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U.N. OFFICIALS TRACE NEGEV BUS MURDERERS TO JORDAN BORDER

TEL AVIV, March 18. (JTA) -- Premier Moshe Sharett, Defense Minister Pinchas Lavon and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Dayan travelled to Beersheba early this morning to visit the wounded survivors of yesterday's bus massacre in the Negev and to hear an eye witness account from the lips of Miriam Lesser, 20-year-old survivor of the Jordanian massacre.

Meanwhile, United Nations observers today reached the scene of the murders and with a bloodhound tracked the marauders to the Jordan border at a point about 12 and one-half miles away. It was learned today that an Arab headgear, of the type worn in Jordan, was found in the bloody bus.

Israeli military and police officials accompanying the UN observers in their re-tracing of the path of the murders pointed out that the deep penetration of Israel territory over extremely difficult terrain indicated that the Jordanian unit consisted of well-trained men. The accuracy of the shooting and the care with which the ambush was prepared was seen as further evidence that the gang was not the usual infiltrating band bent on thievery.

Foreign Ministry officials worked all through the night after the emergency Cabinet meeting last evening on the incident. It was learned that the Ministry has been sending instructions to its representatives in all countries to bring to the attention of the governments to which they are accredited, information about the massacre and to point out that Israel has protested repeatedly against arms deliveries to the Arab states because they lead to such incidents.

The corpses of the 11 victims were removed from the bus early this morning and brought to a morgue near here. Ten of the 11 have been identified. Among them was the bus driver, Kalman Esroni, his wife, mother-in-law and 10-year-old son, all of whom were on the bus. His young daughter escaped the massacre by pretending to be dead, and a three-month-old baby was left behind in Eilat when the family embarked on the fatal trip.

Jordan Holds Military Consultations; Calls Up Reserve Units

LONDON, March 18. (JTA) -- The Jordan Government made known today that a special session of its Security Council has been called and emergency consultation held with other Arab League states. Reserve military units have been called up and assigned to strategic localities. Jordan officially maintained that it assumes absolutely no responsibility for the bus attack in the Negev.

The Lebanese Foreign Minister, Alfred Nacache, declared last night that Israel had withdrawn most of its troop concentrations on the Lebanese and Syrian frontiers, it was reported today in dispatches from Beirut.

ISRAEL TO SEEK FULL-SCALE DEBATE IN U.N. ON MASSACRE IN NEGEV

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 18. (JTA) -- Israel's chief delegate at the United Nations, Ambassador Abba Eban, is keeping in touch with the Israel Government in Jerusalem on the timing of a protest to the United Nations on yesterday's massacre of 11 Israeli men, women and children in a bus in the Negev by a gang of heavily armed Jordanians, it was learned in Israel circles here today.

In view of this incident and the Jordanian refusal to attend a UN-called Israel-Jordan meeting on the armistice agreement and its failings, it is expected here that Israel will call for a full-scale debate in the Security Council. Meanwhile, it is expected that the Security Council will not resume consideration of Israel's complaint against the Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal until at least next Tuesday.

Ambassador Eban today issued a statement here terming "mendacious" a statement by Syrian Ambassador Farid Zeineddine yesterday that Israel boats on Lake Tiberias had heavily attacked Syrian positions on the northeastern bank of the lake. The Israeli diplomat pointed out that:

First, Syria was responsible for opening the firing on March 11. This was confirmed by the Mixed Armistice Commission in its decision of March 15.

Second, Lake Tiberias is entirely within Israel territory and any Syrian interference with Israeli activities on the lake is illegitimate. This fact, too, was confirmed by decision of the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Third, Syrian provocation on Lake Tiberias has been prolonged and constant. This is clear from the Mixed Armistice Commission's decision of March 15. "Thus the UN Armistice Commission has refuted every single element in the argument submitted by the Syrian ambassador yesterday."

American Zionists Blame U.S. Policy for Negev Ambush

WASHINGTON, March 18. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today received a message from Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, asking "whether the Department of State intends to bring this latest flagrant violation of United Nations armistice agreements for censure by the United Nations Security Council."

Mr. Lipsky told Mr. Dulles that "unless our government and other Western Powers recognize that recent policy is responsible for what is happening there is every danger that the present tension will deteriorate into open warfare."

"The ambush and murder of 11 Jews by an armed Arab band near the Israel-Jordan frontier is a direct consequence of a policy of appeasement pursued by the Great Powers and specifically by our own government," the message said. "It is the inevitable result of a policy which permits the Arab states to believe that they do not need to make peace with Israel and that they can secure arms and other favors from us without undertaking to end their economic blockade and military aggression."

"In the light of this latest Arab outrage and other recent Arab attacks the proposals to supply arms to any Arab League member appear to be reckless and provocative," Mr. Lipsky declared.

State Department Refuses to Comment on Negev Attack

WASHINGTON, March 18. (JTA) -- A State Department official spokesman said that the Department has nothing to say at this time about yesterday's Arab ambush of an Israel bus which resulted in 11 deaths.

Henry Suydam, chief press officer, told correspondents that Israel Minister Reuven Shiloah called at the Department yesterday with respect to the bus incident. The Department, said Mr. Suydam, was alerted by Mr. Shiloah to the possibility that the Israel Minister would return to discuss the matter at greater length when more facts become available.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT "SHOCKED" OVER NEGEV MASSACRE

LONDON, March 18. (JTA) -- The British Government today requested its embassies in Israel and Jordan to report in detail on the massacre of the 11 Jews by Arabs who attacked an Israeli bus in the Negev.

Meanwhile, a Foreign Office spokesman today expressed "deep regret" over the "very shocking" outrage. He refused further comment on the incident until the results of the on-the-spot investigation conducted by the United Nations Armistice Commission are made known.

STATE DEPT. BENT ON ARMING ARABS; MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DISSATISFIED

WASHINGTON, March 18. (JTA) -- A group of six Senators and about 35 representatives today released the text of a letter from Under Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith and simultaneously issued a statement of "regret that we do not find assurance in the letter that arms will not be furnished to the Arab states."

The members of Congress had met with Secretary Smith and other State Department officials to express concern over proposals to furnish arms to Arab League states. The Department was asked to avoid such a policy, which was characterized as a threat to peace.

Commenting on the Smith letter today, the Congressmen said they had pointed out that the Arab states have shown no desire to make peace with Israel. Moreover, since the original letter to the Department of State was written on February 8, developments in the Near East have again revealed the instability and volatile character of government in that area, and this has heightened our concern that U.S. arms may be used not to defend the Near East against Communism, but for a renewal of warfare against Israel."

In his letter justifying the shipment of arms to the Arabs, Secretary Smith quoted Secretary John Foster Dulles as saying: "We are confronted today by possibilities of creating strength. The voluntary steps now being taken toward mutual cooperation by certain Near and Middle Eastern states located close to the Soviet Union merit our support. We must make use of these historic opportunities as they occur, or see them pass by with incalculable consequences for our own security."

"The setting within which we must build defensive strength is unlikely ever to be perfect," Mr. Dulles continued. "Certain area disputes may well remain unsettled for many years, while the Soviet threat continues to grow. It is our conviction, furthermore, that building area defense will not obstruct the solution of these disputes but instead by fostering internal stability and appreciation of common danger will contribute to a reduction of tensions."

Secretary Smith, summarizing the main points made by the Department in its discussions of Arab arms aid with Congressmen, said: "The present dangerous weakness in the defensive capabilities of the Near East constitutes a direct threat to the security of the United States and of the free world. In insisting upon such (arms aid) undertakings in every instance, the United States Government will continue to concern itself with relative military strengths in this area until such time as tensions between Israel and the Arab states have been sufficiently reduced to give promise of a lasting peace in the area. Any military aid which the United States may consider extending to states in this area will not shift the balance of strength so as to imperil the existence of any one nation."

The tripartite declaration of May 25, 1950, was cited by Secretary Smith as an assurance that Israel had no real cause for concern over the arming of certain Arab states.

NEW YORK BANKS GRANT \$20,000,000 LOAN TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- A group of seven New York banks has granted a loan of \$20,000,000 to the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, it was announced today by New York UJA treasurer Samuel D. Leidesdorf. Mr. Leidesdorf said that the UJA envisages the loan as a five-year program. It is to start with a two-year loan which may be reviewed annually looking towards the amortization of the loan over five years.

The loan is part of a nationwide program undertaken by the national United Jewish Appeal to borrow \$75,000,000 for a period of five years from Jewish community chests and welfare funds throughout the country in order to accelerate the absorption of immigrants in Israel and speed the country's agricultural development. At the same time, the loan project will have the indirect effect of making available the hard currency required by Israel's treasury to consolidate its short-term debt.

ISRAEL GIVES PRIORITY TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER SAYS

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- "The Government of Israel is giving the highest priority to the economic development of the country," Dr. Dov Joseph, Israel's Minister of Development, declared here today upon his arrival to the United States to address the first International Planning Conference for Israel sponsored by the State of Israel Bond Organization. The conference will open in Washington next Friday.

Asked about the Arab massacre of 11 Israelis in the Negev, Dr. Joseph said he was "deeply shocked" that such killings could take place about 20 kilometers inside Israel. He added that since the United Nations Security Council was very sensitive to the Kibya incident, it is to be hoped that it will be no less concerned over the Negev outrage.

The Israel Minister emphasized that the central importance of Israel's program to achieve economic self-sufficiency is reflected in the fact that Arab countries have been using economic weapons such as the boycott and blockade at the Suez Canal to Israel-bound shipping in an effort to undermine the existence of the State of Israel. "Under these circumstances," he said, "the State of Israel has been deeply encouraged by the success of the Israel Government bond issue floated in the United States."

As a result of the "gratifying response" to Israel bonds of the Independence Issue--subscriptions amounting to more than \$161,000,000--the Government of Israel has not only decided to launch a new bond issue in the United States but to extend the sale of these bonds to other countries in the western hemisphere and to Western Europe, he declared. The total amount of this second issue is \$350,000,000; of this amount \$75,000,000 is to be sold in 1954.

ISRAEL'S FINANCIAL SITUATION IS IMPROVING, MINISTER REPORTS

BUENOS AIRES, March 18. (JTA) -- Israel is a stable factor in the Middle East situation, particularly in the light of recent events in the Arab states, Dr. Joseph Burg, Israel Minister of Transport, declared today upon his arrival here from Chile.

Addressing a press conference, Dr. Burg, who is touring Latin America in behalf of Israel bond sales, stated that Israel was in a somewhat better financial situation now since the government had adopted strong anti-inflationary measures including restricting credit. He said that thanks to the aid of American Jewry, Israel is now in a position to meet its short-term obligations and reported that the Jewish State is increasing its production of goods for export.

SIR ROBERT ROBINSON HONORED BY WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

LONDON, March 18. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath last night conferred an Honorary Fellowship at the Weizmann Institute of Science on Sir Robert Robinson, 67-year-old Waynfleet Professor of Chemistry at Oxford University. The ceremony took place at the home of Ambassador Elath and was witnessed by a distinguished group of educators and scientists.

90 JEWS FOUND ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION AS NAZI "GUINEA PIGS"

DUSSELDORF, March 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Laura Schaeffer, physician and municipal health officer in this area, returned here today after a ten-week stay in Israel during which she examined a number of Jewish victims of Nazi pseudo-scientific and "human guinea pig" experiments.

Dr. Schaeffer, a non-Jew of 32, who taught herself Hebrew in the small town where she grew up without having known Jews, certified some 90 injured or incapacitated survivors of the Nazis' grisly experiments as eligible for lump sum compensation payments from the German Government. The largest group among these victims were Jewish girls from Salonika, Greece, who had been sterilized by Nazi doctors at the Oswiecim concentration camp.

The doctor, who is a fervent advocate of Zionism, said that she had encountered no obstacles or difficulties in working with the victims. She reported that only one case of a fraudulent claim had come to her attention, and then commented that from her experiences as a health officer she believed that among the Germans the proportion of fraudulent claims would have been greater.

Explaining her attitude toward the Jews, Dr. Schaeffer, who was the first German to go to Israel on an official Bonn Government mission, but who visited Israel last year in a private capacity, said that "we Germans should keep begging forgiveness (of the Jews) with contrition in our hearts, and we must strive to make amends to the best of our ability." Israel, she added, has every right to "repulse us, but it cannot keep us from trying over and over again."

ALLIES GRANT LANDING PRIVILEGES IN GERMANY TO ISRAEL AIRLINE

FRANKFURT, March 18. (JTA) -- El Al, the Israel national airline, was today granted freight and mail landing privileges in Germany by the civil aviation board of the Allied High Commission. This will permit El Al planes to pick up urgently needed reparations goods at Dusseldorf and other cities.

The Allied grant of rights will remain effective for one year after the occupation is formally ended under the terms of the "peace contracts" proposed for Germany by the Western Big Three. The board, in today's decision, reserved the right for El Al to apply for passenger service rights at a later date. For the time being, El Al has shelved plans to make Dusseldorf a stop-over point on its passenger service to and from Paris and London.

CATHOLICS CRITICIZED IN HOLLAND FOR KIDNAPPING JEWISH CHILDREN

THE HAGUE, March 18. (JTA) -- The attitude of the Roman Catholic clergy in hiding and refusing to surrender two Jewish girls whose parents were killed by the Nazis, was severely criticized today in the Netherlands Senate.

Baron Devos Van Steenwyk, Liberal Senator, demanded that the Minister of Justice prosecute all persons responsible for future "kidnappings" and hiding of such Jewish children. Dr. J. Whitteman, a Catholic Party Senator, defended the religious authorities' actions, asserting that the future of these children was a matter of decision only for their foster parents.

The Minister of Justice, Dr. L. Donker, refused to comment when asked whether those who hid the two girls would be prosecuted and again when asked to speak on the attitude of the Catholic authorities in these cases. In the latter instance, he said he could not speak on religious matters.

ANTI-SEMITES SENTENCED IN IOWA FOR PASTING UP ANTI-JEWISH SIGNS

DES MOINES, March 18. (JTA) -- A court in Davenport, Iowa, yesterday sentenced Robert Milner, who confessed to pasting up anti-Semitic signs in Davenport and nearby Rock Island and Moline, Illinois, to 30 days in jail. The sentence was suspended.

Edward Reed Fields, another culprit who confessed to having pasted up similar signs in Rock Island, denied having had anything to do with the Davenport incident. The police in the Iowa city, lacking jurisdiction, released Fields. It is doubtful whether the Illinois authorities will attempt to extradite him, since the offense is considered a misdemeanor.

The two were apprehended by the police of Davenport after the Chicago office of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League supplied them with information on suspects who had been carrying on anti-Semitic propaganda in the area. The stickers were found pasted on Jewish-owned stores in the three cities February 20, just as the nation prepared to celebrate Brotherhood Week. The stickers read "This place owned by Jews" and "Anti-Jew Week February 21-28."

EDUCATORS FORM GROUP TO COMBAT DISCRIMINATION IN FRATERNITIES

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- A national campaign to combat discrimination in fraternity membership was launched tonight by a group of college educators and community leaders, who organized the National Committee on Fraternities in Education at a dinner in the Yale Club. Prof. Alfred McClung Lee, chairman of the Department of Sociology at Brooklyn College, was elected president of the new group.

"We believe that discrimination in fraternity memberships can and should be overcome, so that campus groups may perform their rightful role as valuable adjuncts to college education," the new group's board of directors declared in a joint statement announcing the Committee's formation. The board also adopted a five-point program as a basis for the organization's work, which calls for:

1. Keeping informed of developments in fraternity and sorority policies and programs.
2. Undertaking appropriate research and study, including further examination of the damage to educational objectives and personality development already indicated by preliminary evidence.
3. Making information and consultation services available to fraternities, sororities, colleges, student organizations, and the general public.
4. Stimulating conferences among alumni, undergraduate fraternity leaders, and college administrators and trustees to promote understanding of the problem and corrective action, campus by campus.
5. Encouraging colleges, national organizations and alumni to recognize the importance of permitting young people to select their own companions, free from outside pressures.

Officers chosen by the board of directors included Prof. Noel P. Gist, chairman of the Department of Sociology of the University of Missouri. Prof. Erling Hunt of Teachers College, Columbia University. Dr. Robert C. Weaver, executive director, John Hay Whitney Foundation, and Prof. Alfred S. Romer, curator of Harvard University's Museum of Comparative Zoology, all vice-presidents; Dr. Edwin H. Wilson, executive director of the American Humanist Association, secretary; and Dr. Samuel Atkin of New York, treasurer.