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TENSION MOUNTS ON SYRIAN-ISRAEL BORDER; U.N. OBSERVE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, Acting Premier yesterday conferred with United Nations truce chief Maj. Gen. Vag his political advisor, Henri Vigier, to outline Israel's position on the Huleh project, it was learned here today as tension mounted along Israel-Syrian border. The Syrians continued to voice threats against the project and United Nations truce observers visited the frontier region almost daily.

These developments followed rejection by an Israeli spokesman that the Huleh project will cause some 12,000 acres of Syrian farm land to be abandoned because of the diversion of Jordan River waters for an Israeli hydroelectric project. The Israeli spokesman said the charges were "utterly baseless" and that Israel would be ready if the Syrians use force.

The Syrians specifically object to a nine-mile canal now being planned to bring water from the Jordan to a power station to be built at the end of Lake Kinneret. The new channel, built about one and a quarter miles from the present river bed of the Jordan, will divert only a small portion of the water and permit most of the water to continue along its historic course.

STATE DEPARTMENT CRITICIZED FOR BOYCOTTING JERUSALEM

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council criticized Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that it deplored his action in barring diplomats from participation in Israel's "Conquest of the Desert" exhibition.

Louis Lipsky, chairman of the Council, said in a message to the State Department that "the American Zionist Council strongly deplores your instruction to American diplomatic and consular officers in Israel to refrain from attending the exhibition. The monies of the 'Conquest of the Desert' exposition in Jerusalem.

"This non-governmental exhibition, dedicated to humanity's struggle to reclaim the waste spaces of the earth," said Mr. Lipsky, "has been attended by representatives of Allied Governments and enjoys the participation of various international organizations. United Nations. American failure to be represented on this occasion is only an unwarranted disregard of international amenities, but it is a serious affront to the cause of economic betterment in the Middle East to which the United States is fully committed.

"We urge you to rescind these and other restrictions on the movement of American States government personnel within a country to which the United States is bound by ties of friendship and common tradition," the Council pointed out.

SEN. WATKINS TO VISIT ARAB REFUGEE CAMPS; WILL REPORT TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Sen. Arthur V. Watkins, chairman of the Senate Immigration Subcommittee, will tour Arab refugee camps in Arab states surrounding Israel during October to gather information for a report to Congress. Sen. Watkins is now in Europe gathering information about the operation of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act and the 1953 emergency refugee bill.

JOURNALIST WHO ATTEMPTED TO BLAST SHIP IN HAIFA FACES TRIAL

HAIFA, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A magistrate in Haifa today decided to refer to the higher district court the case of Ben Zion Hartmann, 20 year-old member of the staff of Herut, the right-wing newspaper, who allegedly confessed to bringing a bomb into the port of Haifa two weeks ago in an attempt to blast a ship carrying German reparations goods to Israel.

In his confession, Hartmann allegedly implicated Petachia Shamir, his group commander in the Revisionist youth group Betar who, he said, ordered him to take the bomb into the port area. Hartmann said he got through the guards at the entrance to the area by flashing his press card.

ACUTE SHORTAGE OF DENTISTS IN ISRAEL REPORTED; MEASURES SOUGHT

LONDON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The shortage of dentists is so acute in Israel that the Israel Government has granted licenses to practice dentistry to 400 dental technicians, according to Dr. B. Schrotter, chairman of the World Federation for an Israeli Dental School.

Speaking to a meeting of a dental group of the Friends of the Hebrew University today, Dr. Schrotter said that the average age of Israeli dentists is almost 60 and that no immigrant dentist has qualified later than 1936 when European schools were closed to them. The dental group has undertaken to raise 5,000 pounds by the end of the year in order to provide equipment for a Dental School soon to be opened by the Hebrew University.

ISRAEL AHEAD OF U.S. IN INTERNATIONAL MACCABIAH GAMES

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- At the close of two full days of track and field events at the Fourth International Maccabiah which is being held at the Ramath Gan Stadium, near here, Israel had a slight lead over the United States. With both scoring 538 points out of a possible score of 600 and setting a new Maccabiah record, in the "Jewish Olympic Games," the score stood: Israel, 138 points; United States, 124 points.

American athletes have broken a number of records in the past two days. Dr. Irwin N. Tekulsky of New York took first place in an "English Shooting Match," scoring 538 points out of a possible score of 600 and setting a new Maccabiah record. Martin Engel of New York set a new Maccabiah hammer throwing mark of 163 feet six inches to shatter the old record by 31 feet.

Henry Laskau of Mineola, New York, beat his own record in the 3,000 metre walk to set a mark of 13 minutes 45 seconds. Jack Goldberg of Dorchester, Massachusetts, won the 110 metre hurdles in 14.9 seconds to beat the old mark by three-fifths of a second. In gymnastics Abraham L. Grossfield of New York took first place in all events but one, while in fencing Allan S. Kwartler of New York took first place. An American team came in first in the semi-finals of the 400-metre relay race.

ISRAEL REPARATIONS GROUP ARRIVES IN GERMANY TO ORDER GOODS

COLOGNE, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A party of officials of the Shilumim (reparations) Corporation set up by the Israel Government to order reparations goods from West Germany and to distribute these goods in Israel arrived here today for a week's conferences with officials of the Israel purchasing mission here.

The visiting party consists of Hillel Dan, chairman of the reparations corporation, Dr. Asher Citron, executive secretary, and Joseph Pecker, a member of the board of directors. The three men, who will later visit the mission's branch office in West Berlin, came here to put the finishing touches on the proposed reparations purchasing schedule for the 1954-55 fiscal year.

This list will be submitted to the Germans sometime next week. It will remain subject to negotiation by both sides throughout the remainder of the 1954 fiscal year and will go into effect on March 31, 1954.

At the same time, a four-man delegation from the Israel Manufacturers Association has arrived here to study the workings of the reparations program and to investigate the availability of various types of German goods. The delegation is particularly concerned with the distribution of reparations goods to private industry in Israel.

There is no basis to published reports that the staff of the Israel purchasing mission in Germany will be expanded to a total of 300, a spokesman for the mission declared here today. In its Cologne headquarters and in its West Berlin branch office, the Mission currently employs 44 Israel citizens. No substantial expansion is contemplated.

MEMORIAL UNVEILED OVER GRAVE OF BAVARIAN JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS

MUNICH, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A memorial service has been held over a mass grave of 40 Jewish victims of the Nazis at Degerdorf, in Upper Bavaria, on the occasion of the unveiling of a stone in memory of the unnamed dead.

The services were attended by representatives of Jewish communal organizations, the Association for Christian-Jewish Cooperation and the Bavarian Restitution Office--which has pledged to maintain the grave--and a number of inmates of the Fochrenwald camp for Jewish DP's.

The grave is filled with the remains of men and women who died as a result of starvation, ill health and frightful weather conditions during a "death march" from Bavarian concentration camps to Austria in 1945. Some of the victims were shot by the S.S. guards because they were moving too slowly and delaying the "death column."

It was reported from Frankfurt that hooligans have overturned 47 gravestones in the Jewish cemetery at Tauberbischofsheim, southeast of there. No trace of the perpetrators has been discovered by the police.

FRENCH JEWISH LEADER RECEIVES HIGH LEGION OF HONOR DECORATION

PARIS, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Leon Meiss, President of the French Supreme Court of Appeals and an outstanding French Jewish leader, has been promoted to the rank of Officer of the Legion of Honor, it was announced today. M. Meiss is president of the French ORT Committee and honorary president of the Consistoire Central, the official French Jewish community.

REFUGEE RELIEF ACT ATTACKED AS "DISCRIMINATORY" LEGISLATION

BALTIMORE, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Philip B. Perlman, who was Solicitor General of the United States for many years, last night described the Eisenhower Administration's Refugee Act as even worse than the McCarran-Walter Act. Mr. Perlman said the Act, which was described by the new Administration as a "liberal achievement," was actually "the most discriminatory, the most restrictive and generally the worst piece of (immigration) legislation" in the nation's history.

"The Refugee Relief Act of 1953 expressly adopts the discriminations and the other abuses of the McCarran-Walter Act, and then adds new ones, so drastic in scope as to destroy the hopes of many who have been dreaming of a safe haven in the United States," he said. As head of a seven-member commission appointed by former President Truman to study immigration legislation, Mr. Perlman last January turned in a report urging complete revision of the McCarran-Walter Act.

Mr. Perlman said there has been an attempt to confuse the immigration issue so that the public would think the new Refugee Relief Act is a revision of the McCarran-Walter Act, in line with President Eisenhower's campaign pledge. He especially decried a letter written to President Eisenhower on August 31 by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins, chairman of the Senate Immigration Subcommittee, which urged that nothing be changed in the McCarran-Walter Act until the new 1953 emergency law expires in three and one-half years.

"It is to be hoped," Mr. Perlman said, "that the President will put Sen. Watkins' letter into the wastebasket where it belongs." Mr. Perlman's criticisms of the Administration's Refugee Relief Act were many and specific. He pointed out that:

1. The law admits about 58,000 immigrants annually, although President Eisenhower had asked for 120,000 per year. In this respect, he noted that the 58,000 does not absorb the unused immigration quotas of the north and west European nations.
2. The law, originally intended to help solve over-population problems as well as provide for more refugees, was "emasculated in the Senate" to such an extent that a limited number of visas for non-refugee Italians, Greeks and Netherlands who are close relatives of American citizens and resident aliens are "the sole vestige left."
3. The law allows Congress to "usurp" executive powers by ordering deportations, if Congress so desires, of aliens who entered this country before July 1, this year, as non-immigrants.
4. The law fails to state to which countries persons failing to win Congressional approval will be deported. Thus, there is the threat that some persons may be deported to homelands they fled to avoid religious or political persecution.
5. The law is "replete with conditions and prohibitions and qualifications" which require immigrants to give proof they are not displacing other persons in this country from housing or employment.
6. The law--and Mr. Perlman emphasized this point--allows consular and immigration officers to refuse aliens visas if the officer has "reason to believe" the alien is ineligible. This gives such officers dangerous arbitrary powers, he said.

Mr. Perlman made these remarks in an address before the Baltimore chapter of Americans for Democratic Action. An expert in the field of immigration law, Mr. Perlman has been highly commended by major Jewish organizations for his work as chairman of the commission established by President Truman to study immigration and naturalization problems.

FIVE CONGRESSMEN TO STUDY IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS IN EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Five members of the House Judiciary Committee will sail this week for Europe to make a general study of refugee and migration problems. The top item on their agenda is to study operation, plans, and screening processes now being set up for the new Refugee Relief Act of 1953. Rep. Chauncey W. Reed, Illinois Republican, heads the inspection group.

MANY COLLEGES IN PENNSYLVANIA STILL USE DISCRIMINATORY FORMS

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Nearly 60 percent of the colleges and professional schools of Pennsylvania still use application forms for student admissions which ask potentially discriminatory questions or request photographs of the applicants, it was revealed here by the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission and the Philadelphia Jewish Community Relations Council, which have jointly completed a survey of the state's 122 institutions of higher learning.

David Ullman, vice-president of the Fellowship Commission and a former chairman of the community relations unit, pointed out that despite the fact that four years ago the state's colleges--acting through the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities--unanimously rejected race, religion or national origin as valid criteria for student admissions, only 40 percent of these colleges "ask their applicants no potentially discriminatory questions."

Mr. Ullman also revealed that since the last survey made by the two groups in 1950, there had been a 15 percent improvement in admissions practices. He said that the 1950 survey showed that 75 percent of the schools asked potentially discriminatory questions or required photographs of applicants. Mr. Ullman said that the two organizations are negotiating with schools which still ask such questions to drop them from the questionnaires.

He revealed that schools in the Philadelphia area have the best record on this matter and that no state teachers college ask such questions. "If they do not need this type of information before admitting students," he said, "we see no reason why other schools need it."

DENVER PASSES ORDINANCE ELIMINATING BIAS IN REAL ESTATE

DENVER, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The City of Denver has adopted an ordinance governing the submission of real estate development schemes which prohibits the inclusion of discriminatory restrictive covenants based upon religion or race.

The action of the city council makes Denver the first city in the United States to give substance to United States Supreme Court decisions declaring real estate covenants which discriminate on grounds of race, color or religion legally unenforceable.

JEWISH EDUCATORS FROM ISRAEL, MOROCCO, ARGENTINA TO STUDY IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Ten outstanding Jewish leaders in fields of social work and education have arrived here from Israel, Morocco and Argentina for advanced study at American universities under the overseas scholarship program of the National Council of Jewish Women, it was announced today by Mrs. Irving M. Engel, president of the organization.

The ten were nominated for the scholarships by committees composed of foremost education and welfare experts in their own countries. They will return to their homelands after a year. Meanwhile their studies will take them to universities scattered from Boston to Minneapolis.

J.T.A. TRANSFERS HEADQUARTERS; IMPROVES ITS WORLDWIDE SERVICE

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Transfer of the executive offices and New York operations of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to new headquarters at 660 First Avenue, New York City, was announced today by Louis P. Rocker, president of the JTA. The agency will operate from its new quarters next Monday.

The move, which gives JTA direct access to the radio facilities of Press Wireless, Inc., which JTA leases for its worldwide radio network, will considerably improve the efficiency of the JTA operation, Mr. Rocker declared. The transfer will also facilitate conversion of JTA circuits to Israel and some South America points from Morse Code to high-speed radio printer.

NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION LAUNCHES 1953 APPEAL FOR \$16,950,000

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York today issued an appeal for increased community support to finance its broadened network of services as it announced that it will seek to raise \$16,950,000 in its 1953-54 campaign--a total of \$2,450,000 more than was raised last year.

The funds are needed to maintain 116 member hospitals and social welfare agencies, whose services have been expanded in recent years through the addition of 42 new facilities and services, Milton Weill, Federation president, announced at a press conference at the Hotel Astor. Salim L. Lewis, investment banker, will head the 1953 campaign, which will open on October 6.

DR. JACOB GOLUB, NOTED JEWISH MEDICAL DIRECTOR, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Jacob J. Golub, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee's medical committee and medical director and executive vice-president of the Hospital for Joint Diseases in New York, died here yesterday at the age of 62.

From 1921 to 1923 Dr. Golub served as medical and health commissioner for the JDC in Volhynia, Ukraine, and in 1923 went to Poland in a similar capacity. Returning to the United States in 1926, he assumed executive posts at Mount Sinai and Beth Moses Hospitals, going to the Hospital for Joint Diseases as medical director in 1929.

Recognized as one of the country's top hospital planners, he was consulted in the designs for a number of hospitals in the U.S. and abroad, including the Rothschild-Hadassah Hospital and the Hebrew University Medical School in Jerusalem. He served on a number of American hospital associations and spent several years in the U.S. Public Health Service.

OLDEST U.S. JEWISH VETERAN DIES IN BALTIMORE; WAS 99 YEARS OLD

BALTIMORE, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Ike Dubisky, who was believed to have been the nation's oldest Jewish veteran, was buried today in the Hebrew Cemetery here. He died yesterday at the age of 99, leaving a record of service in the Spanish-American War and subsequent activity in Baltimore patriotic celebrations.

Mr. Dubinsky, a Russian-born baker, enlisted as an infantryman with the 4th Regiment of Virginia Infantry and served with that unit in the Spanish-American War. He was then 44 years old.