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ARAB REPORTS ON ATTACK ON JORDAN VILLAGE DENIED BY ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 7. (JTA) -- Arab reports that a group of about 100 Israelis early this morning attacked the Jordanian village of Husan, about three miles from Bethlehem, were denied here today by official Israeli sources.

The Arab reports claimed that Husan was attacked twice and that Arab Legion troops "drove the Israelis off after fierce exchanges with automatic fire and hand grenades in battles lasting two hours."

(In London it was reported today that Jordan lodged a "strong complaint" with the Mixed Armistice Commission--in which Israel is not participating--for alleged attacks by Israelis on Husan. The report said that United Nations observers and officers of the Arab Legion have proceeded to the scene of the alleged attack.)

The reports from Jordan said that the first attack on Husan was made at midnight with machine guns and hand grenades. Arab National guardsmen, the reports stated, returned the fire but were outnumbered and retreated into the village for reinforcement, after which they succeeded in repulsing the attackers. The second attack, Jordan said, occurred about two hours later and was beaten off after a 45-minute battle. The reports contained no information about casualties.

ARAB LEAGUE DECIDES TO PRESSURE U.S. TO CEASE AID TO ISRAEL

LONDON, April 7. (JTA) -- The Arab League Council announced in Cairo today that it will use all possible diplomatic pressures to oppose further American economic aid to Israel. Recommendations to extend the boycott of Israel were approved, the announcement said.

The Council also announced that a committee of "experts" was designated to study the "political, engineering, and military" aspects of Israel's use of the waters of the Jordan river. When the study is completed, a report is to be made containing special recommendations for the course to be followed by the Governments of Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan. The committee will include representatives of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan.

Simultaneously, it was reported here that Egypt has invited Gen. Vagn Bennike, United Nations truce chief, to come to Cairo "in order to express to him Egypt's growing concern about the Israel-Egyptian border area." Gen. Bennike was expected to arrive in Cairo late today.

ISRAEL PILOT KILLED IN CRASH; SEARCHED FOR LOST BRITISH PLANE

TEL AVIV, April 7. (JTA) -- An Israeli Airforce pilot was killed in southern Israel today when his plane crashed while he was searching for a British plane reported lost in the area.

ISRAEL TO SEEK REVISION OF ARMISTICE PACT AT UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 7. (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba Eban, head of the Israel delegation to the United Nations, today told a press conference here that, when the UN Security Council starts its considerations tomorrow on the Arab-Israel crisis, Israel will emphasize the fact that a total and complete breakdown of the armistice agreement with Jordan is now evident, and will suggest that the Council review the agreement.

Mr. Eban emphasized that, if the Security Council would bring Israel and Jordan together under the provision of Article XII of the armistice agreement, it could "mark a turning point in this unhappy story."

Article XII, the clause which makes a meeting between Israel and Jordan compulsory, was the most important part of the whole armistice agreement, Mr. Eban said. No precedent existed, he went on, for one party to refuse to meet with another as Jordan has refused to attend the conference convoked by the UN Secretary General.

The Israeli representative said that Israel wanted a peace settlement. But short of that, its minimal requirement was a restoration of the Israel-Jordan armistice agreement in its full integrity. Parts of an agreement, he continued, could not be operative while other parts were in force. He added that Jordan could not have just the articles of the armistice agreement which it wanted.

Jordan Failure to Respect the Pact Cited by Eban

Mr. Eban said that not a single one of the 13 articles in the Jordan agreement was being respected by the Jordanians. He announced that he would ask the Council not only to review the whole agreement but to condemn Jordan for tearing it up.

The Israel Ambassador spoke of "three factors" which resulted in the "total and complete breakdown of the armistice agreement." These factors, he said, were: 1. The maintenance and intensification of the guerilla warfare by Jordan against Israel; 2. The decrease in the willingness of the Israeli people to suffer atrocities without response; 3. The sense that the United Nations flag was being hauled down.

As far as the latter was concerned, Mr. Eban said that there was a feeling in Israel that the United Nations was inactive. This was due to the fact that the Armistice Commission could reach no decision on the Scorpion Pass episode; the way in which any resolution in favor of Israel in the Security Council was vetoed by the Soviet; the Secretary General's inability to pursue efforts to bring about a conference with Jordan under Article XII "to stop the killing."

The Israeli representative said that, since the Security Council had last discussed the Israeli-Jordan armistice agreement, 38 Israelis had been killed and wounded, and 28 had been abducted. He declared that everyone in Israel lived under constant fear of attack.

(Five members of the Arab League--Egypt, Iraq, Saudi-Arabia, Syria and Yemen--put themselves on record at the UN yesterday as backing the complaint filed against Israel by the two remaining League members, Lebanon and Jordan. Lebanon, a member of the Security Council, had laid the grievance against Israel on behalf of Jordan, and this complaint is coming up for Security Council discussion tomorrow.)

U.S. NAVAL RESEARCH EXPERT REACHES ISRAEL IN PRIVATE PLANE

WASHINGTON, April 7. (JTA) -- Word was received here today that Leo Seren, naval research laboratory physicist of Washington, D. C., arrived at Lydda airport Israel yesterday in a private plane which he piloted from Washington. He crossed the Atlantic in the single-engine beechcraft which took him 7,835 miles to Israel.

GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS SEEK ACTION ON INDEMNIFICATION LAW

BONN, April 7. (JTA) -- Mounting indignation at German governmental procrastination in issuing the implementation regulations to the Federal Indemnification Law for individual compensation claimants has led to the tabling of a legal amendment and of a parliamentary interpellation by the Social Democratic Party in the Bundestag.

The Social Democratic draft amendment seeks to correct some of the deficiencies of the Federal Indemnification Law. Thus it proposes a more realistic definition of the term "persecutee," provides for tax exemption of compensation payments and directs the computation of certain pension payments on the basis of the Nazi victim's average income in the three years immediately preceding the onset of the persecution.

At present, the income of a "comparable civil servant" is used as a basis for these calculations, leading to grotesque situations when, for instance, a formerly prosperous Jewish cattle dealer is placed in one of the worst paid civil service categories because he lacks a high school diploma, which he would have needed to qualify for a low-ranking clerkship in the civil service system.

According to German parliamentary procedure, a "major interpellation" makes it mandatory for the government to deal with the subject of the inquiry at a plenary session of the Bundestag. In an interpellation now filed, the Social Democratic Party formally asks the Federal Government when the implementation regulations and administrative ordinances, which the Federal Indemnification Law calls for, will be promulgated. Although the law was passed by the Bundestag nine months ago, it remains a dead letter because not a single regulation or ordinance has yet been issued.

Meanwhile, a special committee of the Federal Council, or Upper House of Parliament, has begun hearings and deliberations on ways and means to improve the Federal Indemnification Law.

DENAZIFICATION TERMINATED IN WEST GERMANY; EX-NAZIS BENEFITED

MUNICH, April 7. (JTA) -- In Bavaria, the last of West Germany's nine constituent states where legislation providing for denazification is still on the books, the Cabinet has approved a bill that will, in effect, put an end to denazification.

Although little use has been made of this legislation in the past few years, its existence had a deterrent effect upon the lunatic fringe of unreconstructed bitter-end Hitlerites and avowed Jew-baiters. In a few cases, it was applied to particularly Nazi "major offenders."

"Denazification" was originally designed to signify the elimination of Nazis from public life, but over the years its meaning was perverted to denote the formalistic and almost automatic cleansing of ex-Nazis from their Nazi taint. The new bill carries this farcical development to its illogical extreme by prohibiting the initiation of new denazification proceedings directed against a Nazi, but permitting him to institute proceedings himself, if he so desires, in order to acquire a clean record. Similarly, pending prosecution appeals are automatically quashed.

If the appeal was filed by a convicted Nazi, however, it will be processed and, in most cases, granted. Nazis so heavily incriminated that, in spite of the prevalent leniency, were sentenced after having exhausted all appeal channels, are virtually invited to have their sentences expunged by a proviso of the new bill giving them until December, 1955 to ask for a "retrial." Another section of the new bill provides for the cancellation of fines imposed by Denazification Courts. Small though they were, they have, as a gesture of contempt, not been paid in about half the cases.

In the sense in which the term is understood abroad, denazification--one of the primary Allied objectives in the postwar period--has now come to an end throughout West Germany.

NEED OF CENTRAL WORLD JEWISH BODY DISCUSSED BY DR. GOLDMANN

TEL AVIV, April 7. (JTA) -- The need for a central representative body of world Jewry was re-emphasized here last night by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, addressing a meeting of Israeli leaders including members of the Parliament. Dr. Goldmann spoke on problems facing the World Jewish Congress and world Jewry today.

The chairman of the Jewish Agency and president of the World Jewish Congress expressed the belief that it is possible that, sooner or later, the Zionist movement would also find its way to a world-wide representative Jewish organization. He also mentioned other steps made to widen the frame of the World Jewish Congress.

Dr. Goldmann said that World Jewry will not tolerate the continuation of the stand taken by the Austrian Government with regard to the negotiations on indemnification for Jewish property. He urged intensification of the social and cultural work among neglected undeveloped Jewish communities, especially in North Africa. He pointed out the need for coordinated activity of various Jewish welfare and cultural bodies in North Africa.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN TURKEY DROPS ITS ONLY JEWISH DEPUTY

ISTANBUL, April 7. (JTA) -- The ruling Democratic Party here today made public its list of candidates to Parliament in the general elections to be held May 2, omitting to nominate any Jewish candidate or a representative of any other minority group. Among those dropped from the lists is Salomon Adotto, the sole Jewish deputy, who has served two consecutive terms. The Republican People's Party, main opposition group, did announce a Jewish candidate, M. Moiz Tekinlap, a well-known economist who has served previously in public offices.

There is a possibility that the leaders of the Democratic Party at Ankara may amend the local list and possibly include a Jewish candidate. It is believed here that, unless the lists are changed, the Democratic Party may lose many of the 300,000 votes cast by the minority groups, as well as some of its prestige abroad.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD STARTS FOUR-DAY CONVENTION TODAY

CLEVELAND, April 7. (JTA) -- The four-day biennial convention of the National Jewish Welfare Board opens here tomorrow to discuss the need for religious and welfare services to Jewish military personnel. General Matthew B. Ridgway, Chief of Staff, United States Army, will be one of the principal speakers at the parley.

The convention will also feature the climax of the Centennial Celebration of the Jewish Community Center and YMHA as an American institution. "Centennial Inventory" will be the theme of tomorrow's program. Dr. Salo W. Baron, professor of Jewish history, Columbia University, and president of the American Jewish Historical Society, will speak on "1854-1954: A Century of Jewish Life in America."

The National Jewish Welfare Board's annual Frank L. Weil Awards for 1954 were won by Dr. Salo W. Baron, New York; Joseph Goldstein, Rochester, N. Y., and Col. Jesse C. Colman, San Francisco, for distinguished contributions in JWB's three areas of service to the American Jewish community. The award winners will receive bronze medallions and scrolls Saturday night at a dinner session of JWB's convention.

Dr. Baron, professor of Jewish history at Columbia University, won the award "for distinguished contribution to the development of American Jewish culture" in recognition of his work as teacher, historian and author. Mr. Goldstein, lawyer and communal leader, was voted the award "for distinguished contribution to the advancement of the Jewish Community Center movement." Colonel Colman, former member of the San Francisco board of supervisors, will get the award "for distinguished contribution to the welfare of Jewish personnel in the U.S. Armed Forces."

U. S. INVESTORS HELP BUILDING WORKSHOPS, STORES IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- Newly-built workshops for small manufacturers and artisans, as well as modern stores and apartments, are offered for lease or sale in Haifa, Jerusalem, and other parts of Israel by the Palestine Land Development Company, it was reported today by the Jewish Agency's Economic Department here.

American investors are participating in the venture through the American-Haifa Development Corporation of New York which has purchased the first three factory buildings, one of which is already fully occupied. American-Haifa has leased the workroom units to a number of artisans and manufacturers for periods of two to three years. The factory buildings sell for \$15,000 each. The price of a 500-square foot work room unit is \$2,800.

P. L. D. C. is also offering a number of four-room apartments and stores in a new eight-story elevator building on King George Avenue, in the center of Jerusalem. The apartments sell for \$8,500 each and the purchaser may rent them out on a three-year lease representing a net annual income of about 6 percent on the investment, or a ten-year lease with an annual income of about 7-1/2 percent.

20,000,000 POUNDS INVESTED BY ISRAEL GOVERNMENT IN HOUSING PROJECTS

LONDON, April 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has invested some 20,000,000 pounds in housing projects, part of which will be returned to the government when the new owners move in and put down a large down payment, it was reported here today by Barclay's Bank's monthly review of foreign trade.

The review noted that it cost an average of 5,250 pounds to build a housing unit in Israel. The purchasers are granted 15-year mortgages, averaging 2,350 pounds, the review said.

Commenting on Israel's local cigarette industry, the same issue of the review reported that in the last year local cigarette production had doubled to a total of 2,013 metric tons, nearly all of which was sold in the local market. A large proportion of the Turkish tobacco and about one-third of the Virginia tobacco used in Israeli cigarettes is grown locally, the report added.

New \$1,750,000 Hotel To Be Built In Northern Israel

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- The high-plateau of Poriya, overlooking the sea of Galilee in northern Israel, will be the site of a new \$1,750,000 resort hotel, it was reported here today by the Jewish Agency's Economic Department.

A seven-story, 200-room hotel is planned by Pituach Poriya, Ltd., a holding of Taiber Bros., prominent Tel Aviv land owners and builders. The hotel will feature bath facilities using radio-active waters piped from the nearby Tiberias hot springs. The project is open to American investment.

Poriya is also the site of a housing project containing 150 buildings, constructed by the Jewish Agency, and a forty-house multiple dwelling project completed last year by Pituach Poriya, Ltd. The erection of a 160-house project for the Farmers' Federation was begun last year at Poriya, and a youth hostel is nearing completion.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY GETS \$100,000 GIFT FROM N. Y. PHILANTHROPIST

WALTHAM, Mass., April 7. (JTA) -- Brandeis University has received a \$100,000 gift from Harry Pearlman, New York paper manufacturer. Brandeis, now in its sixth academic year, has an undergraduate student body of 867.