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BOMB EXPLODES ON Z. O. A. PREMISES IN TEL AVIV; TWO INJURED

TEL AVIV, July 5. (JTA) -- A home-made bomb was thrown into the garden of ZOA House here today, slightly injuring two persons. The shock of the blast was felt throughout the neighborhood.

ZOA House was built and is maintained by the Zionist Organization of America as a symbol of friendship between American Jewry and the Israel people. The center has been open for a number of years, but it was formally dedicated to the memory of Daniel Frisch, the late ZOA president, some months ago.

AUSTRIAN CABINET DELAYS DECISION ON RESTITUTION PACT WITH JEWS

VIENNA, July 5. (JTA) -- The Austrian Cabinet, which was scheduled to discuss today the Austro-Jewish agreement on restitution reached in principle in the last few days, has delayed its debate until next Tuesday to permit the negotiators to formulate a final wording, it was announced here today.

A government spokesman reaffirmed today that agreement in principle has been reached. The Jewish delegation to the talks here, however, is reluctant to make any comment to the press on the situation. The following details of the agreement have become known:

The Austrian Government will set up two separate funds consisting of assets of victims of Nazism who died heirless: one of the funds will consist of assets of Jewish victims, the other of assets of non-Jews. It is understood that the Jewish fund will be used for the benefit of Jews in need in Austria and that the Vienna Jewish Community will administer this relief and rehabilitation program. The agreement also calls for the Austrian Government to extend its legislative restitution program and aid Jews who left Austria and are now living abroad.

(After a week's discussion between Israel officials and a delegation from Austria, an air transport agreement was signed today in Jerusalem between the two countries, granting each reciprocal possibilities for development of air traffic between Austria and Israel and "beyond both countries." The agreement will go into effect as soon as it is formally ratified by both governments.)

EGYPT MUM ON PENDING CONFERENCE WITH ISRAEL; TALKS DUE TODAY

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- United Nations truce headquarters here is still without word whether the Egyptian Government will send its representative to the meeting scheduled for tomorrow at Kilometre 95. At this meeting, Israelis, Egyptians and the UN truce supervisor, Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, are due to make a new attempt at reaching agreement on an agenda for talks examining proposals for easing tension along the Gaza frontier.

An Israel spokesman today indicated that Israel is fully prepared to send its delegation to the Gaza border point, 95 kilometres (60 miles) from Jerusalem, where joint talks have been held in the past and should be held tomorrow. The Israelis, who still have not heard from Gen. Burns whether the talks are on, noted that the Egyptians forced postponement of the talks after two days of meetings last week.

The Egyptians, the Israel spokesman pointed out, had refused to accept Israel proposals on an equal footing with all other proposals offered for an agenda. This, he insisted, is a prerequisite for Israel participation.

He noted that now the Egyptians, attempting to camouflage their refusal to cooperate in easing tension, aver that the Israelis had insisted on Gen. Burns' forwarding a proposal by the Israelis that the Egyptian authorities withdraw orders to their forces to fire on Israel patrols inside Israel territory. When Gen. Burns told the Israelis that the Egyptians said such orders did not exist, the Israel spokesman said, the Israelis accepted the UN truce chief's report as an assurance which disposed of the issue.

Beside this fact, the spokesman said, the proposal for cancellation of orders to fire on patrols was only one of four points in an Israel proposal. What reduced two days of conferences to naught, he again stressed, was the Egyptian refusal to consider any of the Israel points on a par with other proposals before the negotiators.

EGYPT SHELLS BRITISH SHIP AT GULF OF AKABA; ISRAEL BLOCKADE CITED

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- The British steamer Anshun was shelled by Egyptian batteries near the entrance to the Gulf of Akaba, it was reported here today by the Times of London. The dispatch said that the Egyptian shore batteries hit the vessel but caused no casualties. The British Government is reported sending a note of protest to Cairo over the incident.

Sharply criticizing Egypt, the Times editorially attacked the Egyptian contention that it has belligerent rights in reference to the entrance to the Gulf, which leads to the Israel port of Eilat and the Jordan port of Akaba, because of its declared state of war with Israel. "According to the armistice agreements and according to the United Nations, Egypt and Israel are not at war," the Times pointed out.

"Egypt maintains that a condition of hostilities exists, but is the first to complain if Israel takes hostile action in any way contrary to the armistice agreement. The upshot is that Egypt claims the right to take hostile action against Israel, while denying Israel's right to reciprocate," the Times stressed.

BEY OF TUNIS RECEIVES HEAD OF JEWISH COMMUNITY; PLEDGES EQUALITY

TUNIS, July 5. (JTA) -- Charles Haddad, president of the new Jewish Community Council of Tunis, was received today by the Bey of Tunis, on the occasion of the installation of the recently elected community council.

The Bey spoke warmly of Tunisian Jews, asserting that he regarded them on an equal footing with all his other subjects. "You are my children," the ruler declared, "you have lived for 2,000 years with my ancestors, and with the help of God you will continue to be respected in my country." M. Haddad assured the Bey of the loyalty of his Jewish subjects.

Meanwhile, the community council has received messages from the French President General and from important French personalities in Tunisia assuring the Jewish representative body of France's sympathy for the Tunisian Jews.

A number of Moslems and French living in Tunisia have reported receipt recently of anti-Semitic literature through the mails. The literature, of a type well known both in Europe and the Western Hemisphere, speaks of the plans of "international Jewry" to establish their empire throughout the world. It also contains vicious attacks on former Premier Pierre Mendes-France and the present Premier, Edgar Faure.

The opening here of a distribution agency for Egyptian newspapers and magazines under the direction of an Arab journalist is causing concern to the Jewish community, which has seen the growing dissemination among Moslems here of anti-Jewish and anti-Israel propaganda. Enforcement of regulations preventing the circulation of anti-Jewish and anti-Israel journals is being sought.

ISRAEL MANUFACTURERS SEEK CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT'S CREDIT POLICY

TEL AVIV, July 5. (JTA) -- The Israel Manufacturers Association closed its conference here with a number of resolutions calling for a change in the current credit policy, an increase in the industrial quota in the development budget, and the cancellation of foreign currency control. The manufacturers also adopted a special resolution calling for an increase in the development of industry in Jerusalem and urging further foreign capital investments in Israel.

ISRAEL TO EXPORT SUGAR TO TURKEY; WILL RECEIVE COTTON AS PAYMENT

ISTANBUL, July 5. (JTA) -- Israel will export to Turkey 6,000 tons of sugar which is urgently needed in this country, it was announced here today. The agreement, which provides that Turkish cotton exports will pay for the sugar, was concluded by Michael Tsur, of the Israel Finance Ministry, with high Turkish officials.

AUSTRIAN NAZI SENTENCED IN ROME FOR KILLING JEWS IN ITALY

ROME, July 5. (JTA) -- Gottfried Meir, former Nazi S.S. officer, was sentenced to life imprisonment in absentia yesterday for killing four Jews in Italy in 1943. The murders had been committed at Intra, on Lago Maggiore.

The Austrian Government has refused to extradite Herr Meir to Italy. An Austrian court, which had tried the ex-Nazi officer on similar charges, had acquitted him for "lack of proof."

ORTHODOX GROUP FORMED IN BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- A number of Orthodox members of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, at an informal meeting here last night, decided to form an independent Orthodox group within the Board to further Orthodox views in foreign and internal matters and on strengthening religious life in Israel.

The meeting expressed concern over the identification of the presidency of the Board of Deputies with the presidency of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain. Both posts are held by Barnett Janney, who is also a Labor M.P.

PARLIAMENTARY BODY IN BAVARIA ASKS REOPENING OF RESTITUTION CASES

MUNICH, July 5. (JTA) -- The Committee on Petitions of the Bavarian Parliament unanimously approved a motion calling upon the Bavarian Government to reopen restitution cases that have already been closed through return to the original Jewish owner of the house, real estate or business involved.

The motion bears the official endorsement of all five party delegations in the Landtag: the Social Democratic Party, the Free Democratic Party, the BHE refugee party, the Bavarian Party and the Christian Social Union. It urges the Federal Government to take appropriate measures "to avoid cases of obvious hardship in the future and to set to rights such cases of hardship as have occurred in the past."

The hardship referred to is not that suffered by the expropriated and harassed Jews. It is the hardship complained of by the "Aryanizers," the Germans who took over the Jewish property and had to return it after the war. Where they claim to have purchased in "good faith," they as well as the motion demand full compensation from the Federal treasury. Within the framework of an imminent "equalization of domestic hardships" program, their chances are considered good.

The restitution laws promulgated by the Allies stipulate that property taken from the Jewish owner under Nazi pressure must be returned, regardless of the claimed "good faith" of the present holder, but provided the Jewish restitution claimant pays back the amount he himself received. This does cause inequities where the purchase price was confiscated by the Nazis and did not reach the Jewish owner, or in the relatively few instances of sales at third and fourth hand. There is hardly one of the approximately 100,000 "Aryanizers," however, who does not pretend to have acted in "good faith."

Last November, the Legal Committee of the Bavarian Parliament unanimously adopted a resolution describing the mandatory return principle of restitution legislation as "contrary to public policy and morals" and asking for its abrogation. "Surely every judge knows," Dr. Wuellner of the BHE refugee party told his fellow-legislators at the time, "that the restitution law, which has been forced upon us, does not constitute the will of the American people. It emanated from a certain group which has in the meantime had to take a back seat."

BRITISH COURT RECOGNIZES LITHUANIAN LAWS FOR HEIRS OF NAZI VICTIMS

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- A British court set a precedent today by ruling that the laws of the Republic of Lithuania--before the annexation of Lithuania by the USSR in 1940 and its subsequent occupation by the Nazis in 1941--are still valid. The court handed down letters of administration which permit surviving relatives of victims of the Nazis in Lithuania to succeed to property owned in Britain.

The case affected the family of Feival Pikelny who, together with his wife and two children, were murdered by the Nazis in Kovno. Under British law, letters of administration are granted to those persons who would be heirs under the laws of the country in which the deceased was living at the time of death. In ruling that the laws of the old republic were in effect, the British judge held invalid both Nazi laws in relation to the Pikelny estate in Britain and Soviet laws, which would have claimed the property for the Lithuanian Soviet state.

The heirs, under the British court's ruling, are four brothers and a sister of Mr. Pikelny, all of whom are now living in the United States.

SIMON KUPER, JEWISH LEADER, NAMED JUDGE OF SO. AFRICAN SUPREME COURT

JOHANNESBURG, July 5. (JTA) -- Simon Kuper, prominent member of the Johannesburg bar, and a leader in the Jewish community, was appointed by Premier J. Strydom today as a judge in the South African Supreme Court. Mr. Kuper is chairman of the South African Zionist Federation Executive, and past chairman of the Jewish Board of Deputies.

GALINSKY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY

BERLIN, July 5. (JTA) -- Heinz Galinski, president of the Berlin Jewish Community since 1948, has been confirmed in his post at the first meeting of the new board of trustees, which the membership at large elected last month. Together with him, Julius Loewenthal, Wolf Goldberg, Dr. A. Oppenheimer and Judge I. Glueckstein were named to the executive committee. Siegfried Cohn was chosen chairman of the board of trustees, while Social Democratic Bundestag member Jeanett Wolff was elected deputy chairman.

POLISH GOVERNMENT PROVIDES WARSAW YIDDISH THEATRE WITH BUILDING

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- The Polish Ministry for Art and Culture has decided to provide a permanent home for the Yiddish State Theatre, and has turned over to the theatrical group a special building in Warsaw, according to a Warsaw broadcast heard here today. The decision was taken "in recognition of the Yiddish State Theatre's achievements," the broadcast said.

SHECHITAH EXEMPTED IN BILL REGULATING SLAUGHTERING IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, July 5. (JTA) -- A bill regulating the slaughter of livestock and poultry which specifically exempts Jewish ritual slaughtering has been introduced in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The bill, which is backed by the American Humane Association, was introduced by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey and Rep. Martha Griffiths. It requires slaughter houses to render animals and poultry unconscious and insensible to pain before slaughter. Requirements of the bill do not apply to any individual who is duly authorized by a rabbi to serve as a ritual slaughterer.

Hearings on the bill are not scheduled in either House. It was learned from Senator Humphrey's office that efforts are being made to amend the bill to reflect a positive acceptance of Jewish ritual slaughtering as a humane method. The bill now treats Jewish ritual slaughter only as an exception. The bill is numbered S. 1636 in the Senate and H. R. 6099 in the House of Representatives. It has been referred to the Committee on Agriculture in each House.

JEWISH PARENTS FAIL TO SURRENDER ADOPTED CHILD TO CATHOLIC MOTHER

BOSTON, July 5. (JTA) -- With a warrant out for their arrest for alleged contempt of court, Melvin B. Ellis, a Jewish businessman of nearby Brookline, and his wife, failed to surrender today their four-year-old adopted daughter whom they had been ordered to give up because the child's natural mother is a Catholic.

The attorney for the Ellises said that the couple had not come to court because Mrs. Ellis was ill from anxiety over the child. The attorney said the child might be surrendered later in the week but said that "we haven't decided yet just what is to be done." He also said that the Ellises would "fight to the finish" to keep the child.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have cared for the girl, Hildy McCoy, since she was 10 days old. Marjorie McCoy, the child's mother, was unwed when the infant was taken off her hands by the Ellises, but she has since married. When Mr. and Mrs. Ellis applied for adoption papers recently, Probate Court Judge James F. Reynolds turned down their petition on the grounds that, as Jews, they should not adopt a child of Roman Catholic parentage.

The child's natural mother has said that she will turn Hildy over to a Catholic organization for placement in a Catholic foster home. Mr. Ellis has said he would give up the child to her mother if she will bring her up, rather than surrender her to the organization. He has also offered to raise the child in the Catholic faith if the court permits him to keep her.

HAPOEL HAMIZRACHI IN U.S. REJECTS PROPOSAL TO MERGE WITH MIZRACHI

HURLEYVILLE, N. Y., July 5. (JTA) -- The 32nd annual convention of the Hapoel Hamizrachi, American Zionist Orthodox Labor organization, concluded its session here with the rejection of a proposal for a merger with the Mizrachi organization. However, a large number of the delegates voted to recommend the establishment of a joint council of the two organizations for the purpose of working together in the fields of culture, education, public relations and fund-raising.

The convention also adopted a resolution urging its members to make plans for eventual settlement in Israel. A program for the encouragement of middle class emigration from the United States to Israel was presented at the convention by Rabbi David Weingarten, director of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency.

PENNSYLVANIA SENATE ADOPTS RESOLUTION HAILING U.S. JEWRY

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 5. (JTA) -- The Senate of Pennsylvania has passed unanimously a concurrent resolution hailing the American Jewish Tercentenary, whose celebration officially ended last month. The resolution still awaits action in the House.

The resolution, introduced by Sen. William J. Lane, noted Jewish contributions to the well-being and security of the United States from its earliest days and stressed the devotion of American Jewry to "religious freedom, civic righteousness and philanthropy." The resolution also reaffirmed the sentiment of George Washington that "the liberality of sentiment toward each other which marks every political and religious denomination of men in this country, stands unparalleled in the history of nations," and his famous words that "the Government of the United States gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

MT. SINAI HOSPITAL DEDICATED IN LOS ANGELES; HAS 253 BEDS

LOS ANGELES, July 5. (JTA) -- Mt. Sinai Hospital was dedicated in Beverly Hills this week to serve the needs of an estimated 650,000 persons in the area.

The building is now an eight-story structure with 253 beds. It is planned to eventually have a 13-story building with facilities for 450 patients. Half of the beds are reserved for patients who cannot afford to pay. The hospital is operated on a non-sectarian, non-profit basis.