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## U.N. TRUCE CHIEF REFUSES TO FIX GUILT FOR JERUSALEM FLARE-UP

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, under the chairmanship of Gen. Vagn Bennike, head of the United Nations truce supervision organization, met in three successive sessions today and ended the day without having reached a decision on fixing responsibility for the start of the three-day "small war" in Jerusalem, June 30-July 2.

Throughout the day, Gen. Bennike maintained his original position that it would be futile to adopt a resolution blaming one side or another for the start of shooting, in which nine persons died and more than 50 were wounded on both sides of the Israel-Jordan demarcation line. After the meeting, Gen. Bennike revealed that he intended to meet with both parties separately to discuss measures to prevent a recurrence of such incidents and stricter adherence to the armistice agreement.

An Israeli spokesman, commenting on the inconclusive outcome of today's meetings, expressed the Israel Government's deep concern over "the pernicious effects of the refusal to establish responsibility" for such incidents. The Israel delegation today offered the MAC a six-point program aimed at ending such incidents. The Jordanian delegation, however, refused to agree. It provided:

1. Reaffirmation by both of the parties of their obligations to abide by all the provisions of the armistice pact. 2. Settlement of all differences and disputes by pacific means. 3. Implementation of the armistice agreement's provisions for free access to the Holy Places and the cultural institutions and to Mt. Scopus, and for the resumption of normal functioning of humanitarian institutions on Mt. Scopus.

4. Both parties shall refrain from hostile acts and firing across the demarcation lines. 5. Division of the no man's land area in Jerusalem which has been a source of such incidents. 6. The calling of a meeting of both parties to adopt stricter security measures.

## EISENHOWER CONFERS WITH IRAQI MINISTER ON ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE

WASHINGTON, July 15. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today conferred at the White House with Iraqi Foreign Minister Fadhil Al Jamali on the Arab-Israel situation and other matters. Mr. Jamali would only tell the press that his discussion involved "General world problems and problems affecting our area."

The President also received today Lybian Prime Minister Ben Halim with whom he discussed various matters in the presence of Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade, and other officials.

**ISRAEL RELEASES SYRIAN BOAT; WAS CAPTURED IN ISRAELI WATERS**

TEL AVIV, July 15. (JTA) -- Israel today released a Syrian sailing boat and its crew which was captured last Sunday in Israeli territorial waters. The boat, which carried 11 persons, was on its way to Beirut from the Egyptian-held Palestine port of Gaza.

**ARABS TELL U.S. THEY ARE NOT WORRIED OVER ISRAEL'S IMMIGRATION**

LONDON, July 15. (JTA) -- An official Syrian source announced today in Damascus that the United States has informed the Arab League through diplomatic channels that America has given a firm warning to Israel to restrict Jewish immigration.

(In Washington, State Department sources said that the Arabs were probably referring to the speech made recently before the American Council for Judaism by Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Mr. Byroade had expressed Arab "fears" about Jewish immigration to Israel. Copies of that speech, in Arabic, have been distributed in Arab countries.)

The Arab states have replied to the State Department that they are not as much concerned at present about the status of immigration as they are about U.S. financial aid to Israel and about the ability of Israel to acquire arms from various countries.

**ARAB LABOR LEADER ELECTED MAYOR OF NAZARETH; COMMUNISTS BEATEN**

TEL AVIV, July 15. (JTA) -- Amin Joujoura, former member of the Knesset and leader of an Arab party affiliated with the Mapai Party, was today elected Mayor of Nazareth as several parties within the all-Arab city joined to defeat a Communist bid for the mayoralty.

Mr. Joujoura, a member of the Greek Orthodox Church, was supported by Moslems and by Christians, receiving eight of the 15 votes in the municipal council. Abdullah Farrah, a non-Communist who was supported by the Communists as a candidate for the mayoralty, received only his own vote and that of the six Communist councillors.

This development is expected to end the disorders in Nazareth which followed on the heels of a Communist victory in the municipal elections two months ago, when the party emerged with 49 percent of the total vote. Afterwards, there were several demonstrations by anti-Communists who broke up one council meeting rather than permit the election of a Communist mayor.

**DR. GOLDMANN HAILED IN ISRAEL ON HIS SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY**

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- A tribute to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, on the occasion of his 60th birthday, was paid here today at the plenary session of the Agency's executive.

Emphasizing that he spoke on behalf of all the members of the executive, Berl Locker, chairman of the Jerusalem section, reviewed Dr. Goldmann's achievements and said that "the Jewish State as well as the Jewish people expect still greater achievements on Dr. Goldmann's part."

Mr. Locker stressed the fact that when Dr. Goldmann started the negotiations for reparations with Germany his opponents predicted that he would achieve nothing, and even some of his friends were skeptical as to whether he might succeed. "However, due to his untiring efforts and his brilliant ability as a negotiator, he achieved what he achieved, and now we all see what an important affair this was," Mr. Locker stated. He called Dr. Goldmann "one of the central figures in American Jewry."

145 ANTI-SEMITIC NAZI WAR CRIMINALS RELEASED IN EAST GERMANY

BERLIN, July 15. (JTA) -- East German Communist authorities today released 129 men and 16 women jailed since World War II as Nazi war criminals and anti-Semitic extremists.

The group crossed the frontier from East Germany, having been permitted to do so by East German police in what is considered by some to be a Communist bid for latent Nazi sympathy in West Germany.

A special amnesty order benefitting the 145 Nazis was issued by East German President Wilhelm Pieck.

JEWISH OFFICIAL IN COMMUNIST GERMANY SENTENCED TO HARD LABOR

BERLIN, July 15. (JTA) -- Paul Baender, a Jew who served as State Secretary in the East German Ministry of Commerce until his arrest in October 1952, has been sentenced to six years imprisonment at hard labor by the Supreme Court of East Germany, it was reported here today.

Mr. Baender is one of five Ministry of Commerce officials, including ex-Minister Karl Hamann, who were convicted of "upsetting the food supply of the population by deliberately false planning and by issuing wrong directives."

A life-long Communist, Mr. Baender was the last remaining Jew on the 70-man East German Cabinet at the time he was deposed--when the East German anti-Jewish campaign got under way late in 1952 and early in 1953. His wife held membership in the Berlin Jewish community.

SCANDINAVIAN JEWISH YOUTH FEDERATION STARTS ANNUAL CONVENTION

STOCKHOLM, July 15. (JTA) -- The 29th annual convention of the Scandinavian Jewish Youth Federation opened at Gothenberg today with hundreds of delegates from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland present.

During the opening discussion, the vast majority of the delegates expressed the view that the spiritual values of Judaism and relations between worldwide Jewry and Israel must be pressed home to Jewish youth. A minority of the delegates felt that the trend toward assimilationism was unavertable. The parley sent a message of solidarity with Israel youth to Israel President Ben Zvi.

Dr. Abraham Nissan, Israel envoy to the Scandinavian states, spoke of the inter-dependence of Israel and Jewry abroad. Representatives of the World Jewish Congress and the Joint Distribution Committee are also attending the convention. Delegates today laid a wreath on the grave of Prof. Torgny Segerstedt, late famed Swedish humanist and editor, who throughout the Nazi regime fought the Hitlerites and helped rescue Jews from Nazi-occupied Europe.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE ASKS RUMANIA BE BARRED FROM UNESCO

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish Labor Committee, on behalf of a half million organized Jewish workers in both the AFL and CIO, appealed today to the State Department and to the United Nations to refuse Rumania admittance into membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The appeal, signed by Adolph Held, chairman of the JLC, declared that admission of Rumania into UNESCO was incompatible with UNESCO's aims because Rumania, by persecuting Jews, "engages in cultural and spiritual genocide." Admission of Rumania into UNESCO at this time, the appeal held, "would be tantamount to our acquiescence to the plight of the unfortunate people of that country."

MAJOR U.S. JEWISH AGENCIES SPENT \$99, 322, 836 LAST YEAR

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- The results of a survey on the spending of the major Jewish agencies in the United States during 1953 were made public here today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The survey shows that 46 beneficiary organizations of Jewish welfare funds spent \$99, 322, 836 during the last year, about \$4, 000, 000 less than in the previous year.

The same organizations--which include the United Jewish Appeal, other overseas agencies, community relations, cultural, religious, health and national service agencies--received \$98, 871, 320 from the welfare funds in 1953. The CJFWF shows that the major decline, \$4, 500, 000, was in disbursements of the United Jewish Appeal and other overseas agencies. At the same time, expenditures of the other 37 agencies, all national organizations functioning in the United States and Canada, rose by about \$700, 000.

"Despite the decline in UJA receipts, more money was available for Israel causes in 1953 than the previous," the report says. "This was due to greater JDC-Malben appropriations and increased income for activities in Israel by other overseas agencies. Five of the eight overseas agencies reported that they had received more money in 1953 than in 1952."

Total funds available for Israel in 1953 amounted to \$67, 172, 743, as compared with \$65, 198, 026 in 1952. Other overseas aid totalled \$11, 392, 770 in 1953 as against \$12, 759, 232 in 1952. The grand total in overseas aid in 1953 was \$78, 565, 513. In 1952 it amounted to \$77, 957, 258.

Religious Agencies Report Rise in Their 1953 Income

Nine national religious agencies reported total receipts of \$5, 333, 454 in 1953, an increase of 6 percent over the total of \$5, 035, 612 raised in 1952. Seven of the nine reporting agencies received more in 1953 than in the previous year. Expenditures rose by 3 percent in 1953: \$5, 619, 987 as compared with \$5, 445, 816 in 1952.

Five major national service agencies spent \$1, 374, 373 in 1953, as compared with \$1, 510, 867 in 1952. The Jewish Welfare Board spent \$1, 182, 505 in 1953 as against \$1, 328, 065 in 1952. The other four agencies showed a slight increase in expenditures in 1953 over 1952. Income for these agencies dipped by slightly more than 1 percent; \$1, 326, 329 in 1953 as compared with \$1, 342, 724 in 1952.

Thirteen national cultural agencies reported an increase of more than 5 percent in 1953 expenditures over 1952: \$4, 214, 403 as against \$4, 001, 750. During the same period the agencies raised about 3 percent more in 1953 than in 1952: \$4, 053, 948 in 1953 and \$3, 918, 139 in 1952. Nine of the 13 agencies experienced an increase in income in 1953.

DRIVE FOR REFORM JUDAISM INSTITUTIONS COMPLETED: \$1, 442, 909 RAISED

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- The Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism, which supports the Reform movement's national religious institutions, has completed its Annual Maintenance drive for 1953-1954 with a record total of \$1, 442, 909, it was announced yesterday by Dr. Samuel S. Hollender, of Chicago, general chairman of the Combined Campaign.

The national institutions of American Reform Judaism are the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, national parent body of 486 Liberal Jewish congregations throughout the United States and Canada, and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

U. S. TEACHERS WILL BE SENT TO HEBREW SCHOOLS IN MOSLEM LANDS

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- American teachers will be sent to Hebrew schools in the Middle East and North Africa, it was announced today by Isaac Shalom, president of Ozar Hatorah. The organization provides a combined program of religious and secular education, conducting 76 schools with a total enrollment of more than 15,000 boys and girls in Morocco, Tangiers, Lebanon, Syria and Iran.

The Americans to be sent to the Ozar Hatorah schools, Mr. Shalom said, will help reorganize the administration of the Ozar schools through the employment of American school practices. They will also conduct courses in the English language.

Mr. Shalom, who returned from Israel, where he attended the World Sephardic Convention, reported progress in the activities of Ozar, not only in its educational work but also in the provision of food, clothing, medical attention and social services. Some of the work of Ozar Hatorah is financed by the Joint Distribution Committee.

B'NAI B'RITH OPENS FOUR-DAY PARLEY; PLANS TO SEEK MORE MEMBERS

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- A four-day meeting of the B'nai B'rith national membership campaign committee opened here today to consider plans for a national effort to enroll members in the organization.

The campaign cabinet is expected to approve plans for a six-week membership campaign between November 1 and December 12, featuring door-to-door canvassing and community-wide drives. Last year, in a similar campaign, B'nai B'rith gained 45,000 new members.

DR. MAXWELL ABBELL, JEWISH LEADER, MAKES \$110,000 GIFT TO J. N. F.

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Maxwell Abbell, outstanding Jewish communal leader of Chicago, made a gift of \$110,000 to the Jewish National Fund, according to an announcement today by Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund. This is the largest single contribution ever received from an individual by the JNF.

The negotiations for the project that is to bear the name of Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell Abbell, were conducted by Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of Jewish National Fund, who stated that a substantial part of the \$110,000 was made available in cash and in the form of an irrevocable bequest in favor of the JNF. Under the terms of the agreement that was signed by Dr. Abbell and Mr. Fisher, the Jewish National Fund undertakes to carry out a project in Jerusalem in the form of a housing settlement.

A deeply religious Jew with an interest in current Jewish problems, Dr. Abbell has devoted much of his time and money to a great variety of Jewish organizations. He was vice-president of the Zionist Organization of Chicago; member of the board of governors of the National Planning and Campaign Committee of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. In 1950, he was elected president of the United Synagogue of America, the central organization of Conservative congregations throughout the country. He is an active and devoted member of the executive committee of the Jewish National Fund in Chicago. Recently, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America conferred upon Dr. Abbell the honorary degree of Doctor of Law.