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VICTIMS OF BULGARIAN ATTACK ON ISRAEL PLANE BURIED IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The 58 victims killed in the Israel plane which was shot down in Bulgaria were buried in a common grave in Tel Aviv's new cemetery today as thousands of mourners looked on. In addition to the rabbis who officiated, a Protestant Minister and two Catholic priests participated in the religious services, reciting sections from the Psalms. Before the funeral began, the two Catholic priests sanctified the grave. There were four non-Jews among the victims.

The 200-vehicle caravan led by Army trucks carrying the wreath covered coffins wended its way through Tel Aviv's main streets to the cemetery, which was nearly ten miles out of town. Fifty thousand persons, many openly weeping, lined the streets as busses filled with relatives and other mourners and cars full of government officials, army and police officers, religious leaders and diplomats passed through.

Among the mourners were the President's adjutant, Premier Moshe Sharett members of his Cabinet, many deputies, Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim and Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi I. J. Unterman, the Ambassadors of the United States and Britain, the Ministers of Turkey, Finland, Guatemala, Brazil and Belgium, and the charge d'affaires of a number of other states. Also in the funeral procession were top Army officers, police officials religious leaders, judges, members of the Jewish Agency and Tel Aviv's Mayor Chaim Levanon.

At the cemetery, an El Al guard of honor lowered each coffin into the long trench-like grave as the recitation of Psalms by rabbis were heard mingling with the sobs of relatives of the martyrs. After the grave was covered, the relatives recited a mass Kaddish (prayer for the dead).

Rabbi Unterman eulogized the dead and prayed for their families, after which Premier Sharett told the mourners that they had laid at rest men, women and children who "had perished as victims of a wanton and savage assault. The revolting brutality and callous disregard for the sanctity of human life revealed in this murderous attack will remain the subject of universal execration and serve as a stern warning for the future."

The Premier made mention of Bulgaria's statement accepting full responsibility for the deed and admitting its guilt, but he said, "the full truth" about the incident is still not known. "There can be no compensation and retribution for the death of the peaceful wayfarer brought about through no fault of his own," he concluded.

BULGARIA GETS U.S. PROTEST ON EL AL ATTACK; TEXT OF NOTE RELEASED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The Swiss Government today informed the State Department that the American memorandum protesting the Bulgarian downing of the Israel aircraft was delivered on behalf of the U.S. to the Bulgarian Ministry for Foreign Affairs at Sofia last Wednesday. The American protest was sent through the Swiss Charge d'Affaires who represents American interests in Sofia since the U.S. does not maintain diplomatic relations with Communist Bulgaria.

The text of the American aide memoir had not been made public until today when Swiss representatives acknowledged its receipt in Sofia to the State Department. The complete text reads as follows:

"The United States Government protests emphatically against the brutal action of Bulgarian military personnel on July 27, 1955 in firing upon a commercial aircraft of the El Al Israel Airlines which was lawfully engaged as an international carrier. This attack, which resulted in the destruction of the aircraft and the death of all personnel aboard, including several United States citizens, constitutes a grave violation of accepted principles of international law. The Bulgarian Government has acknowledged responsibility for this action.

"The United States Government demands that the Bulgarian Government: 1. take all appropriate measures to prevent a recurrence of incidents of this nature and inform the United States Government concerning these measures; 2. Punish all persons responsible for this incident; and 3. Provide prompt and adequate compensation to the United States Government for the families of the United States citizens killed in this attack."

EBAN AND DULLES DISCUSS BULGARIA'S DOWNING OF ISRAEL AIRCRAFT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban met with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today to discuss, among other matters, the Bulgarian downing of the Israel aircraft.

The Ambassador did not reveal the details of the discussion with the Secretary. He stated only that he had reviewed all matters affecting Israel and the Middle East that had elapsed since his last meeting with Mr. Dulles in April.

U. N. TRUCE CHIEF REPORTS PROGRESS IN ISRAEL-JORDAN NEGOTIATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Israel and Jordan representatives held a meeting today to negotiate renewal of the local commanders' agreement which has helped ease tensions along the Jerusalem border and "good progress" has been made according to a report received here from Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce chief in Palestine.

The meeting was held at the headquarters of the UN truce supervision organization in Jerusalem under the chairmanship of Gen. Burns. In his report he declared that both sides have examined "various clauses" of the pact "as to which a considerable measure of agreement was obtained." Another meeting of the group will be held next Thursday, Aug. 11.

Col. Joseph Tekoa and Maj. S. Doron represented Israel, while Jordan was represented by Dr. H. Nuseibeh and Lt. Col. M. Ishaq.

MIXED ISRAEL-JORDAN TEAM STARTS MARKING BORDER IN HEBRON AREA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A mixed team of Israel and Jordan surveyors began today marking the Israel-Jordan border in the Hebron area. An Arab radio broadcast heard here stated that some 4,000 dunams (1,000 acres) of land would be added to Jordan territory as a result of this border demarcation.

A Syrian sailing vessel with four Arabs aboard, was apprehended in Israel territorial waters off Tel Aviv today. The ship was bound from Beirut, Lebanon, to Gaza, in Egyptian controlled territory.

PLIGHT OF NORTH AFRICAN JEWS DESCRIBED AT WORLD MIZRACHI PARLEY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The joint Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi world conference here heard S. Z. Shragai, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department, describe the plight of the North African Jews and explain that the only thing that is delaying their immigration to Israel in larger numbers is a lack of funds. If the Agency had enough money, he said, it could bring between 60,000 and 70,000 more Jews from all parts of the world to Israel.

Immigration is vital for Israel, he asserted, not only as an economic necessity and as a security measure, but also as a means of saving Judaism from a wave of assimilation. The number of mixed marriages is increasing at an alarming rate and young Jewish children are growing up without a knowledge of the meaning of Judaism, he declared.

Mr. Shragai placed responsibility for immigration upon all Jews. He noted that a special effort must be made to attract middle class immigrants from the Western countries. The Agency, he reported, will bring to the next Zionist Actions Committee a plan for raising 10,000,000 pounds to help facilitate such immigration.

Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel, demanded that the United Nations and "enlightened nations" take action to obtain for Jews access to Jewish Holy Places which are located in Arab-held territory. Other speakers complained of "discrimination" in Israel between religious and secular education and called on the Hapoel Hamizrachi representatives in the government to fight for "full equality" for the religious education system.

JEWISH SCIENTIST GETS STATE AWARD IN POLAND; WORKED WITH EINSTEIN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Prof. Leopold Infeld, close collaborator of the late Albert Einstein, who is now on the faculty of the University of Warsaw, has been awarded the Polish Government's "state prize" for "outstanding contributions to theoretical physics," according to an announcement by the Polish Embassy here. The award to Prof. Infeld was one of a number of "state prizes" given to leading Polish scientists and artists during the celebration of the country's "National Day", observed July 22.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL DRIVE IN N. Y. PASSES \$21, 000, 000 MARK

NEW YORK, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York campaign for 1955 has passed the \$21,000,000 mark, its treasurer, Samuel D. Leidesdorf, told a luncheon meeting of 200 of its leading volunteers today. He reported that, despite July's record-breaking hot weather, volunteer workers had performed the remarkable feat of raising \$1,000,000 during the month, principally by telephone calls to contributors.

Governor Averell Harriman, in his first public appearance since returning yesterday from a month-long tour of Europe and Israel, reported his observations of UJA-financed programs of aid for refugee newcomers to Israel and Jews in areas of danger and need overseas. The Governor reported a number of these activities during his trip abroad, particularly during a four-day visit to Israel.

In Israel, he said, it was "inspiring" to see how the people had "made a garden out of the country." Prime Minister Moshe Sharett and Defense Minister David Ben-Gurion, he added, are "dedicated to development of Israel and to work for peace" in the country's present borders.

SENATE CRITICIZED FOR FAILURE TO ACT ON SOBELOFF'S NOMINATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The failure of the Senate to act on President Eisenhower's nomination of Solicitor General Simon E. Sobeloff to a Federal judgeship was severely criticized today in an editorial in the Washington Post and Times Herald. The belief was expressed in the editorial that the Senate would confirm Mr. Sobeloff's nomination when it meets next year.

The paper predicted that Mr. Sobeloff would decline an interim appointment. Mr. Sobeloff himself could not be reached for comment on this prediction. The editorial in the Washington paper said that the failure of the Senate to act on his nomination is "inexcusable". It pointed out that it is the courts that are "penalized" because the Senate satisfied "the whim of a few politicians."

The Solicitor General, who was nominated by President Eisenhower last month to be judge of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, refused to comment on the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee's failure to act or even to hold hearings on his nomination. Mr. Sobeloff, architect of the plan generally adopted in the Supreme Court decision to end segregation in the public schools, ran into opposition from Southern Senators Eastland of Mississippi and Johnston of South Carolina.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDINGS VALUED AT \$75, 000, 000 BY J. W. B.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Existing buildings owned by Jewish community centers and those under construction or in the blueprint stage have nearly doubled in value in the ten years since the end of World War II, it was reported today in the National Jewish Welfare Board's newly-published year book on the Jewish community center field. From an estimated cost of \$40,000,000 in 1945, the combined cost of center buildings has climbed to \$75,000,000 today, the year book reveals in a study of center work since 1945.

The JWB year book includes factual data on current trends in center membership, participation, financing, personnel, scholarships and camping. The volume also contains information on JWB services to Jewish community centers, a selected bibliography of publications by centers and JWB and directories of centers and center-sponsored resident camps.

Another index of growth reported in the year book was a major increase in centers' income and expenditures. Combined expenditures for centers was \$7,171,000 in 1945. By 1953, the figure had reached \$14,630,000. This was a gross increase of 104% and a real increase of 36%, taking into account differing dollar values. Center incomes kept pace with expenditures during this period.

During the last decade center membership went up by 26%, the year book discloses a steady increase in the number of children under 14 joining centers; a striking rise in the number of older adults over 60, participating in center programs; the widespread introduction of family memberships and family programming; and a phenomenal growth in center camping and nursery school programming.

The size of center professional staffs rose by 75% during this decade -- rising from 750 full-time workers in 1945 to more than 1200 today. A higher level of professional training was also reported. The demand for additional staff remains large, with an average of 140 to 145 vacancies per month reported to JWB's bureau of personnel and training.

EISENHOWER LAUDED FOR EFFORTS TO AMEND BILL ON REFUGEE IMMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower was praised today by Senator Arthur V. Watkins, Republican member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, for his efforts to amend the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. The Senator said that the President has done everything he could to obtain Congressional action to amend the Refugee Act.

Sen. Watkins's statement came in reply to a charge voiced earlier by Senator Harley Kilgore, a Democrat, that the Eisenhower Administration had failed to present any positive recommendations on basic immigration policy to the Congress and the people. Sen. Kilgore ruled out President Eisenhower's recommendations to amend the Refugee Relief Act and concentrated solely on the more fundamental McCarran-Walter Act.

In lauding Republican efforts, Sen. Watkins, at the same time, criticized the Democrats for failure to report out of committee a bill to speed immigration under the Refugee Act. The Senator said that the Democratic Party had control of the committee handling immigration matters and "undertook half-heartedly" to bring the bill out.

In answer to Sen. Kilgore's charge more directly, Sen. Watkins explained that after Mr. Eisenhower had been sworn in as President, he suggested that a study be made of the McCarran-Walter Act in an effort to improve it. But, Senator Watkins said, President Eisenhower's suggestion could not be carried out because of the opposition of the late Senator McCarran who would not allow funds for the committee or a staff to study the operation of the act.

Senator Watkins did not indicate why the Eisenhower Administration had not presented positive recommendations on the McCarran-Walter Act to the Congress during the most recent session, which adjourned earlier this week.

INCREASE OF ARAB PROPAGANDA IN U. S. DEPLORED BY RABBI MILLER

NEW YORK, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The increase in Arab propaganda in the United States was deplored today by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, in a statement issued here prior to his departure for Israel to attend the meetings of the Zionist Actions Committee in Jerusalem.

The statement also condemned Egypt for her continuing war-like statements against Israel. Referring to the recent opening of the Arab Information Office in New York, the Zionist leader asserted that from this bureau "one naturally cannot expect the facts or even a semblance of truth about the Middle East." This, he said, "makes all the more necessary the vigilance and resoluteness of the Zionist movement in the United States in directing public opinion to the truth about Israel and the Middle East."

FORMATION OF CITY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS PROPOSED IN HARTFORD

HARTFORD, Conn. Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A proposal for establishment of a City Commission on Human Relations is being submitted to the City Council for consideration, Councilman Leo Parskey announced today.

Mr. Parskey, who is president of the Hartford chapter of the American Jewish Congress, proposes establishment of a nine-man commission with an executive director to foster understanding among ethnic, racial and religious groups, to study problems of prejudice, discrimination and disorder and to prepare and distribute educational material.

ALLIANCE ISRAELITE HONORS ISRAEL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN PARIS

PARIS, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- For the third consecutive year, the Alliance Israelite Universelle has played host to some 35 high school boys and girls from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. Yesterday, the group was honored at a reception at Alliance headquarters here attended by French Jewish leaders, French academic figures, the Israel Consul in Paris and a group of eight Israel biologists currently in France on a study trip.

MARC REGALSKY, JEWISH EDITOR, HONORED IN ARGENTINA ON 70TH BIRTHDAY

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Marc Regalsky, noted Jewish editor and one of the leaders of the Labor Zionist movement here was honored last night on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Principal speakers at the gathering, which was held in the building of "Hebraica", the Young Men's Hebrew Association of Argentina, included Israel Ambassador Arieh Kubovy; Marc Turkov, Argentine representative of the World Jewish Congress, and leaders of Argentine Jewry. Mr. Regalsky was presented with a ticket for a trip to Israel.