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SYRIAN TROOPS CONCENTRATE ON ISRAEL BORDER; CIVILIANS EVACUATED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Major reinforcements of Syrian troops are being poured into the Syrian positions along the Jordan River opposite Israel, it was reported here today. The Syrian troop concentrations were seen as a reply to Israel charges that five Israel soldiers captured and held by the Syrians since early last December had not been treated in accordance with the terms of the Geneva Convention on treatment of prisoners of war, and to the Israel demand for an investigation of the charges.

The reports said that civilians on the Syrian side of the demilitarized area had been evacuated. Syrian sentries were reported to be stopping even United Nations cars in the area and checking the personnel in them.

The Israel charges were filed this week-end with the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, which was asked to undertake an immediate investigation into the condition of the prisoners and to hold an emergency meeting after the inquiry. It was noted that keeping these men in a prison was a violation of the convention, as was keeping them in solitary confinement. It is believed here that Pvt. Uri Ilan, one of the five, who committed suicide in a Damascus prison last week, did so because he was kept in solitary confinement.

Radio Damascus, in an apparent attempt to counteract the effect of the Israel charges, yesterday broadcast recordings of short interviews with the four Israel soldiers remaining alive in Syrian hands. During the interviews, carried on in Hebrew, each of the prisoners said that he was well and asked for such things as books and clothing.

Meanwhile, Pvt. Ilan was buried with full military honors at his home kibbutz, Gan Shmuel, near Hadera, in the presence of the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Army's Chief Chaplain and numerous delegations from settlements. The dead soldier is survived by a brother and sister, as well as by his father and mother. His mother, Feiga Ilanit, is a prominent member of the Mapam party and was a representative in the first Israel Parliament.

Brig. Moshe Dayan, the Chief of Staff, in eulogizing Pvt. Ilan, said that the army cannot assure the life of its soldiers, but with soldiers the life of the state and army was assured. Shortly after the body of the young soldier was returned to Israel a post mortem examination was performed at the Tel Hashomer hospital. The funeral procession left the hospital in a large convoy, preceded by Army dispatch riders.

Brig. Dayan has demanded of the United Nations chairman of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission that the remaining four soldiers be informed of Ilan's fate, and that all of them be released at the earliest possible date. Results of an examination of Ilan's body in prison, as well as an examination by a Dr. Mochi of the World Health Organization, are to be made public shortly, according to reports from Syria.

U. N. GETS REPORT ON SYRIAN-ISRAEL CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 16. (JTA) -- New and serious charges and counter-charges of armistice agreement violations have been exchanged between Syria and Israel during the last month, according to a report filed here this week-end with the Security Council. The report came from Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the UN Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine.

Syria accuses Israel of persecuting Arabs living in the demilitarized zone along the border between the two countries, according to Gen. Burns. Israel charges Syria with "illegitimate interference" in an effort to disrupt Jewish economic development plans.

Gen. Burns informed the members of the Council that he can see only one "provisional" way of solving the Israel-Syrian differences. He suggested that portions of the demilitarized zone be divided into sections, each of the areas to be policed and administered either by Israelis or by Syrians. On the basis of Gen. Burns' own report, it was apparent here, Israel would never agree to such a division, since the Syrian-Israel armistice agreement permits Israel alone to police the demilitarized zone.

Because of the disagreement between Israel and Syria over policing the areas in question, there have been no regular meetings of the Syria-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission since June, 1951, Gen. Burns informed the Council.

JEWISH SCIENTISTS ON U. N. COMMITTEE FOR "ATOM-FOR-PEACE" PARLEY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Two world famous Jewish scientists are among the seven members of the advisory committee for the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy which will hold its first meeting here tomorrow to begin preparations for a large international conference scheduled for next summer.

The two Jewish scientists are Dr. Isidor Isaac Rabi, who won the Nobel Prize in physics in 1944, and Prof. Bertrand Goldschmidt, famous cosmic ray specialist. Dr. Rabi is a representative of the United States on the advisory committee. Prof. Goldschmidt, who is head of the chemistry department at the French atomic energy commission, represents France.

Among the tasks facing the seven-nation advisory committee which is preparing for next summer's worldwide conference is the study of contributions to atomic research, especially its peaceful applications, made by scientists in various countries. Among such contributions to be studied will be Israel's. The researches of the Jewish State into the peaceful uses of atomic energy, as reported to the UN General Assembly last fall, have attracted a great deal of attention.

ISRAEL DEPUTY MINISTER ACQUITTED OF CURRENCY IRREGULARITIES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Rabbi Shlomo Rosenberg, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and a Mizrahi leader, was acquitted today of charges of having contravened Israel's foreign currency control regulations. The court held that there was insufficient evidence against Rabbi Rosenberg, who gave up his Parliamentary immunity in order to stand trial.

The case broke last year when it was charged that Rabbi Rosenberg had transferred funds from abroad to a Mizrahi institution in violation of regulations. A political furor developed, and Rabbi Rosenberg demanded that either he be brought to trial or the Attorney General apologize for a police raid on Mizrahi world headquarters. Rabbi Jehuda Ellinson, a member of the Mizrahi world executive and a co-defendant in the case, was also acquitted.

J. R. S. O. TO RECEIVE HEIRLESS PROPERTY IN U.S. OF NAZI VICTIMS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16, (JTA) -- President Eisenhower signed an Executive Order this week-end designating the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization--JRSO--to receive unclaimed property of certain deceased victims of Nazi persecution which is held by the U. S. Attorney General under the Trading with the Enemy Act. The JRSO is a charitable membership organization incorporated under the laws of the State of New York.

The President's action was taken pursuant to a law passed by Congress which authorizes the transfer of unclaimed heirless property of Nazi victims to one or more American non-profit charitable organizations designated by the President, for use in the rehabilitation and settlement, on the basis of need, of persons in the United States who are survivors of persecuted groups. Safeguards are provided, however, for re-transfer of the property should it subsequently appear that there are eligible heirs.

A spokesman for the JRSO told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the President's Executive Order transfers no assets of any description to the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, but grants the organization the right to file and prove property claims up to a maximum of \$3,000,000.

"President Eisenhower's Executive Order which designated the JRSO as eligible to receive heirless and unclaimed property of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution whose assets had been seized in this country as the property of persons who technically were enemy aliens, grants the JRSO the right to file claims to such properties," the spokesman stated. "The JRSO will, therefore, be required to carry out the complicated task of searching out and collecting information from every available source in support of the claims which it must file by August 1955, in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 626 enacted in August 1954."

AMERICAN ORT ANNOUNCES \$3,740,000 GOAL; HONORS DR. SCHWARTZ

NEW YORK, Jan. 16, (JTA) -- A program to provide secondary education and training in industrial skills for 18,000 young people in Israel, North Africa and other areas was adopted as its 1955 goal by the American ORT at its annual conference today at Hotel Roosevelt.

Dr. William Haber, president, told 250 members of the organization's board of directors that \$3,740,000 would be required as the "minimum essential" for the operation of 275 ORT schools in 19 countries at which these services will be made available. The conference approved an agreement with the Joint Distribution Committee, a United Jewish Appeal agency, which will make available \$1,390,000 toward the total sum required.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, was honored at the conference's dinner session last evening where he was presented with the ORT award "for distinguished service in the field of human rehabilitation." In accepting the award, Dr. Schwartz cited Israel's need for "a population that is mechanically and technically literate." Underlying the whole development of Israel, he said, "has been a gigantic effort to transform whole populations of city-dwellers and ghetto-dwellers into farmers, technicians and craftsmen."

In presenting the program of ORT overseas welfare activities for the coming year, Dr. Haber expressed "great concern for the Jews of North Africa who feel increasingly threatened by fanatical nationalist elements." As a protective measure to strengthen these Jewish communities and improve their economic position "funds will be provided to double the present capacities of apprentice training centers in Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria, Dr. Haber declared.

A report adopted by the ORT directors urged continued expansion of the ORT network of schools in Israel to assist in the absorption of 10,000 recent immigrants from Moslem lands and an additional 30,000 who are expected this year.

LEHMAN SAYS GOVERNMENT "MISHANDLED" IMMIGRATION PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman attacked this week-end the Administration's "mishandling" of the emergency refugee immigration program and called President Eisenhower's Emergency Refugee Immigration Act a "tragic disappointment." The Senator added that "the bottlenecks and booby traps written into the law and the incredible red tape established by the Administration have combined to frustrate the basic purpose of the Act," which was the admission of 214,000 refugees.

Earlier, Scott McLeod, State Department security officer and administrator of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, criticized the provisions of the emergency act, blaming them for the fact that so few refugees had arrived here under the terms of the act. He suggested some liberalization of the features of the act, but expressed doubt that even this would make it possible for 200,000 to arrive in this country before the law expired.

Mr. McLeod reported that up to last December 31, 17,050 visas were granted to refugees qualified under the act but that only 13,056 of these refugees had arrived in this country.

PERON GRANTS 100 ARGENTINE VISAS FOR JEWISH DP'S IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Argentina's President, Juan Peron, has begun to redeem his promise of a year ago to permit into Argentina 100 families of the refugees remaining in the last DP camp in Germany, it was announced today by Ben Touster, president of United HIAS Service, Jewish international migration agency. He said that visas for the first 80 persons have been received by the Argentine Consul in Munich.

As a contribution toward the task of emptying the last DP camp for Jewish displaced persons at Foehrenwald, Germany, General Peron early in 1954 acquiesced to the requests of representatives of United HIAS Service in Buenos Aires, and the organization's affiliate, Soprotimis, to grant immigration visas to 100 Jewish families of the Foehrenwald group.

News today reached world headquarters of United HIAS Service here that while visas for only 80 persons of the Foehrenwald population had been received by the Argentine Consul in Munich, the rest of the visas would be issued as they are processed in the Argentine capital.

U.S. AND ISRAEL NOTABLES TO HONOR WARBURG AS U. J. A. PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Paul G. Hoffman, former Administrator of Marshall Plan aid, will head the list of American and Israeli notables who will address a testimonial dinner to Edward M. M. Warburg, president of the United Jewish Appeal, next Saturday evening at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, it was announced today by Jack D. Weiler, chairman of the dinner committee and a national campaign chairman of the UJA.

The dinner tribute to the UJA president will hear also from Senator Herbert H. Lehman, who will act as toastmaster. Mr. Warburg, who helped to found the United Jewish Appeal 16 years ago this month and who is also the chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, will be cited for his general chairmanship of the UJA over the past four years and his role since 1939 in helping the UJA to raise close to \$1,000,000,000 to aid victims of war and oppression.

Except for a three-year period of wartime military service, Mr. Warburg has served continuously in the top councils of both the national United Jewish Appeal and the UJA of Greater New York. He is also a member of the executive committee and the board of trustees of the Museum of Modern Art, a member of the board of governors of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and a trustee of the Institute of International Education.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY HONORS NINE U. S. JEWS AT NEW YORK CONVOCATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- More than 2,200 guests today attended the first academic convocation held by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem away from Israel, at Hunter College here. Nine American Jewish leaders were awarded Honorary Fellow degrees by the university at the convocation, which was sponsored by the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The degrees were conferred by Professor Michael Evenari, vice president of the Hebrew University, upon: Maxwell Abbell of Chicago; Harry A. Kangesser of Cleveland; Samuel N. Katzin of Chicago; Charles Krown of Los Angeles; Benjamin H. Swig of San Francisco; and the following New Yorkers: James Marshall, Joseph M. Mazer, Louis M. Rabinowitz and Daniel G. Ross "in recognition of devoted services to the Hebrew University in its work for learning and science, for Israel, the Jewish people and humanity."

Abba Eban, addressing the audience, emphasized the interdependence of Israel and its only university, and said: "Israel's preoccupation with security and economic consolidation continues to be acute. The major problem of Israel's security in a rearming region has not in any degree been solved, despite assurances by the Western powers that they understand the acuteness of the problem. Nevertheless, we are not free to neglect the insistent challenge of spiritual achievement." The growth and progress of the Hebrew University, he pointed out, affects "the very core and essence of Israel's destiny."

Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis University, hailed the Hebrew University as the symbol of the age-old Jewish veneration for learning and knowledge and as a force for bringing both spiritual light and benefits to mankind. He stressed that while there were many problems in Israel in which Jews outside of Israel could not become involved, "there is one area in which involvement creates no conflict for non-Israelis - the area of education."

Dr. Wise Stresses Significance of Convocation

Dr. George S. Wise, chairman of the Hebrew University's Board of Governors and president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, who presided, called the convocation "a significant step" in the relationship between the Hebrew University and the United States. "Despite the seven-year-old blockade of the University's grounds in Jerusalem by the Arab Legion, which rendered the Hebrew University homeless, it has been faithfully fulfilling its mission to the State of Israel, the people of Israel and to the Jews of the world," he said.

"The recipients of today's honors," Dr. Wise declared, "are leaders of our communities who have made important contributions to Jewish welfare and Jewish learning in the United States, and whose interests and benefactions extend throughout all aspects of communal life. In conferring these degrees upon them, the Hebrew University is proud to give recognition to their accomplishments and to cement the spiritual and cultural bonds which exist between Israel, her highest educational institution - the Hebrew University - and the American Jewish community."

Mr. Abbell, who responded on behalf of the recipients of the degrees, declared that "a strong and firmly established Hebrew University is America's and the world's guarantee that the concepts and practice of democracy will be nurtured and kept alive in the minds and hearts of Israel's future citizens."

Messages to the convocation were received from New York State Governor Averill Harriman, New York City Mayor Robert F. Wagner and Gen. Yacov Dori, president of the Israel Institute of Technology. Gov. Harriman declared that during the 30 years of its existence, the "Hebrew University has been a profound influence for good in Israel and throughout the Middle East, not only as a center of learning and research, but as an institution which has fostered the understanding of democratic ideals among its students and through them among the people of the region."

DR. NELSON GLUECK RECEIVES FREEDOM OF CITY OF BEERSHEBA

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The freedom of the city of Beersheba was conferred on Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, at a special ceremony held at the Consulate General of Israel in New York. This honor was accorded to Dr. Glueck in recognition of his outstanding contribution in the field of archaeological research in the Negev.

Dr. Glueck received the award from David Tuvyahu, Mayor of Beersheba, who is currently visiting the United States. Mr. Tuvyahu presented Dr. Glueck with a scroll especially flown in from Israel. He emphasized the "love and devotion characterizing Dr. Glueck's many years of tireless work which unearthed the glorious past of this arid area, thus paving the way for its present revival."

Avraham Harman, Consul General of Israel in New York, praised Dr. Glueck's "monumental work" in revealing the rich civilization of Israel's past. Mr. Harman also read messages of greetings from Israel's President Itzhak Ben Zvi, Prime Minister Moshe Sharett and Ambassador Abba Eban.

Dr. Glueck in his acceptance address said: "People say that the Negev is a wilderness. This is not true. The Negev, its mountains, mounds, wadis and plains are beautiful. Roaming through this beautiful country one feels the intimate link between the past and future, from the days of our forefather Abraham to the valiant and devoted pioneers of Israel who are bent on reviving the glory of the past. In uncovering the treasures of the past from four, three and two thousand years ago against the background of the new efforts and endeavors now taking place in Israel, one is proud to be a Jew, to be a partner in the great civilization which has emerged from this land."

2,000 ATTEND OPENING OF YIVO'S THREE-DAY PARLEY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- A three-day annual conference of the Yiddish Scientific Institute--YIVO opened here last night before an audience of more than 2,000 persons to consider various aspects of Jewish scientific and cultural life.

Prof. Horace Kallen read a paper on "The Jewish Community and the American Idea," while Prof. Simon Rawidowicz spoke on the significance of Maimonides, the medieval Jewish philosopher and scientist, whose death 750 years ago is being marked this year. Dr. Jacob Shatzky read a paper on the "Problems of Jewish Social Science," while Dr. Judah Shapiro, of the Joint Distribution Committee, spoke on American Jewish institutions in Europe. Prizes were awarded today to winners of the YIVO's sixth annual essay contest.

BARON LOUIS DE ROTHSCHILD DEAD; PAID \$21,000,000 RANSOM TO NAZIS

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Baron Louis de Rothschild, member of the Vienna branch of the famed banking house, died at Montego Bay, Jamaica, B.W.I. yesterday at the age of 72. A resident of South Royalton, Vermont, Baron Rothschild was in Jamaica on a vacation.

When the Nazis took over Austria in the Anschluss of 1938, Baron de Rothschild, then head of the Austrian banking operations of the family, was held prisoner by the Nazi secret police. He was released only after lengthy negotiations between the family and the Nazis and upon payment of \$21,000,000, believed to have been the largest ransom payment in history for any individual.

After his release by the Nazis, he went to South America. Later he came to the United States and became an American citizen. Beside his commercial activities, the baron was known as an amateur archaeologist and as a sponsor of research projects in the physical sciences.