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## SYRIANS DOWN ISRAELI PLANE; WOUNDED PILOT LANDS IN ISRAEL TERRITORY

JERUSALEM, March 5. (JTA) -- Syrian anti-aircraft guns fired today at an Israeli airplane flying low over Israel territory in the Daphne region, Upper Galilee. The plane was hit and made a forced landing within Israel territory. The pilot was wounded.

The Israel Government immediately instructed the Israeli delegation at the United Nations to call the attention of Security Council members to the Syrian acts of aggression yesterday and today. It also filed a protest with the Mixed Armistice Commission on the downing of the plane.

The body of a third Israeli policeman killed yesterday by Syrians who raked an Israeli patrol boat on Lake Tiberias with gunfire was today handed over by the Syrians to United Nations observers who transferred the body to Israeli representatives. A fourth wounded policeman on the boat is still missing. The UN observers have not yet completed their investigation of the incident. United Nations officials here intend to publish an official statement after the investigation is completed.

Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the UN Truce Supervision Organization, conferred today with Dr. Walter Eytan, director general of the Israel Foreign Office, at the latter's invitation. Dr. Eytan conveyed to the UN truce chief the "gravest concern" of the Israel Government over yesterday's Syrian attack on the Israel police boats. Gen. Burns was accompanied by Henri Vigier, his political adviser.

A Jordanian sabotage unit today crossed the Israel frontier and attempted to sabotage the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv train. The attempted sabotage took place between Beit Safafa, on the Jerusalem outskirts, and Bitar, several miles west of Jerusalem. Workmen discovered the removal of rails before the train arrived and averted a derailment.

## Dulles Kept Informed of Latest Developments in Arab-Israel Crisis

WASHINGTON, March 5. (JTA) -- The State Department today deplored the Syrian attack on Israel police boats yesterday which resulted in the death of three Israeli policemen, but declined to comment on the ousting of British General John B. Glubb, commander of the Arab Legion, by Jordanian King Hussein.

State Department spokesman Lincoln White indicated that the views of the U. S. Government on the Syrian attack had been communicated to Israel and Syria. He said the United States welcomed the fact that both sides had turned to the United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission in this situation.

Secretary of State Dulles and Assistant Secretary George V. Allen, now at Karachi, Pakistan, for the SEATO conference, are being kept informed of the latest developments in the Arab-Israel crisis, Mr. White said. He declined to comment on a suggestion by Sen. Estes Kefauver, Democratic Presidential aspirant, that President Eisenhower call another "summit conference" to avert a war in the Middle East.

Sen. Kefauver told newsmen that the President must "personally take a strong hand and use the prestige of the Presidency" to reach a "peaceful solution of Arab-Israeli difficulties." He recommended immediate convocation of a "summit" parley with American, British, French, Israeli and Arab representatives attending. He suggested Washington, Cairo "or anywhere else" as the site of such a meeting.

Meanwhile, it was learned here today that the State Department has plans for the evacuation of American tourists and others from the Middle East in the event of war. A meeting on the Middle East crisis will be held here tomorrow by representatives of the tripartite powers. In addition to examining the question of arms sales by the Western Powers to Middle East countries, the developments in Jordan will be discussed at the meeting.

Reports reaching here from Cairo revealed that a so-called summit conference of Egyptian and Syrian leaders had begun there today. Syrian Prime Minister Said Ghazzi arrived here yesterday, together with his Defense Minister and Army Chief of Staff, to discuss military matters with the Egyptian high command. The two armies currently have a common command.

## BRITAIN SEES DANGER TO ISRAEL IN JORDAN'S OUSTER OF GLUBB PASHA

LONDON, March 5. (JTA) -- The Jordanian dismissal of Lt. Gen. John B. Glubb as head of the Arab Legion has caused the British Foreign Office, for the first time, to believe that the greatest danger to peace in the Middle East may lie in Arab aggression, it was learned here today even as Prime Minister Anthony Eden told the House of Commons that Britain was studying the effect of this development on the entire Middle East situation.

At the same time, Sir Anthony told the House that all senior British officers serving with the Legion--about 15--were being withdrawn and that the future of some 50 British officers serving in the Legion under contract would be discussed with the Jordan government. He further revealed that "these are matters we are discussing with our allies," but refused to comment on the wider aspects.

In another development, Sir Anthony called the commanding officers of the British Army and Royal Air Force to an emergency Cabinet meeting devoted to the worsening Middle East situation. Although the Foreign Office appears to be swinging to the view that the withdrawal of British control from the Legion may lead to that force being used as the spearhead of an attack on Israel, there was no indication whether this would lead to any change in the Western policy of withholding arms from Israel.

It became evident here today that members of Sir Anthony's own Conservative Party were becoming restive under the Eden-Dulles policy. Sir Robert Boothby, Conservative, demanded in the House an immediate joint Anglo-American policy for the Middle East and a decision whether the West will permit Israel to be destroyed by Arabs using Communist arms. Julian Amery, a Conservative "rebel," criticized the withdrawal of all British officers from the Arab Legion, insisting that this was just what the extreme nationalists in Jordan had wanted.

Richard Crossman, Labor M. P., asked the Prime Minister whether the withdrawal of British officers would not create the "gravest danger of new incidents" along the Israel-Jordan border. Sir Anthony replied that "the House must judge" the effect for itself. Asked whether the British Government would withdraw its annual subsidy to Jordan on account of the Arab Legion--it amounted to nine million pounds last year--the Prime Minister said that this was one of a number of problems being studied in relation to the situation. Eden promised Hugh Gaitskill, leader of the Labor Party, that there would be a debate on the matter later in the week.

## Z. O. A. LEADERS CRITICIZE U. S. FOR WITHHOLDING ARMS FROM ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- The State Department policy of withholding arms from Israel while giving them to Arab countries was severely criticized by Mortimer May, president of the Zionist Organization of America, addressing the National Administrative Council, ZOA ruling body between conventions. "American Jews," Mr. May said, "have been perplexed by the attitude of our State Department."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the ZOA executive committee, told the several hundred assembled ZOA leaders that "the Egyptian dictator, Colonel Nasser, has already fixed his zero hour for the coming assault in the summer." He emphasized this warning by declaring that "I assume full responsibility for saying this." He further stressed that the dismissal of Lt. Gen. John B. Glubb, the British head of the Jordan army, marks a further worsening of the crisis.

Dr. Harris J. Levine, chairman of the Council, voiced his conviction that "unless the President of the United States personally takes a hand in the present Middle East crisis the Dulles' policy will bring about a complete Soviet domination over a key area in the free world." He appealed to President Eisenhower "to save America and the State of Israel from the impending calamity by affording American arms to Israel in substantial quantity and without delay."

Harry Torczyner, chairman of the ZOA Commission on Israel and the Middle East, emphasized that "the interest of the United States today is identical with the interest of Israel." He asserted that "what stands in the way of the recognition of this identity of interest is only the stubborn refusal of some people in the State Department to overcome the bigotry and prejudice which has so clearly been characterized by President Truman in his memoirs."

## B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT SCORES U. S. FAILURE TO GIVE ARMS TO ISRAEL

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 5. (JTA) -- Failure of our country to give arms to Israel will seriously weaken our leadership of the entire free world, Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nei B'rith, warned last night. "What will the small nations who are our friends think if Israel were to collapse because we did not honor her request for defense weapons?" he asked. He spoke at a B'nei B'rith dinner honoring Joseph M. Finkle.

He cautioned that Israel could not rely on promises of United Nations aid, since action taken there might be subject to Soviet veto. "Israel is not so large as to be able to buy time with space" if the Arabs launch an attack, he said.

## PAN-AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE OPENS IN MONTEVIDEO; 1,000 DELEGATES

MONTEVIDEO, March 5. (JTA) -- The largest Jewish conference in the history of Latin America opened here last night with well over 1,000 delegates gathering to mobilize support for Israel in its current crisis and to express solidarity with the Israeli people.

Uruguayan President Dr. Alberto Zuviria and other government officials received a delegation representing Jews of a number of different Latin American countries. The delegation expressed to Dr. Zuviria the satisfaction of all Jews at the recent transfer of the Uruguayan Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, thus recognizing the latter city as Israel's capital.

Present at today's session were the Secretary of the Uruguayan National Council; the Uruguayan Ambassador to Jerusalem; Dr. S. Di Lorenzo; Uruguay's delegate to the United Nations and one of Israel's most outspoken friends, Prof. Enrique Rodriguez Fabregat; Dr. Luciano Molinas, leader of the Argentine Progressive Party and a member of the National Consultative Board which acts as the Argentine legislature until a new parliament is elected; Dr. Alfred Palacios, Argentine Ambassador to Montevideo, and Dr. Arie Kubovi, Israel Ambassador to Argentina and Uruguay.

Messages of greeting were received by the conference from Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi, Premier David Ben Gurion, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Sprinzak, Berl Locker, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Western Hemisphere executive of the World Jewish Congress and many other Jewish leaders in many countries. A number of Latin American Christian and Jewish personalities expressed greetings at the parley, speaking in behalf of various groups or in their own names.

### Dr. Goldmann Outlines Purposes of the Conference

At a press conference held just prior to the formal opening of the meeting, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency and president of the World Jewish Congress, declared that the conference was convened to underline Israel's perilous situation and to help Israel continue accepting immigrants from North Africa. Israel's grave situation, he said, resulted from two things: the refusal of the Arab states to recognize and make peace with Israel, and the entrance of the Soviet bloc in the Middle East situation with its subsequent arming of Egypt at a time when Israel is unable to obtain balancing weapons.

The danger of this situation is twofold, Dr. Goldmann continued. The stronger the Arabs become, he stressed, the more extremists among them push for a second round of war against Israel. If Israel remains isolated and receives no arms the feeling of frustration and of desperation also constitutes a danger, despite Premier David Ben Gurion's statement that Israel will not launch a preventive war.

The solution for this dangerous situation is also twofold, Dr. Goldmann said. First and foremost, the West must supply Israel with defensive arms. Secondly, the West must press for a peace settlement between Israel and the Arabs. On neither position is the West's policy yet known, he noted, and this conference was called at a time when the pressure on the State Department to modify its position has increased and when the tripartite talks in Washington have still not reached the conclusive stage.

He also noted the need for this conference to plan to meet the financial burden imposed by the North African migratory flow as well as Israel's defensive effort. He paid tribute to Uruguay as one of the most traditionally democratic countries in Latin America and as a friend of Israel. Asked by newsmen about the condition of Jews in the Soviet Union, Dr. Goldmann said that although there is no official discrimination against Jews in the USSR, Soviet policy will cause the disappearance of Jewish life in that country within a generation or two. He appealed for the right of Soviet Jews to maintain minimum contacts with Jewry outside the Soviet Union.

## ALABAMA "WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS" SPLIT OVER ISSUE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 5. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism has made its appearance in the Alabama White Citizens Councils movement it became known today when it was learned that the North Alabama Citizens Council, led by Ace Carter, a filling station operator, has adopted as a membership requirement the "belief in the divinity of Jesus Christ."

One result of the injection of anti-Semitism into the movement has been a split between Carter and State Sen. Sam Englehardt, one of the founders and executive secretary of the Alabama White Citizens Councils. Prior to this split the two men shared speakers' platforms at several meetings opposing desegregation of Alabama schools.

## JEWISH GROUPS PARTICIPATING IN PARLEY SEEKING CIVIL RIGHT LAWS

WASHINGTON, March 5. (JTA) -- Five national Jewish organizations are among the 50 groups which have assembled here to urge Congress to pass an eight-point civil rights program this year including an FEPC law. The Jewish groups are: American Jewish Committee; American Jewish Congress; B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League; Jewish Labor Committee, and National Community Relations Advisory Council.

## J. D. C. DISTRIBUTES SURPLUS FOODSTUFFS DONATED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT

PARIS, March 5. (JTA) -- Two million pounds of surplus foodstuffs donated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture were distributed to needy persons by the Joint Distribution Committee during 1955, it was reported here today by Charles H. Jordan, acting director general of the JDC. Last year's total, which reached 2,200,000 pounds, almost doubled the amount given in the previous year. In terms of dollar value, he noted, JDC distribution last year amounted to approximately \$614,000.

The foodstuffs were distributed in France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Morocco, Tunisia and Yugoslavia and included cheese, powdered milk, butter and cottonseed oil. For the current year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has added wheat, flour, rice, beans, corn and corn products to the list of available surplus. A monthly average of 79,000 persons--benefited from this surplus last year, Mr. Jordan declared, compared with a monthly average of 54,000 the year before. The largest single consignment--more than 700,000 pounds--went to Israel.

"Through the generosity of the American Government," Mr. Jordan asserted, "we are effecting changes in the eating habits of an entire generation. The food they have supplied, supplementing our regular feeding programs in many parts of the world, provides thousands of youngsters with much of their nutritional needs and puts them on the road to better health."

## B'NAI B'RITH SERVICES LAUDED BY VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, March 5. (JTA) -- The Veterans Administration has presented a certificate of appreciation to B'nai B'rith for ten years of continuous voluntary service to hospitalized veterans across the nation. The presentation was made at the annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith National Service Committee for the Armed Forces and Veterans, which took place here yesterday at the Hotel Statler.

Dr. William S. Middleton, chief medical director of the VA, made the presentation to Philip M. Klutznick, world president of B'nai B'rith, in connection with the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service to be observed during National VAVS Week, April 15 to 21. Plans for continued B'nai B'rith participation in volunteer work at military and veterans hospitals, with the Ground Observer Corps, civil defense and the Red Cross were outlined at the sessions of the National Service committee.

## INTERNATIONAL SCIENTISTS SELECT ISRAEL AS SITE FOR TWO CONFERENCES

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- Two international scientific organizations have selected Israel as the site for their meetings this spring because they consider the Middle East a particularly fertile area for scientific and technical discussions in their respective fields; it was revealed today by Prof. Herman F. Mark, director of the Polymer Institute at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

These two international bodies are the Commission on Macromolecules of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry and the Technical Panel on Wood Chemistry in the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. Prof. Mark, who serves as chairman of both groups, made the announcement at a luncheon given in his honor today at the St. Regis Hotel by the Weizmann Institute of Science. The luncheon was attended by a number of distinguished scientists, among them Prof. I. Rabi, Nobel Laureate and chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission.

Prof. Mark said that the Weizmann Institute at Rehovoth, Israel, had been chosen as the meeting place of the two congresses because its scientists have made very significant contributions to the subject fields during the past two years. He added that over 50 countries, including Russia, Japan and India, would be represented at the conferences.

Meyer W. Weisgal, chairman of the executive council of the Weizmann Institute, who presided at the luncheon, declared that "the Weizmann Institute has reached the stage where it can render important services to the entire Middle East. "Once peace is established in the Middle East the Weizmann Institute will be eager to open its doors to Arab scientists for the purpose of friendly cooperation that will benefit the entire Middle East, which is so desperately in need of modern scientific guidance," Mr. Weisgal said.

Abraham Feinberg, president of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute, also spoke. Prof. Mark will leave New York within the next few days for Israel, where he will help in the preparation of the two scientific meetings, which open on April 3rd and over which he will preside.

## DR. JOSEPH TAL RETURNS TO ISRAEL; TOURED U.S. FOR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Giora Joseph Tal, Jewish Agency treasurer, left here by plane today for Israel. Dr. Joseph Tal spent about a month touring the major cities of the United States on a speaking tour in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.