



# Jewish Telegraphic Agency

## DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

Contents Copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXII No. 156 - 37th year

Friday, August 12, 1955

### JEWISH SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS REPULSE ATTACKS OF MOSLEM BANDS IN TUNIS

TUNIS, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Jewish self-defense groups repulsed this morning and last night several bands of young Moslems who made repeated attempts to attack the Jewish "Hara" quarter here.

One Jewish woman was wounded during the clash. There were few policemen around but the Jews organized their own resistance forces and succeeded in dispersing the hooligans last night and again this morning.

### EGYPT DETAINS DUTCH SHIP; CONFISCATES CARGO DESTINED FOR ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 11. (JTA) -- A Dutch vessel bound for Haifa with cargo destined for Israel was detained by Egypt and part of the cargo was confiscated, it was revealed here today when the Israel delegation to the United Nations lodged a complaint against Egypt to the UN Security Council.

Today's action came in the form of a letter to Cyro de Freitas Valle of Brazil, this month's president of the Security Council, from Mordecai R. Kidron, Israel's acting permanent representative here. It said that Egyptian authorities at Port Said, on the Suez Canal, detained the Netherlands freighter, S. S. Fedala, on July 8.

The ship was en route from Massawa, Eritrea, to Haifa. Massawa was also the point of origin of the Israel freighter Bat Galim seized by the Egyptians in the Suez Canal on September 28, 1954, and still being held by the Egyptians despite an Egyptian promise in the Security Council to release the ship.

"The cargo of the Fedala," Mr. Kidron wrote, "included a civilian motor car belonging to a resident of Israel. The motor car was seized by the Egyptian authorities and, after a delay of two days, the vessel was released and permitted to pursue its voyage." Mr. Kidron's complaint pointed out that Egypt's most recent action is a violation of the Security Council resolution of 1951 which ordered Egypt to keep the Suez Canal open to all shipping including voyages to and from Israel.

"This flagrant interference with a merchant vessel peaceful and legitimately plying the Suez Canal, aggravated by confiscation of part of the cargo, is the most recent example of the purposeful and arbitrary manner in which the Government of Egypt continues to flout the will of the United Nations," the Israel protest said.

It did not ask at this time for a meeting of the Council on the issue, but requested only that the complaint be circulated to all the members of the Council. The letter concluded with a reminder to the Council that Egypt has not yet released the Bat Galim.

### ISRAEL REPORTS TO GENEVA PARLEY ON ITS USE OF RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPES

GENEVA, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Israel is using radioactive isotopes in the treatment of certain ailments according to a report made here today by three Israel scientists. The three are members of the 10-man delegation of Israel at the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy being held here under United Nations auspices.

The scientists who made the report are Dr. A. Hochman, Dr. J. Stein and Dr. Y. Feige. In working with radioactive isotopes at the Radium and Tumor Institute of Haddash-University Hospital in Jerusalem, they found in certain instances that the therapeutic results "have been very gratifying."

(The third assembly of the Israel Medical Association opened today at Doctors Club in Haifa with some 500 Israel physicians and 200 doctors from abroad in attendance. Minister of Health Dov Joseph and Mayor Abba Chushi greeted the doctors. Later sessions of the assembly will be held in Jerusalem and many reports will be delivered on health problems met among recent immigrants. One of the most astounding discoveries thus far has been the almost complete immunity of Yemenite Jews to cardiac diseases. Among the delegations from 12 countries outside Israel are doctors from the United States, Britain, France, South Africa and Italy.)

### TURKEY JOINS ASIAN-AFRICAN BLOC AT U. N. ; MAY AFFECT ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Turkey today joined the Asian-African bloc which the Arab League has been building in the United Nations since the close of the Bandung conference in Indonesia last April. Word of the Turkish decision to adhere to the bloc was passed to Asian and African delegations here today by Edward A. Rizk, Charge d'Affaires for Lebanon and this month's chairman of the Asian-African caucus here.

The Asian-African bloc has held two meetings this summer, both officially devoted to problems of colonialism and problems of racial discrimination affecting their regions. The group has already proposed three amendments to the agenda of the next General Assembly, which convenes September 20, backing nationalist movements in Morocco, Algeria and West Irian.

However, it is common knowledge here that the Arab League's principal interest in keeping the Asian-African nations together as a single bloc concerned the possibility of organizing all of the Asian and African countries as a pressure group against Israel. Turkey's adherence to the bloc was engineered, however, not by any of the Arab delegations but by Arthur S. Lall, current chief of the Indian delegation. Some circles here saw the possibility that Turkish adherence to the bloc might work in favor of Israel since Turkey is at odds with Egypt on most of the significant international policies affecting the Middle East. With Turkey's adherence the bloc now consists of 17 countries.

### MIZRACHI LABORITES SEEK INCLUSION OF HERUT IN ISRAEL CABINET

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The Hapoel Hamizrachi central committee today decided to appeal to David Ben Gurion to include the rightwing Herut in a broad coalition government. The religious laborites propose the formation of a broad national government to include all parties except the Communists.

Meanwhile, the delegates to the world conference of the Mizrachi and Poale Mizrachi movements before formally closing their meeting adopted a resolution expressing the "bitter protest of all Jewry" against Jordan's barring Jews from access to the Wailing Wall, in Jordan-held territory, in violation of the Israel-Jordan armistice agreement. The delegates called on the Israel Government to take all action through the United Nations to open the way to Jewish holy places in Jordan territory.

The possibility that the Israel trade unions affiliated with the Hapoel Hamizrachi movement will join the Histadrut, Israel's general federation of labor, has become more remote than ever before as a result of the merger of the Mizrachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi movements. In the past there had been several sets of negotiations between the Histadrut and the labor wing of the religious Zionist movement looking toward eventual merger. However, with the rightwing Mizrachi forces joining opponents among the Hapoel Hamizrachi against the Histadrut merger, the forces opposing merger with the Histadrut will likely overbalance the pro-Histadrut group, it is believed here.

### INTERNATIONAL SONG FESTIVAL OPENS IN ISRAEL WITH 1,500 SINGERS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The international "Zimriya" -- choral festival -- opened here last night with 1,500 persons from many countries singing for a huge audience. In the audience were Premier Moshe Sharett, Knesset Speaker Joseph Sprinzak, members of Parliament and diplomats of many countries.

Six choirs from Israel were joined by singers from the United States, Eire, Italy, France, Turkey, Britain and Yugoslavia in a selection of Jewish and Hebrew songs. The concert was the first ever presented in the Frederick Mann Auditorium, the new home of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

### BELGIAN AUTHORITIES RETURN JEWISH ORPHAN SHELTERED BY CATHOLIC

BRUSSELS, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Mlle. Fernande Henrard, a Catholic school teacher who was arrested Sunday on charges of illegally detaining a Jewish war orphan was released today after the authorities found the child and legally awarded him to his uncle.

The child, Henry Alias, now 14, was adopted by Mlle. Henrard in 1943 after his parents were murdered in Antwerp by the Nazis. Shortly afterwards, she had the child baptized and changed his name to Antoine Benoit. Some time ago, the boys uncle, M. Hammermann of Algiers, instituted proceedings for "restitution of the boy's identity." At the conclusion of a second legal action last week, the uncle was awarded custody of the child. She defied the court and hid the child in a clinic. Henry was today found by the police.

## JEWISH GROUPS URGED TO DEVELOP PROGRAM TO END SOCIAL ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The development of a program to remove barriers to the entry of Jews into the upper echelons of American industry and finance -- particularly to the top managerial categories -- is urged by Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, in a report to the AJC executive board made public today.

Dr. Slawson is of the opinion that industrial and business leaders constitute a group on the American scene that is pivotal in the effort to eliminate discrimination. "As pacesetters and fashion molders, they play a paramount role in establishing the nation's social standards," he points out. He therefore urges Jewish groups in this country "to encourage increased involvement of these leaders in community projects devoted to achieving basic human relations goals."

Declaring that overt anti-Semitism receives neither official nor public sanction at present in the United States, Dr. Slawson stresses the fact that social discrimination against Jews is "the last barricade of anti-Semitism" and must be surmounted. "Today the public frame of mind is receptive to a constructive effort for its elimination," he asserts.

Referring to a study on civil liberties conducted by Dr. Samuel A. Stouffer of Harvard for the Fund for the Republic, Dr. Slawson says: "The Stouffer study of 50 cities with populations up to 150,000 indicates that such leaders as presidents of chambers of commerce, bar associations and women's clubs, newspaper publishers, Legion commanders, and even presidents of Daughters of the American Revolution, as an entire group, are more receptive to differences and to dissent than the general community."

The AJC vice-president expresses the belief that if community leaders of America's larger cities were studied, similar results would be obtained. "Prof. Stouffer's finding is encouraging for a program designed to reduce and eliminate social discrimination," he states. He also draws attention to the fact that the Stouffer studies reveal that American women are more intolerant of dissent and difference than American men.

"As the American corporation continues to expand in size and scope, the opportunity for the individual entrepreneur may gradually contract," Dr. Slawson says. "Should this occur, top managerial posts would become increasingly important for Jews of ability, because of their relatively rapid upward economic mobility. The National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. could play significant roles in this endeavor. Group relations courses in the curricula of schools of business administration, especially in the refresher courses for executives, would also give impetus to this program," he suggests.

### Jewish Resentment of Social Bias Stressed; Self-Segregation Deplored

Pointing out that three-quarters of the Jews in the U. S. are native-born, Dr. Slawson establishes the fact that as Jews are becoming more integrated into American life, their resentment against social anti-Semitism is increasing. He relates data and facts showing the extent to which social bias against Jews exists in this country. He cites, among other things, the fact that in Washington definite restrictions are imposed on the sale of residential properties to Jews in certain areas, which are by no means the more, or the most, expensive.

Not until recently, the AJC vice-president points out, has there been opportunity to undertake extensive action against social anti-Semitism. During the Hitler era, the energies of American Jews were absorbed with the problems of security at home and vast relief operations abroad. It was difficult to cope with the more subtle forms of bigotry, such as social discrimination. Hence, in partial response to continuing social discrimination, "gilded" ghettos came into being, Dr. Slawson claims.

"Jews created for themselves 'separate but equal' -- perhaps in some cases, even superior--facilities" he reports. "Witness Jewish social clubs, golf and other recreational clubs, and certain residential neighborhoods. A certain amount of self-segregation became a pattern that has perpetuated itself. 'Jewish nationalism,' whose overt expressions take the form of both self-segregation and chauvinism, developed largely to the extent that barriers to the full participation of Jews in the life of American society were erected by the majority."

Dr. Slawson reveals that a survey conducted by the American Jewish Committee established that forty percent of adult Jews prefer to live in predominantly Jewish neighborhoods while only 21 percent of the children prefer such environments. The survey -- known as the Riverton Study -- also established that in seven of ten Jewish homes, anti-Semitism was a repeated topic of family discussion. One of three Jews interviewed expressed the feeling that he lives in an unfriendly environment.

"Jews may attribute to non-Jews attitudes that the latter do not have, at least not to the degree imagined," Dr. Slawson states. He quotes from studies conducted

by Cornell University, financed by a Rockefeller Foundation grant, the following: "Among majority-group members who belonged to an organization that had Jewish members, only 9 percent said they ever found themselves feeling different toward the Jews than toward other members. But among the Jews belonging to mixed organizations, 39 percent said they felt the Gentiles felt different toward them!"

"Assuming that the replies of majority-group members are indicative of their actual attitudes toward their Jewish colleagues, then we might infer that there is an indication of over-sensitivity among a substantial proportion of the Jewish members of these groups," the AJC leader declares.

#### HOSPITALS CRITICIZED FOR FAILING TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS JEWISH

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The practice of Jewish-sponsored hospitals of publicly stressing their non-sectarian character and acceptance of patients regardless of race and creed while, at the same time failing to draw public attention to the fact that they are under Jewish auspices, has come in for criticism here.

The issue was raised editorially by the B'nai B'rith Messenger which criticized sponsors of the new Mt. Sinai Hospital for allegedly attempting to "hide their Jewish face in public" at the hospital's dedication. The editorial received considerable comment.

Julius Bisno, executive secretary of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council, in a letter to the paper, noted that "these very important health institutions would do much to advance their own cause and certainly make a contribution to the strengthening of the public relations of the Jewish community if they would make known on all occasions that these fine institutions are 'under Jewish auspices.'"

The communal official expressed belief that this would not "detract one whit from the support they are getting from the general public and it would certainly serve to underline the contribution that Jewish leadership is making to the general welfare of the community." He added that "we can be very proud of the significant contribution that Jewish social agencies have made."

#### TUITION FEE INTRODUCED IN ALL SAN FRANCISCO WEEK-DAY JEWISH SCHOOLS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- After following a policy of free Jewish schooling for more than a half-century, the Jewish Education Society of San Francisco has announced that tuition will be charged for children attending week-day Hebrew schools in the city.

The society supervises all the week-day Hebrew schools and engages and pays the teachers. In the past, its only charge has been a book fee. The tuition fee to be charged, is "a small one," the society declared. It pledged that "no pupil will be barred from a Jewish school affiliated with the Jewish Education Society because of parental inability to pay the fee."

In explaining the new policy, the society pointed out that "while there is an obligation on the part of the Jewish community to make sure that its future citizens are informed and educated Jewishly, the task is one in which parents must assume an ever increasing role. And always there are the mounting needs which cannot be met fully by organizational help."

#### HADASSAH SENDS FIVE-MEMBER DELEGATION TO ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- A five-member delegation representing Hadassah will leave for Israel beginning tomorrow to attend the deliberations of the Zionist Actions Committee which opens in Jerusalem on August 23, it was announced today.

Representing Hadassah at the Zionist Actions Committee meeting will be Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, national president of the 300,000-member organization; Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, Mrs. Raphael Tourover, Mrs. A. P. Schoolman, and Miss Hannah Goldberg, executive director of the organization. Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, Zionist Affairs chairman of Hadassah and acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, will also represent Hadassah at the Jerusalem meeting.

#### MAX SILVERSTEIN CO-FOUNDER OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, DIES

NEWARK, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Max Silverstein, one of the founders of the American and World Jewish Congresses, died here yesterday at the age of 76. In addition to his activities with the AJC and WJC, Mr. Silverstein was once a grand master of the order of B'rith Abraham and a founding member of Yeshiva University. He was also active in synagogue affairs and served as a consultant on humanitarian affairs to various Congressional committees.