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BENNIKE SEEKS TO CLEAR JORDAN OF JERUSALEM SHELLING, ISRAEL SAYS

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- Major Gen. Vagn Bennike, head of the United Nations truce commission, was severely criticized here today by a spokesman of the Israel Army for indicating in advance that he does not intend to condemn either Jordan or Israel for the three-day shooting that took place last week in Jerusalem when the Jordanians shelled from their positions in the Old City the Jewish section of the city.

Gen. Bennike gave this indication at today's meeting of the Israel-Jordan Armistice Commission which took place under his chairmanship. He said that it cannot be established whether Israel or Jordan fired the first shot and it would, therefore, be hopeless to try to prove who began the firing. He suggested that the Armistice Commission should not adopt resolutions, but should rather reach an agreement on measures to be taken to make recurrences of such clashes in the future impossible.

The Israel representatives at today's meeting insisted that it is the duty of the Armistice Commission to establish who started the "small war" in Jerusalem and who broke the cease-fire. The Israel delegation brought proof to the meeting to show that the Jordanians began the shooting and that the Israelis replied only when the situation became very serious and when there were no less than eight Jewish casualties.

The Israel delegation also brought proof to show that the Jordanian attack in Jerusalem was planned in advance and that Arab reinforcements were brought to the Jerusalem positions two days before the attack was started. The Israelis pointed out that it is most important to establish who is responsible for the three-day fighting in Jerusalem and who started shooting first, in order to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in the future.

The Israeli military spokesman expressed surprise over Gen. Bennike's statement at today's meeting of the Armistice Commission. He said that the statement of the UN truce chief amounts to pronouncing the verdict on the Jerusalem case, and implies clear bias in favor of Jordan. The Commission adjourned its meeting until tomorrow, when the Jordanians are to state their case.

ISRAEL CABINET HEARS REPORT ON EGYPTIAN BORDER ATTACKS

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- Israel Defense Minister Pinhas Lavon today reported to the Cabinet that, during the last three days, Egyptian troops attacked Israeli positions three times near Kissufim, along the Gaza strip. In one attack, they were repulsed with the result that the Israeli forces captured and held Egyptian positions for several hours.

Mr. Lavon said that six Egyptians were killed and several wounded in the clashes. On the Israeli side, one was killed and two wounded. A complaint against Egypt for breaking the armistice has been lodged by Israel with the Mixed Armistice Commission, Mr. Lavon reported.

DANGER OF ARAB-ISRAEL TENSION EMPHASIZED AT SENATE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, July 11. (JTA) -- Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that Arab-Israel tension represents the greatest danger in the Near East because "the security council of the United Nations, much as we deplore the fact, will be more and more ineffective on helping on this problem."

This was revealed today when the Senate committee published hearings on the Foreign Aid Bill for the new fiscal year. Mr. Byroade said the one place in the Near East where he could not report progress was the Arab-Israel region. He reported on increasing Soviet activities in the region in what he said was a Red campaign to win the friendship of the Arabs.

Complete confidence was expressed by Mr. Byroade in Iraqi assurances that U. S. munitions grants will never be used against Israel. He also said that counter suggestions advanced to Ambassador Eric Johnston's Jordan development scheme are "not acceptable by any means" to the United States. He reported that "the Kibya affair set us back, perhaps, a year in everything we are trying to do."

ISRAEL CHARGES JORDAN WITH DESECRATION OF MT. OLIVES CEMETERY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 11. (JTA) -- A complaint against Jordan's desecration of the ancient Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives, with photographs proving vandalism and the stripping of ancient gravestones, was formally presented to the United Nations here today on behalf of the Israel Government by Mordecai Kidron, deputy chief of the Israel delegation.

Mr. Kidron filed his complaint with Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, furnishing the latter with a set of six photographs of the old cemetery site. The pictures had been taken by telescopic lenses from towers on the Israeli side of the Jordan frontier. The photos show overturned gravestones, burial plots plowed up, and other burial plots with stones removed.

According to the Israeli complaint, the vandalism and desecrations have been going on for some time. Jordan has been in control of the Mount of Olives area since 1947, but the desecrations, Israel said, have been going on since 1949. Some of the stones taken from the ancient cemetery--one of the oldest in the Western world--were used in the building of a motion picture theatre in Jericho, other stones were used for construction of other buildings.

"The desecrations," said the complaint, "is a crime against the memory of the dead, and an offense against all humane feelings." Mr. Kidron furnished the Secretary-General with 60 sets of the photographs, asking that copies of the complaint and the accompanying pictures be distributed to the delegations of all member states.

ISRAEL DISASSOCIATES ITSELF FROM VIEWS REPORTED BY JOHNSTON

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- An Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman today stressed that Ambassador Eric A. Johnston's statement in Washington earlier this week on the prospects for conclusion of a regional water and power development plan for the Jordan River Valley must be regarded as reflecting the Ambassador's personal views, not those of Israel.

The spokesman added that, as long as no agreement has been reached on the main principles of the project, nothing definite can be laid down about Israel's agreement to any principle whatever, apart from a general positive attitude toward a regional water settlement and apart from the settlement of Arab refugees in the neighboring countries.

As for Mr. Johnston's statement concerning work on the Bnot Yaacov power station on the Jordan River, this too must be regarded as the Ambassador's personal views. It in no way expresses the view of the Israel Government, which continues to assert its right to carry out this work, the spokesman stressed. He noted that Mr. Johnston himself had stated in conversations with the Israelis that he does not regard himself as authorized to intervene in this matter.

ISRAEL TO DRAFT ARABS AND CHRISTIANS INTO THE ARMED SERVICES

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- Moslems and Christians living in Israel--comprising about 10 percent of the country's population--will be drafted into the armed services hereafter under the compulsory service law. That was indicated today when the Defense Ministry issued orders that recruiting be begun in all Israeli communities which until now had not been required to furnish their military service quotas.

Under the new instructions, registrations for military service and medical examinations are to be carried through for all males born between 1937 and 1943. Until now, only the Druze community, among the minority groups in Israel, has contributed its military quota.

AGUDAH WORLD CONGRESS CONCLUDED; IMPORTANT DECISIONS ADOPTED

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- The World Congress of the Agudath Israel, Orthodox organization, concluded its sessions here with an appeal to the Jews throughout the world not to abandon the sacred Jewish traditions.

The congress urged all Jews, particularly religious Jews, to come to settle in Israel and to invest in the economy of the Jewish State. It sent a message of good hope to Jews in the countries behind the Iron Curtain and in the Moslem states declaring that "redemption is near."

The congress emphasized the determination on the part of the Agudah to fight for the annulment of the Israeli law providing for compulsory non-military service for Orthodox Jewish women. The Israel Government was called upon "not to ruin Jewish families and not to split the Jewish nation" over this issue.

The congress also appealed to the Israel Government to take action to guarantee Jews access to the Wailing Wall, the Tomb of Rachel and other Jewish Holy Places now inside Jordan-held territory.

Other resolutions asked the Israel Government to enforce strict observance of the Sabbath in Israel; to enforce laws against the breeding of pigs in Israel; to enforce laws against the selling of non-Kosher meat by Jews in Israel; to forbid all post-mortems, even for scientific purposes; and to ban certain missionary practices in Israel.

The congress also adopted resolutions protesting the ban on shechita in existence in some countries. It called on world Jewish organizations to fight the proposed revision of the calendar which is now under discussion at the United Nations. It urged Jewish communities and organizations to uncover Jewish war orphans and to return them to Judaism.

The congress went on record as protesting against the arming by Western Powers of the Arab states as long as they are still at war with Israel. It called on the Agudah central committee to establish religious schools in memory of the 6,000,000 Jews annihilated by the Nazis in Europe.

A central council of 70 members with London as its seat was elected by the Congress. It also elected an actions committee of 65 members, of whom 30 will reside in Israel, 17 in Europe, and 18 in the United States, Canada and other countries. A world executive committee of 11 members was also elected. The headquarters of both the actions committee and the world executive will be in Jerusalem. Rabbi I. M. Levin was elected chairman of both the actions committee and the world executive. It was decided that five members of the executive should reside in Jerusalem, three in London and three in New York.

The congress expressed regret that the Poale Agudah, the labor group of the Agudath Israel Organization, decided to conduct its own policy with regard to matters concerning Israel. Under such conditions, the Poale Agudah can not belong to the Agudath Israel World Organization, the congress indicated.

GERMAN PARLIAMENT VOTES FOR ADHERENCE TO GENOCIDE PACT

BONN, July 11. (JTA) -- The West German Bundestag unanimously approved yesterday the second and third readings of a bill calling for German adherence to the international Convention Against Genocide.

The bill still has to be approved by the Federal Council, but this is expected to be a mere formality. West German formal ratification of the genocide measure is expected by the end of Summer or Fall, at the latest.

The bill was approved after a sponsoring address by Jacob Altmaier, Jewish member of the Social Democratic Party. He recalled that a "trail of blood" marked Germany's recent history and insisted that this "trail of horror" made it imperative that Germany pledge its support to an international law which provided the heaviest penalties for crimes of a like nature.

He noted, however, that the convention would be able to fulfill its "true intent only if it became a matter of the heart rather than a mere legislative measure; if it awakened the conscience of each individual to the moral obligation of preventing the new flowering of poisonous seeds." When no other speakers rose to make any comment on the measure, the Speaker of the House declared the bill adopted unanimously.

It was learned that lengthy discussions had taken place among several of the leading parties on how the formalities of passing the measure was to be handled. It is understood that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union preferred making a public endorsement of the bill, for its effect on world public opinion. However, the BHE Refugee Party, with a neo-Nazi leadership, was expected to raise a fuss, as it had at the first reading of the bill, and repudiate any suggestion of German responsibility for the crimes against the Jews, in the event any government party spoke for the measure. To forestall this expected opposition, or any other public show of disunity, it was decided to let Altmaier be the only speaker on the bill.

JEWISH CONGRESS PROPOSES NEW SYSTEM OF GUARANTEEING HUMAN RIGHTS

GENEVA, July 11. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today suggested to the United Nations Economic and Social Council that it adopt a new approach to the problem of guaranteeing human rights and freedoms by substituting a series of individual international instruments, each limited to the codification of one or two specific rights, rather than one or two all-embracing documents.

Dr. G. M. Reigner, speaking for the WJC, today said that, since an analysis of UN members' attitudes toward the draft covenants on human rights indicated that there was no hope for adoption of an all-embracing text by an adequate number of powers, the WJC felt that it must urge the substitution of limited covenants. He further suggested that work be begun first on those rights which experience had shown enjoyed a large measure of agreement among the nations of the world.

Interest in Dr. Reigner's proposal was expressed by the delegates of France and Belgium, and it was later learned that the American delegation was sympathetic.

BRITISH JEWS ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON OPPOSITION TO CALENDAR REFORM

LONDON, July 11. (JTA) -- A delegation of Jewish leaders headed by Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie visited the Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell, to voice British Jewry's views opposing world calendar reform as proposed before the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Sir David told the delegation that he would give careful consideration to the protest, indicating that the Government had not altered its attitude toward the calendar reform move. That attitude is that Britain would refrain from supporting the proposal at the UN unless and until there is evidence of strong support for the move both in the United Kingdom and abroad.

BRITISH JEWS URGED TO END "INTERNAL BICKERING" WITHIN COMMUNITY

LONDON, July 11. (JTA) -- Robert N. Carvalho was elected president of the Anglo-Jewish Association today to succeed Ewen Montagu who resigned the post to accept the presidency of the United Synagogue. Mr. Carvalho's nomination was supported by British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie.

In his first presidential address, Mr. Carvalho declared that the AJA was a "voluntary association of men and women who are conscious of our dual heritage as Jews and as Englishmen, and who are determined to maintain that heritage and pass it on to the generations to come." It was just because of this dual heritage, he continued, that the Anglo-Jewish community has been able to make a real contribution to both Britain and the Jewish people.

Mr. Carvalho called for an end to internal bickering within the Jewish community, and pledged to try to cooperate with other Jewish leaders and organizations on a "live and let live basis." But, he stressed, this did not mean that he advocated that "people agree to dishonorable compromises" or the sacrifice of principles by way of appeasement. He also touched upon the close links between the AJA and Jews in Israel and other countries.

U.S. GOVT. LAUDED FOR PROTESTING ARRESTS OF JEWS IN RUMANIA

STARLIGHT, Pa., July 11. (JTA) -- A resolution commending President Eisenhower and the United States Government for protesting the persecution of Jews in Rumania was adopted at the closing session here of the two-day meeting of the administrative committee of the B'nai B'rith.

The meeting, presided over by Philip M. Klutznick, national president of the organization, condemned the Communist government in Rumania for its imprisonment of Jewish leaders and refusal to release them. It urged the U.S. to continue its efforts to aid these victims of Communist oppression.

The B'nai B'rith leaders also voted full support of the recent Supreme Court decision outlawing racial segregation in the public schools. All American members of the organization were urged to support the spirit as well as the letter of the decision. The resolution hailed the Supreme Court's decision as consistent with the 110-year record of B'nai B'rith in serving mankind and as a step strengthening the cause of democracy in its struggle against totalitarianism.

A third resolution adopted by the administrative committee appealed for action by the United States Senate and the Department of State to ratify the United Nations Genocide Convention. It pointed out that 44 nations had accepted this pledge against the mass murder of minority peoples, and that inaction by the United States is "increasingly detrimental to the leadership of the democratic world" by this country.

DR. SCHEIN, CHICAGO SCIENTIST, DISCOVERS NEW ATOMIC PARTICLE

SEATTLE, July 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Marcel Schein, a cosmic ray scientist at the University of Chicago, this week-end announced the discovery of a new atomic particle with fantastic energy and the ability to turn matter into energy and then turn that energy into another type of matter. Dr. Schein, who made his discovery while working on a U.S. Naval research project, made his announcement to the American Physical Society here.

ISRAELIS TO ATTEND PARLEY ON PEACEFUL USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY

LONDON, July 11. (JTA) -- Israeli scientists will be among the 700 scientists from all parts of the world who will attend a conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy to be held at Oxford University, from July 19-22, it was announced today. Israel is one of the 42 nations which have received radioactive isotopes from the atomic energy research establishment at Harwell, which is sponsoring the congress.

WARSAW GHETTO REVOLT TO REMAIN PERMANENT MEMORIAL DAY FOR JEWS

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- The Warsaw Ghetto revolt will remain a permanent national memorial day for Jews throughout the world, the World Jewish Congress announced here today, emphasizing that Jews in 39 countries this year commemorated the Warsaw Jewish uprising against the German Army during the Nazi occupation of Poland.

A survey to determine how enduring is the memory of that heroic Jewish saga was undertaken by the WJC under the direction of Dr. Issac Schwarzbart, head of its organization department. The survey established that the heroism of the ghetto fighters was honored this year by more than 9,000,000 Jews.

"This year's anniversary was widely observed in the United States and Israel, two of the world's three largest Jewish communities," the WJC report says. "No detailed information was available from the world's third largest Jewish community, that in Soviet Russia and in the Satellite nations, except one eye-witness report from Warsaw. The observer reported that a great demonstration was held, the main purpose of which was to show that the Revolt was arranged and carried through only by Communists.

"Of all the ceremonies held throughout the world, the exercises in Argentina, where 420,000 Jews constitute the largest Jewish community in Latin America, were considered to be singularly impressive. Jewish stores were closed in Buenos Aires; special lectures were delivered in the Jewish schools; and appropriate exercises were held in every Jewish community throughout the Argentina provinces," the report states.

AMERICAN TOURISTS IN ISRAEL OUTNUMBERED EUROPEAN IN 1953

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- For the first time since the establishment of the Jewish State, the number of visitors to Israel from the American continent exceeded those from Europe in 1953, it was reported here today by the Israel National Tourist Center. More than a third of all tourists in Israel last year came from the United States.

A record number of 13,213 tourists, 19 percent more than during the same period last year, visited Israel in the first quarter of 1954. Almost a third of the visitors came in 80 organized groups, the Tourist Center reported. From January 1 to April 30, 1954, tourists exchanged \$1,309,000 in Israeli banks, almost double the amount exchanged during the first quarter of 1953. These figures do not include exchange exchanged for the purchase of gifts and for transportation aboard Israeli ships and airplanes.

MAJOR GENERAL JULIUS OCHS ADLER TO RETIRE AS COMMANDING OFFICER

WATERTOWN, N. Y., July 11. (JTA) -- At a colorful formal review, the Seventy-Seventh Infantry--"Statue of Liberty"--Division of the U. S. Army Reserves today saluted its commanding general, Major General Julius Ochs Adler, in farewell. Gen. Adler who, in civilian life, is vice-president and general manager of the New York Times, announced that he will retire from the Army Reserve next December when he has reached the mandatory retirement age of 62. The famous 77th has just completed its two-week reserve tour-of-duty at Camp Drum near this city.

Gen. Adler has been heading the division since 1946, when it was reactivated as part of the Army's Organized Reserve. He entered training as a citizen-soldier in 1915, was commissioned April 6, 1917--the day the United States entered World War I--and has risen steadily to his present rank. He is the holder of many high military decorations. An outstanding advocate of Universal Military Training, he was appointed in 1953 by President Eisenhower to the chairmanship of the National Security Training Commission.