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PRO- MAPAI AND ANTI-MAPAI IMMIGRANTS CLASH IN ISRAEL; FIFTY INJURED

TEL AVIV, July 31. (JTA) -- More than 50 persons were injured today in a clash between supporters of the Mapai, Israel's Labor Party, and opponents of the party. The fight took place between families residing in an immigrant camp in Tiberias. Several of the injured were taken to a hospital, a number were arrested. The police imposed a curfew on the camp.

Talks on the composition of the new Israel Cabinet were started today between David Ben Gurion and Moshe Sharett, Mapai leaders, on one hand, and Moshe Shapiro, leader of the Religious Bloc, on the other. The outgoing cabinet will officially resign on August 16, when the new Parliament convenes.

The results of last week's national elections are still a subject of heated discussion among the followers of various parties. Summarizing these results at a meeting of Mapai leaders, David Ben Gurion said that as a citizen of Israel, he was full of anxiety--although from his party's point of view he was not worried. He explained his attitude by saying that the Mapai's status remained unchanged in that it would be impossible for any government to be formed without Mapai participation.

Turning to a discussion of the big gain registered by the rightist Herut party, Mr. Ben Gurion, likened it to foam. He said "it would disappear as it appeared, because there is no fear of fascism ever succeeding to the leadership of Israel."

Meanwhile, the results of the municipal elections in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv -- which were held simultaneously with the national elections -- were announced today. In Jerusalem, the Mapai won six seats in the municipal council; the Herut - four; Agudah and Poale Agudah--three; Mizrahi and Poale Mizrahi--three; and Progressives--two. In addition, the General Zionists, Mapam, and a slate of the Women's International Zionist Organization won one seat each.

The distribution of seats in Tel Aviv showed that Mapai had come up with ten places; General Zionists, eight; Herut, five; Mizrahi and Poale Mizrahi, two; and Leachduth Avodah, two. One seat on the local council was also accorded to each of the following--Agudah, Mapam, Progressives and Communists.

ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES BULGARIA'S SHOOTING DOWN OF EL AL PLANE

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet heard today Premier Moshe Sharett's report on the "brutal" shooting down of the Israel El Al Constellation by Bulgarian gunners last Wednesday. Afterwards, the Cabinet issued a statement expressing its abhorrence of this "horrible act" and expressing its sympathy for the families of the 58 victims. Because it is impossible to identify the bodies of the victims, the Cabinet accepted the Premier's suggestion that they be buried in a common grave.

Meanwhile, a special correspondent of Maariv, a Tel Aviv evening newspaper, reported from Bulgaria -- on the basis of eye-witness accounts and from sources on the Israel investigating commission -- that the El Al plane was pursued and shot down by Russian-made Bulgarian jet planes. The Maariv account says that two Bulgarian planes forced the Constellation to leave the air corridor between Greece and Bulgaria and veer toward Bulgaria. Both jets were firing on the Constellation which exploded in mid-air, the Maariv correspondent said. He added that the British air attache in Sofia was also of the opinion that the Constellation was shot down from the air, not from the ground as the Bulgarian version had it.

In the wake of Bulgaria's offer this weekend to pay partial compensation for the material damages resulting from the incident, Dr. Walter Eytan, director general of the Israel Foreign Ministry, handed Christo Goutev, Bulgarian Charge d'Affaires here, a note demanding full compensation as well as punishment of those who were responsible. He also insisted once again that the Israel commission of inquiry, whose six members were encamped on the Greek side of the Bulgarian frontier near the site of the crash, should be given entry into Bulgarian territory to view the wreckage.

Later this weekend, the Bulgarian Government retreated from its position of refusing to admit the commission, and allowed three members of the group to come ir

This was in addition to Baruch Nir, Israel Charge d'Affaires at Sofia, who was allowed to go to Petrich, scene of the crash, earlier.

Meanwhile, El Al has announced that it has rerouted its flights from Tel Aviv-Vienna and Tel Aviv-Zurich so that they will travel via Rome, rather than Istanbul. This will end the necessity of travelling near Bulgarian territory. Separate direct flights will be maintained between Tel Aviv and Istanbul. El Al stressed that it will continue to maintain all its regular transatlantic and European flights and has replaced the downed craft with a Constellation placed at its disposal by South African Airways.

Louis A. Pincus, manager of the airline, in a statement here last night, noted that international practice required that in the event of aviation accidents an investigating committee should be permitted to enter the country where the plane met disaster and should be provided with all facilities for carrying out its investigation. In some cases, both countries might establish a joint commission to look into the matter, he noted.

"It is astonishing that four days passed before a part of the (investigating) committee was permitted to cross the Bulgarian border. This delay may considerably influence the efficiency of the investigation because traces which would enable the establishment of facts might disappear," Mr. Pincus stressed. Eye-witness accounts from the Greek side of the border near the scene of the crash speak of "great activity" around the wreck. While these accounts do not reveal particulars of the activity, they rule out investigative activity, Mr. Pincus declared.

U. S., Britain, France Protest to Bulgaria; Demand Compensation

WASHINGTON, July 31. (JTA) -- The United States, Britain and France protested to Bulgaria this weekend against the shooting down of the El Al Constellation plane last Wednesday, denounced the affair as brutal and demanded payment of compensation to the families of victims who were their nationals. The Canadian and South African Governments are reported preparing to take similar action.

The American protest, in the form of an aide memoir sent through Swiss diplomatic officials who represent American interests in Sofia, with which Washington has no formal relations, called the incident, in which 58 persons perished, a "brutal attack" and a "grave violation" of international law. The American memorandum whose text was not made public pending its receipt in Sofia, brushed aside the assertion that the plane was off course and insisted that the basic question was why a peaceful ship was attacked. It demanded that the Bulgarian Government:

1. Take measures to guarantee against recurrence of such an incident, and inform the United States Government what action was taken;
2. Punish those responsible for the incident, and inform the U. S. of who was punished and how, and
3. Pay prompt and adequate compensation to the families of the American victims. Payment was demanded through the United States Government.

In London, the British Government announced it had sent a note directly to Sofia stating that it could not "accept that any government is in its right in shooting down a civil aircraft in a time of peace." The note also demanded punishment of those responsible for the incident and reserved the right of compensation for the British, Canadian and South African lives lost in the crash. A report by a British vice-consul in Sofia who visited the scene of the crash was being studied at the Foreign Office.

The French Government, in a note sent to the Bulgarian Legation in Paris, expressed its indignation at the shooting down of the Israel plane. The attack was likened to an "act of war." Among the crash victims was Miss Sarah Zait, private secretary to Yaacov Tsur, Israel Ambassador in France.

(An American unidentified civil plane with three Americans aboard, including the owner-pilot, flew over Israel air space today while on a flight between Cairo and Beirut. Two Israel fighters on patrol signalled the plane to land. After the ship and its occupants were identified they were allowed to proceed.)

ISRAEL MISSION FINDS PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN BY TWO BULGARIAN JETS

ATHENS, July 31. (FLASH) -- Evidence gathered by the three-man Israel investigating commission which was allowed to enter Bulgaria points to the fact that the El Al Constellation which was crashed in Bulgaria Wednesday was shot down by two Bulgarian jet planes, not by anti-aircraft batteries as the Bulgarian Government stated last week.

This statement was made here today by Joel Palgi, of the El Al line, who headed the three-man group which was not allowed to remain at the site of the crash for more than six hours. Mr. Palgi and Capt. Zvi Tohar of the Israel Air Force and M. Laufer of the Israel Ministry of Communications, returned here today from Bulgaria.

ZIONIST LEADERS REPORTED FREED IN RUMANIA AFTER RE-TRIAL

TEL AVIV, July 31. (JTA) -- A retrial of Zionist leaders whose original trial and conviction on charges of Zionist activities had been upset by the Supreme Rumanian Court, was recently held and many of the defendants were freed, according to reports reaching here today. However, the reports were sketchy and no further details are known.

2, 000 JEWS LEAVE OLD SECTION OF CASABLANCA; FEAR NATIONALIST RIOTS

CASABLANCA, Morocco, July 31. (JTA) -- More than 2, 000 Jews have moved out of their homes in the old native section of Casablanca as a result of the continued clashes between Moslem Nationalists and the French administration. Moslem extremists consider the Jews pro-French and are making the old quarter of the city unsafe for Jewish life and business.

Although leaders of the Moroccan Nationalists continue to assure the Jews that the demonstrations in Morocco are directed only against the French, it has become clear that the demonstrations are taking an anti -Jewish turn. Young Moroccans roam the streets of the old native quarter here shouting anti-French slogans, but at the same time they also attack and loot Jewish stores.

JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM TUNISIA NOT HALTED, OFFICIALS ASSURE

LONDON, July 31. (JTA) -- Both French officials responsible for Tunisian policy and Tunisian officials have denied, in meetings with World Jewish Congress representatives, that the Tunisian authorities would make any attempts to halt the emigration of Jews from the North African country. These statements were made to A. L. Easterman, political director of the WJC, and M. A. Kaplan, secretary of the French section of the Congress.

M. Basdevant, deputy director of the French Ministry for Tunisian and Moroccan Affairs, told the WJC representatives that there is no foundation to reports that the Tunisian Government has informed the French authorities that it desires to see an end put to Jewish emigration from Tunisia. Tunisian official circles have also denied rumors to the effect that they intended to prevent such emigration. It was reaffirmed, WJC officials said here, that Tunisian Jews would be treated just as other citizens, in conformity with the French-Tunisian agreement for greater autonomy for the Moslem country.

U. S. JEWISH SOLDIERS, GERMAN JEWS HOLD SERVICES AT DACHAU CREMATORIUM

MUNICH, July 31. (JTA) -- American Jewish soldiers, together with German Jews and former DP's, gathered at the crematorium in the infamous Dachau concentration camp for a Tisha B'av service conducted by Rabbi George Vida, U. S. Army Jewish chaplain of the Munich area. Chaplains from the neighboring cities also attended the religious ceremony.

Guest speaker was Bavarian State Secretary Dr. Joseph Panholzer, a devout Catholic and staunch anti-Nazi who left Germany after Hitler's advent, went into hiding in a French monastery during the war and more recently had the courage to volunteer as defense counsel for the late Dr. Philipp Auerbach at the height of the frenzied campaign against him. At the Dachau service, Dr. Panholzer spoke movingly about Jewish suffering in places such as Dachau.

In an interview over the Bavarian Radio, Dr. Panholzer declared that the crematorium would remain open as a memorial, because of international obligations assumed by Germany and also as a matter of principle. His statement is of particular significance because only two weeks ago the governmental administrator of Dachau county, Christian Social Union Landtag deputy Heinrich Junker, demanded that the crematorium be closed to the public "so as to forestall pernicious propaganda."

That demand elicited strong protest from the Munich Jewish community, the Bavarian State Council for Freedom and Justice and other groups of Nazi victims. Bavarian Minister-President Dr. Wilhelm Hoegner and Finance Minister Friedrich Zietsch made it clear that they disagreed with the Junker proposal and would not give their consent to the padlocking of the crematorium in Hitler's oldest and best known concentration camp. Dr. Panholzer's clear-cut statement adds further reassurance because in the Bavarian Ministry of Finance he is in direct charge of a department of the governmental administration that is responsible for the Dachau concentration camp site.

SENATE CONFIRMS APPOINTMENT OF BLAUSTEIN TO U. N. DELEGATION

WASHINGTON, July 31. (JTA) -- The Senate confirmed this weekend the appointment of Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, as a member of the American delegation to the forthcoming tenth session of the United Nations General Assembly. Mr. Blaustein, an alternate, was named by President Eisenhower.

CONGRESS HEARINGS ON EASING OF IMMIGRATION POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

WASHINGTON, July 31. (JTA) -- Congressional hearings on a bill to speed immigration under the Refugee Relief Act have been indefinitely postponed as Congress approaches its summer recess. The Senate Judiciary Committee, for the last several weeks, has tried in vain to reach an agreement on amendments to the refugee act. But either failure to get a quorum or strong differences of opinion among the committee members have obstructed the committee's efforts.

During the first session of the 84th Congress, extensive hearings were held on the controversial refugee program. Several Jewish organizations offered suggestions to liberalize the program. As a result of the hearings, a compromise measure was sent to the full committee without recommendations. The compromise measures were reportedly termed very limited.

A special House Immigration Subcommittee headed by Francis E. Walter this weekend urged the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration to put more emphasis on resettling remaining refugees in countries other than the United States. However, the subcommittee did recommend continued U.S. participation in the international program to resettle European refugees in new homes.

The program, which includes 26 other non-Communist nations, was established in 1951 for a three to five year period at the suggestion of the U.S. The cost is shared by all the participating nations. The subcommittee report said that the program's plan for 1955 included a rather high estimate of 34,530 refugees expecting to come to the United States. That figure, the report noted, has now been reduced to 26,775 "but even that may prove to be too high."

A speech by Archbishop Cushing advocating thorough revision of U.S. immigration policies to be made consistent with the "law of God" was called to the attention of Congress yesterday by Senator Herbert H. Lehman.

DAVID CROLL, MEMBER OF CANADIAN PARLIAMENT, GETS SEAT IN SENATE

OTTAWA, July 31. (JTA) -- David Croll, member of the Canadian House of Commons, has been named to the Canadian Senate, becoming the first Jew in Canada's history to hold a seat in the Upper House of Parliament. His departure from Commons leaves Leon D. Cresthol of Montreal the only Jewish member.

Mr. Croll, who became the first Jew to serve in a Canadian provincial cabinet when he was named Minister of Labor in Ontario, is a native of Russia. He worked his way through a Canadian law school by selling newspapers and began his political career by achieving the post of Mayor of Windsor, Ontario. When the second World War broke out, he enlisted as a private although he was nearly 50 years old. He is active in Jewish community work, especially in organizations devoted to furthering Israel development.

U.S. CITIZENS NO LONGER REQUIRE VISITOR'S VISAS FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 31. (JTA) -- Effective to tomorrow, American citizens need no longer apply for an Israel visitor's visa, it was announced today by the Consulate General of Israel and the Israel Government Tourist Office. American tourists will now have their passports stamped at their point of entry in Israel.

This new policy was adopted by the Government of Israel as part of the overall program to encourage tourism to Israel. At a later date, the government plans to extend this facility to other countries. Regulations pertaining to health, currency and customs remain unchanged. Americans taking up employment in Israel and those who plan permanent or temporary residence have to apply for a visa as heretofore.

MRS. HALPRIN LEAVING FOR ISRAEL; TO ATTEND ACTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

NEW YORK, July 31. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, will sail for Europe and Israel tomorrow. She will attend the meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee, of which she is a member, opening in Jerusalem August 23rd. The Actions Committee is the top government body of the World Zionist Organization between Zionist Congresses.

JUDGE SIMON KUPER HONORED IN SO. AFRICA; LAUDED FOR HIS LEADERSHIP

JOHANNESBURG, July 31. (JTA) -- Simon Kuper, noted Zionist leader who was recently appointed a justice of the South African Supreme Court, was honored here last night at a dinner at which he was presented with a silver salver in recognition of his leadership of the Zionist movement in this country. A grove of 1,000 trees in Israel will also be planted in his honor. Israel Minister Itzhak Bavli, who was one of the principal speakers at the dinner, paid tribute to Judge Kuper and expressed regret that his elevation to the bench will deprive the Jewish community of South Africa of his active leadership.