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PLANE CRASHES INTO CROWD IN ISRAEL; MANY KILLED AND INJURED

TEL AVIV, July 29. (JTA) -- A stunting airplane today crashed into an outdoor crowd of 2,000 persons attending a ceremony at Maagan, near Lake Kinneret. Preliminary reports estimate at least 13 dead and not less than 25 injured. The crowd included Premier Moshe Sharett, who escaped injury.

The crowd had gathered to pay honor to Jewish parachutists killed by Nazis, when a light single-engine "Piper Cub," doing aerial acrobatics over the assemblage, went out of control and plunged into the throng. Witnesses said the plane's engine stalled. Ambulances were called from nearby communities, while Army medical units rushed to the scene from as far off as Tel Aviv.

EISENHOWER TO NAME BYROADE AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, July 29. (JTA) -- State Department sources revealed today that a White House statement is expected shortly, in which President Eisenhower will announce the appointment of Henry A. Byroade as new Ambassador to Egypt.

Mr. Byroade is now Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. His assignment to Egypt would be aimed at implementing a policy decision made here to strengthen Egypt militarily as quickly as possible, owing to the imminent withdrawal of British forces from the Suez Canal area.

Mr. Byroade will have the mission of fostering improvement of American relations with the Arab League, with a view to creating a Middle East command of Arab states linked to NATO, in order to defend the Near East from Communist penetration. State Department sources said that inclusion of Israel in such a pact is not contemplated, because the Arabs would not agree to cooperate with Israel.

AMERICAN POLICY OF ARMING ARABS CRITICIZED IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, July 29. (JTA) -- House minority whip John McCormack, Massachusetts Democrat, today took the floor of the House to deliver an address criticizing the Republican administration's policy of arming Arabs hostile to Israel, and calling Secretary of State Dulles' new "impartial" policy in the Near East an "ignominious failure."

Rep. McCormack said, in the course of a discussion of the foreign aid program, that Secretary Dulles "has supplied the Arab leaders with a rationale for the continuance of their intransigent attitudes and actions." Because of the new policy of the United States, McCormack said, "hopes for peace become dimmer in the area."

The wisdom of arming Iraq was questioned by Rep. McCormack, who indicated that the administration has ignored Iraq's "political instability, repression of minorities, and the abortive pro-Nazi revolt of 1941."

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE DECLARES SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 29. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Actions Committee adopted a resolution today expressing the solidarity of the Zionist movement with the people of Israel "in their struggle to safeguard the sovereignty, security and free development of the Jewish State."

In another resolution, the supreme Zionist body between World Zionist congresses expressed its sympathy for the Zionist leaders imprisoned in Rumania and demanded that the Rumanian Government open the gates for all Jews who wish to migrate to Israel.

Presenting the resolutions to the meeting, S. Levenberg, Jewish Agency representative in London, stated that the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Suez Canal zone opens a new chapter in the Middle East. "There are some optimists who would like to believe that some understanding between Israel and Egypt is possible," he went on, "but unfortunately the present situation causes great concern."

"The East and the West try to win Arab goodwill," he said, "and at this hour the Zionist movement and the Jewish people will rally to Israel which is anxious to go on with its creative development." He concluded with an appeal to the British Government and people to do everything possible to aid Israel in the present situation.

Adopts Budget of 111,800,000 Pounds for Jewish Agency

The Actions Committee today adopted a 111,800,000 pound budget for the Jewish Agency's activities for the coming fiscal year. The major portion of the budget, 66,000,000 pounds, has been allocated for agricultural settlement work.

The Actions Committee also ratified unanimously the agreement between the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency providing a special status for the Agency's activities in Israel.

Elisha Dobkin, head of the Agency's organization department, made a strong plea for reorganization of the Zionist organization outside Israel on the basis of territorial federations. Under his proposal, members would be admitted to the federations on the basis of personal affiliation with the overall organization, rather than an affiliation with one of the Zionist parties.

Israel's Finance Minister Levi Eshkol told the session that the Jewish Agency now had 420 settlements which it had established and for which it was responsible, 393 of which had been set up since the State of Israel was proclaimed. He said that some 30,000 families make their living in these settlements and cultivate some 3,500,000 dunams (875,000 acres) of land.

Members of the Actions Committee today attended the ceremony of laying a cornerstone for the archives which will be part of the Yad Veshem--the Israel memorial to the 6,000,000 Jews martyred in Europe by the Nazis. Also present at the ceremony were President Itzhak Ben Zvi and members of the Israel Cabinet. The ceremony was broadcast on a national radio hook-up.

The archives and library will house some 15,000,000 documents--letters, official orders and books--touching upon the tragedy of European Jewry. The building, which will be completed within about one year, will cost 1,200,000 pounds. The funds are being contributed by the Israel Government, Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Jewish Agency, national funds and private contributors.

ISRAEL SEES PLOT AGAINST HER SOVEREIGNTY OVER LAKE KINNERET

TEL AVIV, July 29. (JTA) -- United Nations truce chief Gen. Vagn Bennike was today summoned to the government offices here to meet with Defense Minister Pinchas Lavon who explained to him that Israel will oppose any attempt to modify her complete sovereignty over Lake Kinneret.

Political circles here believe that recent attempts by Syria to violate Israel's sovereign rights to the Lake Kinneret, which several times went as far as small pitched battles, disclosed an attempt by Syria--probably supported by certain foreign powers--to obtain a new interpretation of the Israel-Syrian armistice agreement. The purpose of such a new interpretation, these Israeli sources feel, would be to give Syria rights to fishing in the lake.

The international boundaries in the Kinneret region, which were endorsed by the Israel-Syrian armistice pact, set Israel's territory along a line ten meters east of the lake shore, thus effectively removing any claims Syria may have on the lake. The Syrians now claim that if they cross this 10-meter strip to get to the lake they are not violating the armistice agreement.

Israel has always opposed any attempts to change the status of the area. As recently as last March 15, the UN truce organization rejected a Syrian claim on this matter and upheld Israel's sovereignty over the lake.

ISRAEL LODGES PROTEST WITH U. N. ON FIVE-HOUR ARAB ATTACK

UNITED NATIONS, July 29. (JTA) -- The Israel Government yesterday protested to the United Nations Security Council against Jordanian infiltration and attack at Nevit Halamedhei, in the Jerusalem corridor area, last Monday. The Israelis, boycotting the Mixed Armistice Commission, took the complaint on the incident, in which several Israelis were wounded during a five-hour battle, directly to the Security Council.

The six Arab member states of the UN have made formal application to the UN General Assembly to consider publishing in Arabic a portion of the UN documents, particularly those pertaining to the Middle East. The official languages of the UN at this time are English, French, Spanish, Russian and Chinese.

ISRAEL SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN FINANCIAL TIES WITH UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, July 29. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is now seeking to strengthen its financial and economic ties with the United States in view of the recent admission of the Jewish State to the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, it was learned here today. Pinchas Saphir, director general of the Israel Ministry of Finance, who is now on a visit to this country, is holding discussions in Washington and New York on this matter, it was indicated.

Meanwhile, Israel economic experts here are observing the implementation of the farm surplus bill recently signed by President Eisenhower. The bill contains provisions potentially of benefit to Israel.

The bill provides \$700,000,000 in sales of surplus foodstuffs to foreign countries for local currency. It also makes available \$300,000,000 in surplus foods to be given away free in time of emergency through voluntary welfare agencies. Israel conceivably would benefit along with other countries.

U.S. SOLDIERS RESCUE ISRAELI IN VIENNA FROM SOVIET KIDNAPPERS

VIENNA, July 29. (JTA) -- Four Russians and three Austrians tried, and failed, yesterday to kidnap an Israeli citizen here named Josef Silverberg. American soldiers rescued the Israeli and took the attackers to the headquarters of the four-power occupation authority shared by the United States, Great Britain, France, and the USSR.

U.S. SEEKS TO ASSURE RIGHT FOR JEWS TO VISIT WAILING WALL

WASHINGTON, July 29. (JTA) -- The United States Government is continuing its efforts to assure that Jews will have the right to visit the Wailing Wall and other Holy Places in Jordan-held territory. Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade today informed Rabbi Eliezer Silver, leader of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

Rabbi Silver had appealed to President Eisenhower to use his good offices to obtain permission for a Jewish pilgrimage to the Wailing Wall. Informing the Orthodox leader that his appeal had been referred to the State Department for consideration, Mr. Byroade wrote:

"The Department deeply sympathizes with the desire of the American Rabbis, who will attend a World Conclave of Orthodox Jewish Laymen and Rabbis at Jerusalem, to make the traditional pilgrimage to the Wailing Wall, and has carefully inquired into this matter.

"As you know, your Government has consistently supported free access to the Holy Places for peoples of all religious faiths. In view of the present division of Jerusalem and the unfortunate tension between Israel and Jordan, however, it is evident that practical arrangements cannot be worked out for the pilgrimage to the Wailing Wall until such time as there is an improvement in the relations of these two nations.

"I sincerely hope that in due course persons of all religions may be able to gather freely at their places of worship without fear of their safety. I can assure you that your Government continues to support efforts to bring this about."

AMERICAN CORPORATION GRANTS \$10,000,000 LOAN TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- Negotiations begun in Israel two months ago were successfully concluded here today by P. Saphir, director-general of the Israel Ministry of Finance, with the transmission of a check for \$2,500,000 to the New York representatives of the Treasury of the Israel Government by A. Dickenstein, president of AMPAL--American Israel Corporation.

This was the final transaction of a loan of \$10,000,000 extended by AMPAL to the Israel Government for the express purpose of financing the expansion of that country's irrigation and electric power development program.

AMPAL--American Israel Corporation is the largest private American corporation doing business with Israel. It has a wide variety of interests in many of Israel's major industries and enterprises, and is also financing some of the drilling operations in search of oil in the southern region of Israel.

ITALO-ISRAELI PACT ON PROPERTY BECOMES EFFECTIVE SUNDAY

ROME, July 29. (JTA) -- An agreement between Israel and Italy for the mutual return of property confiscated during the war will become effective Sunday, August 1, it was announced here after the signing of the pact by Israel Minister Elishu Sasson and Dr. Scaduto Mendola, head of the Division of Economic Treaties of the Italian Foreign Ministry.

The Israel Government has agreed to release all property of Italian nationals which was seized by the Palestine Mandatory Government during World War II and which is still under the care of the Enemy Property Custodian. The value of this property, on which the Custodian will levy a two percent charge for administrative purposes, is estimated at over 1,000,000,000 lire.

The Italian Government, for its part, will settle all claims of Israel citizens for belongings confiscated on Italian territory, including Trieste, during the late war.

SOVIET ORDERS NEW ANTI-RELIGIOUS DRIVE; JEWISH RITE ATTACKED

WASHINGTON, July 29. (JTA) -- The U.S. Information Agency charged today that a new anti-religious campaign against Judaism and other faiths has been ordered by the Kremlin in the USSR and in the Soviet satellite states. The newspaper "Krasny Mayak," in Khabarovsk Territory, Siberia, was quoted as attacking the Jewish rite of circumcision.

U.N. COUNCIL DECIDES TO SEEK VIEWS ON CALENDAR REFORM ISSUE

GENEVA, July 29. (JTA) -- The United Nations Economic and Social Council decided today to query the various member and non-member governments of all countries on their views concerning a proposal for a world calendar reform and to have a report on these views presented at next year's regular session of the Council. A proposal by Pakistan and Chile to pigeonhole the matter indefinitely was defeated.

Jews and other Sabbath observers have voiced serious objections to the proposal before the Council, sponsored by India, because it is based on a scheme which would unfix the position of the Sabbath in the week. This would interfere with the economic, social and religious activities of Sabbath observers, it was pointed out.

ANTI-SEMITIC RECORD HINDERS GERMAN LEADER FROM GETTING U.S. VISA

DUSSELDORF, July 29. (JTA) -- Although U.S. Consular authorities here refuse to disclose the reason for the refusal of a visitor's visa to Dr. Ernst Achenbach, chairman of the Free Democratic Party in the Ruhr, it is understood that the rejection was based on the fact that Dr. Achenbach has a Nazi and anti-Semitic record.

During the Nazi regime, Dr. Achenbach was in charge of the political department of the Nazi Foreign Office in German-occupied France. When two German officers were attacked in Paris, he recommended that, as a retaliatory gesture, several hundred Jews be deported to the death camps of Eastern Europe. In his law office, Dr. Achenbach employs Dr. Werner Best, at one time third man in the Gestapo.

GERMANS WARNED AGAINST PERPETUATION OF RITUAL MURDER LEGENDS

COLOGNE, July 29. (JTA) -- The "Koelnische Rundschau," an influential local daily which on occasion serves as mouthpiece for Chancellor Adenauer, has turned against the retelling of ancient ritual murder legends that tend to keep alive ill will and hatred toward Jews.

The incident giving rise to the article was a conducted tour to Oberwesel on the Rhine, not far from Coblenz, by several hundred Roman Catholics from a township near Cologne. At the "Chapel of St. Werner's," the guide gave his customary description, in some detail, of the alleged "ritual slaughter" of Saint Werner by the Jews of Oberwesel, who are then supposed to have thrown him into the Rhine. The body miraculously floated upstream to the town of Bacharach, the guide announced. "We should beware of reopening by thoughtlessness the old wounds that are now slowly healing," cautions the article.

U.N. COUNCIL ACCEPTS RESOLUTIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

GENEVA, July 29. (JTA) -- The United Nations Economic and Social Council today adopted seven resolutions on human rights which had been recommended by the Human Rights Commission. The resolutions deal with discrimination in occupation, the fight of minorities against discrimination, and international respect for self-determination of peoples and nations.

VANDALS DESECRATE SYNAGOGUE IN LOS ANGELES; DESTROY TORAH

LOS ANGELES, July 29. (JTA) -- Spurred by protests from religious leaders of all faiths, police today are intensifying their investigation of a case of vandalism against a Jewish place of worship here last week.

The sacrilege occurred at the Sun Valley Jewish Community Center. Worshipers arriving for services found that vandals had entered during the night through a broken window, destroyed the Holy Scroll, burned prayer books, and defaced the pulpit.

City Councilman Everett Burkhalter expressed the indignation of the community over the occurrence, ascribed it to juvenile delinquency, and declared that he will continue to keep in touch with the police department as efforts are made to apprehend the vandals.

J.D.C. COMPLETES TRANSFER OF OFFICE IN GERMANY TO FRANKFURT

FRANKFURT, July 29. (JTA) -- Joint Distribution Committee has completed the removal to Frankfurt of its German central offices, which had been maintained at Munich ever since 1945.

The move is evidence of the gradual shift of the Jewish center of gravity in Germany away from Bavaria, where most DP camps were located in the period following the war. Frankfurt will also be the seat of the Central Welfare Agency of the Jews in Germany, upon which is devolving much of the direct relief and assistance hitherto rendered in German cities by the JDC.

A regional JDC office will remain in Munich, however, to serve Bavaria as a whole and, more particularly, Fochrenwald, the last remaining Jewish DP camp on German soil.

J.D.C. AND OSE REACH NO AGREEMENT; WORK IN ISRAEL IS ISSUE

TEL AVIV, July 29. (JTA) -- Negotiations between the World OSE Union and the Joint Distribution Committee were discontinued because the JDC refused to include the Israel branches of the OSE within the world framework of the OSE health work which is being financed by the JDC, it was reported at a press conference here arranged for Abel Shaban, president of the World OSE Union.

Mr. Shaban said that his organization will continue its operations in Israel with the hope that they will eventually be recognized by the JDC. He emphasized that the OSE institutions in Israel operate under a perpetual deficit which, so far, has been met by South African Jewry and from local Israeli sources. Dr. A. Wolf, director of the OSE work in Israel, said at the press conference that 6,000 children received medical treatment at 20 OSE institutions last year.

CANADA AND ISRAEL AGREE TO RAISE THEIR ENVOYS TO AMBASSADORS

JERUSALEM, July 29. (JTA) -- The Governments of Israel and Canada have agreed to raise the level of their diplomatic envoys to each other's capital from Minister to Ambassador, it was announced here today.

The announcement revealed that Michael Comay would be Israel's first Ambassador to Ottawa. The Canadian Ambassador to Israel will also be the Ambassador to Greece. He will maintain his residence in Athens, and a Charge d'Affaires will head the Embassy in Tel Aviv.

YOUTH ALIYAH MOVEMENT GETS STEPHEN S. WISE AWARD FOR 1953

JERUSALEM, July 29. (JTA) -- The Stephen S. Wise Award for 1953, which carries a cash value of \$1,000, was today presented to the Youth Aliyah movement for its outstanding services to 65,000 Jewish youths rescued from all parts of the world. The presentation was made by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, sponsor of the award, to Moshe Kol, head of the youth movement, in the presence of Israeli dignitaries.