premier David Ben Gurion's insistence on stricter evidence of Orthodoxy in applications for exemption from national service. At present, according to the paper, a girl called for national service can obtain exemption by taking an oath in court and producing two witnesses to say that she strictly observes religious practices.

The conference of the British Agudas Israel organization, which has just concluded here, was warned by H.A. Goodman, political secretary of the World Agudah movement, that the Israel Government coalition was endangered by "deterioration of the Sabbath," threatened mobilization of religious women for national service and constant "petty persecutions." He warned that the religious movement would not permit the 30,000 children in its schools in Israel to be "influenced by secular nationalism."

ISRAELI CAB DRIVERS TO REMAIN IDLE ON SABBATH

TEL AVIV, June 5. (JTA) -- Israeli taxicab operators have decided not to operate their vehicles on Saturdays, they disclosed today. Because of the fuel shortage the country faces, the cab operators were given their choice by the Government of laying up their cars on two weekdays each week or on the Sabbath. Religious groups had urged the Government to make the Sabbath stoppage compulsory while the Mapai (Labor) forces insisted that there be free choice.

GREEKS DENY MINISTER SAID COUNTRY WILL NOT RECOGNIZE ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 5. (JTA) -- Official Greek sources have notified the Israel Foreign Ministry that reports that Greek Foreign Minister Sophocles Venezeles had told a press conference in Damascus that Greece would never recognize Israel are completely unfounded.

Reports to this effect were broadcast from Cairo and Damascus during the Greek diplomat's visit. Greece has given Israel de facto recognition and is represented by a Consul General here, but has never extended full recognition to the Jewish State nor exchanged ministers.

ISRAELI POLICE APPREHEND GANG OF ARAB SMUGGLERS

TEL AVIV, June 5. (JTA) -- Israel police reported today that a patrol operating near Nahariyah, in northern Israel, had interrupted the landing of a cargo of contraband goods from an Arab vessel and had confiscated several cases of bicycle tires and tubes.

An Arab smuggling gang, they said, had been smuggling goods into Israel using sailing boats and caching the contraband in isolated areas along the shore for subsequent pickup by their allies.

HISTORY OF ZIONISM TO APPEAR IN BRAILLE EDITION

LONDON, June 5. (JTA) -- "A Short History of Zionism" by Israel Cohen will shortly appear in a Braille edition for the use of students at the Library of the National Institute for the Blind in London, it was learned today. It will be the first book on Zionism made available to Braille readers.

PROF. L. B. NAMIER KNIGHTED IN QUEEN'S HONORS LIST

LONDON, June 5. (JTA) -- Prof. Lewis B. Namier, who was closely associated with Dr. Chaim Weizmann in the Zionist movement for many years and served as political secretary of the Jewish Agency from 1929 to 1931, was awarded a knighthood in the first birthday honors list issued by Queen Elizabeth II.

Prof. Namier, who is 64, served in the British Foreign Office and has been Professor of Modern History at Manchester University since 1931. He is the author of many volumes on European and English history and has written several essays on Jewish questions.

The honors list also included a knighthood for Ben Lewis Barnett, deputy director-general of the General Post Office. A membership in the Order of the British Empire was conferred upon Sam Philip Abrams, London manufacturer.

GERMAN STUDENTS COLLECT FOR "OLIVE TREE" CAMPAIGN

HAMBURG, June 5. (JTA) -- House and street collections organized by university and high school students throughout the country for the "Olive Tree" campaign of the Peace with Israel movement have had "excellent results," Erich Lueth, originator of the movement, said today.

Hamburg schoolchildren, he said, had collected 5,300 deutschemarks in their week-end drive. University of Tuebingen students in southern Germany collected 2,150 marks and other collections were reported from Hanover, Frieber and other centers.

LIBERALS WIN BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

BERLIN, June 5. (JTA) -- The Liberal Jewish group, polling a majority of the 3,582 votes cast in the elections for the Berlin Jewish Community Council, won 14 seats in the council. The National Jewish group, which received 1,451 votes, lost two seats in the council and will be represented by nine councilmen in the new body.

EISENHOWER WOULD LEAVE F.E.P.C. TO STATES

ABILENE, Kansas, June 5. (JTA) -- Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told a press conference here today that he opposed discrimination and would fight for fair employment practices but that he did not believe in a compulsory Federal fair employment practices commission. Asked his views on FEPC, the candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination said:

"F.E.P.C. - when you use those initials, you are proposing a sort of shotgun question. I have no objection whatever to stating my unalterable support of fairness among all American citizens. I believe that insofar as the Federal Government has any constitutional authority in this field, all of its policies should adhere firmly and without any qualification to that principle. I do not believe that we can cure all of the evils in men's hearts by law. I believe we can do more by leadership and by getting states to do so than by making it a Federal or a compulsory thing. I shall never cease to fight for it."

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS STARTS SERIES OF HEBREW RECORDINGS

WASHINGTON, June 5. (JTA) -- A series of Hebrew recordings for the Library of Congress has been inaugurated by Avigdar Hameiri, Israeli poet, now visiting this country, the library announced today. The recording project is sponsored by Dr. Lawrence Marwick, chief of the Hebraic section.

SEN. BENTON TO ASK PRESIDENT TO VETO MCCARRAN ENTRY BILL

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- Sen. William Benton of Connecticut said in a broadcast today that he would see President Truman soon to urge him to veto the McCarran Immigration Bill. He said he would also ask the President to aid in lining up members of the Senate to support the veto of the measure.

The Connecticut Senator denounced the McCarran Bill as "the worst bill I have ever seen" and said it included in it all the worst features of the 155 existing laws covering immigration. He denounced features of the bill which created a "second-class citizenship" and warned that in its impact abroad, the bill would destroy friendly sentiments created by the Mutual Security aid program.

TWO STATES SET UP STATE-WIDE COMMUNITY RELATIONS BODIES

HARTFORD, Conn., June 5. (JTA) -- A state-wide Connecticut Jewish Community Relations Council was formally constituted at a meeting in New Haven attended by 50 representatives of Connecticut Jewish communities. Nine cities are officially participating in the new body and four more are provisionally taking part until their boards can approve affiliation. The council represents more than 70,000 Jewish residents of the state. Louis Feinmark of New Haven was elected president and Nathan Sherman, of Hartford, executive director.

TRENTON, N.J., June 5. (JTA) -- Seven New Jersey Jewish communities, meeting here, agreed to establish a statewide community relations committee to provide for concerted action on common problems. Louis J. Cohen, retiring chairman of the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Essex County, was elected temporary chairman.

Z.O.A. 55TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OPENS NEXT WEEK

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- Almost 2,000 delegates, representing 800 districts and regions, are expected to attend the 55th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America which will open here June 12 and continue through June 16. The convention, which will review policies and programs of the organization, will also elect a successor to Benjamin G. Browdy as president. Prominently mentioned as candidates are Ezra Shapiro, Rabbi Irving Miller and Abraham Redelheim.

Announcement was made in Chicago of formation of a committee there to advance the candidacy of Max Bressler, former president of the Zionist Organization of Chicago. Mr. Bressler was endorsed by the administrative committee of the Chicago organization.

The Brandeis Zionist District in Washington elected Dr. Emanuel Neumann as an authorized delegate for the district and a slate of delegates to the forthcoming convention most of whom support the Silver-Neumann policies and the candidacy of Rabbi Miller.

The West Coast region of the Z.O.A., at its annual conference this week-end, adopted a resolution urging the Zionist Organization not to affiliate nor identify itself with any political party in Israel. Rabbi Max Nussbaum, a supporter of Mr. Shapiro, was unanimously elected president of the region.

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LATE MINUTE NEWS

JERUSALEM, June 8(JTA)-- All banks in Israel will not carry out any transactions tomorrow and Tuesday except exchanging Israeli banknotes for new currency, whereby ten per cent will be reduced from any sum exceeding 50 Israeli pounds, it was announced here today by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan.

The ten per cent will be considered as a compulsory loan repayable within 15 years with four per cent interest. It is expected that the loan will reach approximately 25,000,000 pounds. The exchange of the old pounds for new ones will be concluded within a fortnight after which the old banknotes will lose their legal value.
