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U. N. BODY SEEKS TO CHECK JERUSALEM BATTLE; "BIG THREE" ENVOYS MEET

JERUSALEM, July 1. (JTA) -- American, British and French diplomatic envoys in Israel met in urgent session in Tel Aviv today to consider joint action on the most serious Arab-Israel border clash in months which flared up yesterday and this morning in Jerusalem, resulting in one Israeli dead and 23 wounded.

At the same time, Gen. Vagn Bennike, United Nations truce chief, called an urgent meeting of the Israel-Jordan armistice commission at which it was decided that an immediate investigation be started into the cause of the shooting. The shooting was started last night by Jordan's Arab Legion with a barrage of mortars, automatic guns and grenades from its positions on the walls of the Old City into the Jewish section of the city.

Today's meeting of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission took place under the chairmanship of Gen. Bennike and it was for the first time in several months that Israel participated in such a meeting. For the last few months Israel has been boycotting the Israel-Jordan MAC meetings, under the chairmanship of Lt. Commander Elmo R. Hutchinson, U. S. N., because of the refusal of the commission to condemn Jordan for the massacre of 11 Jews in the attack on a bus at the Scorpion Pass, in the Negev.

Israel Informs Security Council of Jordan's Attack

Israel Premier Moshe Sharett, at a press conference here today said that Israel's participation in the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission is limited to the Jerusalem flare-up. He added that Israel's future action in relation to the MAC would be governed by future developments.

The Premier stated that he had consented to Israel's participation in the meeting, after Gen. Bennike had called on him at noon today to request Israel's presence at the meeting. Mr. Sharett said that the Cabinet had been kept fully informed of developments and would, if the need arose, be called into session. He also revealed that Israel had fully informed the UN Security Council of the situation and had instructed its envoys in the various world capitals to present Israel's views on the matter to the governments to which they were accredited.

Speaking of the shooting, Mr. Sharett declared: "Jerusalem's peace had been wantonly violated last night when the Arab Legion opened fire on Israel's capital along the entire sector of the armistice lines within the city. It was a deliberate attack without the slightest provocation, obviously planned and centrally directed."

There were many minor attacks within recent weeks, he continued, such as stone throwing from the Arab lines into the New City, which resulted in injury to a number

of Jews and some property damage. "Last night's attack," he said, "resulted in a number of casualties among the peaceful inhabitants.

"In accordance with orders issued to all outposts, the Israel Army held its fire for some time. Eventually, however, in the face of increased and intensified Arab fire, it became necessary for our forces to react. When the UN approached the Israel authorities for a ceasefire, it was informed that fire had not been opened by Israel and the sooner the other side stopped firing the sooner complete calm would be restored," Mr. Sharett reported. "With UN mediation a ceasefire was agreed to, but after a brief lull sniping from the wall by the Arab Legion was resumed, and toward morning there were further victims," he said.

Sharett Charges Jordan with Deliberate Violation of Armistice

"We are faced with a new and deliberate violation and repudiation by the Jordan Government of its obligations under the armistice agreement," he charged. "It would appear that in the absence of any determined international reaction to the flouting by Jordan of the armistice agreement in the past has served as encouragement to that government to commit this outrage, which is an offense almost to the entire civilized world no less than to Israel.

"Jerusalem will withstand this test just as it withstood similar and graver trials in the past," he pledged. "Life in the capital is proceeding normally and our defense army will continue to refrain from any act of provocation and will resort to no action which is liable to aggravate the situation, but it will maintain vigilance and stand ready to repel any attack and strike back at the aggressor," Mr. Sharett warned.

The firing broke out about 8 PM yesterday when Arab Legionnaires fired into streets of the New City which are a stone's throw from the Jordan positions. Sporadic firing continued until about 9:30 PM, when UN observers issued and enforced a ceasefire.

Some time later, the Arabs resumed their firing and at about midnight Israeli troops--for the first time--replied. They poured shots into Arab Legion positions for about 15 minutes, then stopped. The Jordanians kept up their shooting until about 2 AM. Casualties up to last night amounted to eight wounded.

Early this morning, the Legionnaires resumed their fire. Among the wounded last night was 48-year-old Moshe Goldberg, a rabbi from Paris who had come to Israel to attend the World Congress of the Agudas Israel. His condition today was said to be serious.

(In Washington, the State Department was closely studying diplomatic dispatches reporting on the flare-up of military action in the Jerusalem area, Department sources said today.)

SYRIANS FIRE AT ISRAELI PLANE; ATTACK ISRAELI POLICE BOATS

TEL AVIV, July 1. (JTA) -- An Israeli plane flying over Lake Tiberias this morning was brought under fire by Syrian batteries on the eastern bank of the lake, it was announced here today. The plane was not damaged.

A second policeman on the patrol boat which was shelled and fired on by Syrians on the lake yesterday died this morning. This brought the casualty toll to two dead and four wounded. Two Israeli patrol boats were fired on today, and an Israeli ground unit came to their assistance, forcing the Syrian to halt their firing. There were no casualties today.

Israeli fishermen set out on the lake today, despite the shootings. They were particularly bitter about the shelling of the patrol boats, noting that the boats had been stripped of mortars in line with instructions from the United Nations truce organization leaving them in no position to defend themselves against shellfire.

U.S. ANNOUNCES ECONOMIC AID FOR LEBANON; FOLLOWS AID TO JORDAN

WASHINGTON, July 1. (JTA) -- The Foreign Operations Administration today announced its second economic aid agreement with an Arab League state within a week, a \$6,000,000 allotment to Lebanon for water, public road development, and agriculture. Earlier this week the FOA announced an \$8,000,000 allotment to Jordan.

MILITARY COURTS IN RUMANIA SENTENCE EIGHT MORE ZIONIST LEADERS

ISTANBUL, July 1. (JTA) -- Eight more Zionist leaders in Rumania have been convicted in separate trials by Rumanian military courts and have been sentenced to varying terms between five and 12 years in prison, it was disclosed here today by Rumanians who have fled the Communist regime. These reports state that three of the eight convicted had been acquitted earlier by similar courts.

Other reports state that dozens more of Jewish communal and Zionist leaders have been arrested in various parts of the country on similar "espionage" charges. They were rounded up in Bucharest, Cluj, Timisoara, Jassy, Constanza, Galati, Piatra Neamt, Focsani, Arad, Rafauti and Falticeni.

(In Tel Aviv, a call to world public opinion to support Jewry's demands that the Rumanian Government release imprisoned Zionist and Jewish communal leaders was issued today by the Israel Section of the World Jewish Congress. The call, signed by all Israeli political parties affiliated with the WJC, also urged protests against continuation of persecution and arrests of Rumanian Jews.)

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION TO START FUNCTIONING IN GERMANY

PARIS, July 1. (JTA) -- An official Zionist Organization, affiliated with the world Zionist movement, will be launched in Germany, Sam Segal, European director of the Keren Hayesod, announced here today.

Mr. Segal said that the sale of shekels will be authorized immediately, thus permitting the German Zionist Organization representation at the next World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem. He added that all the usual Zionist institutions will be established in West Germany for the 25,000 Jews living in the country.

DUTCH AUTHORITIES ASKED TO RETURN KIDNAPPED ORPHANS TO JEWS

LONDON, July 1. (JTA) -- British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie, who is also chairman of the Commission on the Status of Jewish War Orphans in Europe, today appealed to the Dutch authorities to restore Anneke Beekman and Rebecca Melhado to Jewish environments and provide for the type of upbringing that their martyred parents would have provided had they lived.

At a meeting of the commission here, Rabbi Brodie indicated that he intended to follow up his appeal with the authorities and any one else who could bring influence to bear to remedy this situation. The girls, both of Jewish parentage, were left in Catholic homes by their parents who were murdered by the Nazis. They have never been returned to the Jewish community, despite public appeals, court action and other attempts.

TUNISIAN GOVT. APPOINTS ORT INSTRUCTORS TO EXAMINING BOARDS

TUNIS, July 1. (JTA) -- The Tunisian Government, in a move which illustrated its high opinion of the ORT school system in this country, has appointed all seven ORT instructors who are graduates of the Central ORT Institute to its examining boards for students in the government-operated vocational schools. This is one instance in a broadening policy of cooperation between the ORT and Tunisian authorities.

64 AMERICAN JEWISH GROUPS OPPOSE U. N. PLAN FOR CALENDAR REFORM

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- A memorandum opposing the proposed plan for calendar reform, which is now under discussion at the Geneva session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, was submitted today to the United Nations on behalf of 64 national and central Jewish organizations in the United States by the League for Safeguarding the Fixity of the Sabbath.

Speaking in the name of American Jewry, the memorandum requests the United Nations and its agencies "not to recommend any change in the calendar involving the device of a 'blank day', or any other device the effect of which would be to interrupt the continuity of the week and thus destroy the fixity of the Sabbath on its definite day in the week."

In support of this request, facts and views are presented in the memorandum from which it becomes clear that the League is not opposed to calendar reform in general but only to such schemes as include a "blank day" provision with a subsequent shifting of the Sabbath to different days of the week.

The memorandum points out that if the plan for calendar reform now under consideration by the Economic and Social Council session is adopted and the calendar reform is inaugurated at the end of 1956, as suggested, then Tuesday, the 1st of January, 1957, would be called Sunday; Wednesday would be called Monday, and the other days of the week would be shifted in the same manner, so that for 52 weeks in the year 1957, Jews and other Sabbatarians all over the world would be compelled to observe their Sabbath on a so-called Thursday. New changes would be made every year.

The memorandum emphasizes that the 365th day--the last day of 1957--would not be counted among the days of the week in that year, but would be called a "blank day" or "worldsday" or by some other name. The 1st of January 1958, which, according to the present calendar, will fall on Wednesday, would, in the proposed calendar, be called Sunday. And consequently, in 1958, every Sabbath would fall throughout that year on what we now call Wednesday. Thus the Sabbath would fall on different days of the week as years go by.

Severe Economic Hardships for Observant Jews Cited

"The introduction of such a device," the memorandum says, "which would make the Sabbath fall in the new calendar on a different day of the week every year, will involve severe economic hardships and loss on observant professors of Jewish faith throughout the world... weekly Sabbath on the true seventh day of the week as their ancestors have... interruptedly done for the past 3,000 years. Non-Jews who trade with Jews would not know in successive years which is the seventh day observed by the Jews."

The memorandum argues that for the observant Jew, the "blank day," causing a "wandering" Sabbath, would entail a third day's enforced rest, in years when the Sabbath does not fall on the traditional day of the week. Also, that whenever elections fall on the Sabbath, observant Jews would be prevented from recording their votes, and thus would be practically disfranchised. Also, that a Jewish child in this country who does not attend school on Saturdays and Sundays, would, owing to religious scruples, have to absent himself also on an additional day of the week.

Among the organizations opposing the proposed calendar reform are the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, all Zionist organizations in the U. S., Hadassah, National Jewish Welfare Board, many Jewish educational institutions, all major Jewish womens' organizations, and all Orthodox, Conservative and Reform groups in American Jewry.

A copy of the memorandum has been sent to President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles with a suggestion that the American delegates to the session at Geneva be instructed not to approve any resolution recommending adoption by the UN General Assembly of any "blank day" plan.

J. W. B. REPORTS SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL IN COMMUNITY CENTERS

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Welfare Board today issued a report stating that the critical shortage of professional personnel engaged by Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWHA's worsened during the past year. "The expansion and increased demand for Center and "Y" personnel in evidence since 1946 continued," the report said. "By the end of 1953 the number of full-time professional workers required totalled about 1,300. At that time more than 120 vacancies were on record, compared to 77 at the end of 1952."

Reasons given for the growth of the field outstripping the available supply of manpower were the facts that only a few more than 40 Jewish students with an interest in group work were being graduated from schools of social work and that "competing attractions in the business world and other professional settings are draining specialists such as health educators and nursery school teachers."

In spite of the decreasing supply of new workers, the report points out, the placement of workers in Center jobs totaled 215 in 1953, "the highest figure in more than ten years. While the demand for workers was observed in all categories, proportionately the greatest increase of vacancies was in the executive class. The need for supervisory staff was also accelerated. Of significance too was the growing demand by national and other local Jewish organizations for personnel trained and experienced in group work.

To attempt to meet the personnel shortage, the Centers and JWB have explored ways and means of attracting young men and women to Center work and have conducted a number of projects such as a recruiting conference and scholarship funds.

EINSTEIN MEDICAL CENTER IN PHILADELPHIA GETS \$750,000 GIFT

PHILADELPHIA, July 1. (JTA) -- A gift of \$750,000, the largest in the history of Jewish philanthropy in Philadelphia, by Sam and Goldie Paley to the Albert Einstein Medical Center here, was announced by Samuel H. Daroff, president of the center.

The gift will be used to help construct an out-patient clinic building, to be known as the Sam and Goldie Paley Clinical Building, Mr. Daroff revealed. Mr. Paley has been named an honorary director of the medical center. He is also an honorary director of the Federation of Jewish Charities and is a director of the Allied Jewish Appeal.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN BUENOS AIRES PROTESTS "TAR BOMBINGS"

BUENOS AIRES, July 1. (JTA) -- Jewish community leaders today called on the Chief of Police of Buenos Aires to protest recent "tar bombings" of the Libertad Synagogue and to demand action to apprehend the persons responsible and to protect the synagogue against further attack.

During the visit, Police Inspector-General Miguel Gamboa expressed his personal abhorrence of such "barbarous" behavior. He noted that such activities are in direct opposition to President Juan Peron's policy. He also outlined the steps taken to trace the attackers and to prevent recurrence of the attacks, two of which occurred this past week.

MRS. VERA WEIZMANN DECORATED BY PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 1. (JTA) -- President Getulio Vargas today decorated Mrs. Vera Weizmann, widow of Israel's first President, with the Brazilian Cruzeiro da Sol, in the highest grade. This is the first time a Jew has received this decoration in the history of Brazil. Mrs. Weizmann is visiting Brazil in behalf of the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth.

BECAUSE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL APPEAR TUESDAY