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ARABS ATTACK JEWISH QUARTER OF CONSTANTINE; SIX KILLED, MANY WOUNDED

ALGIERS, May 13. (JTA) -- Six persons were killed and four wounded today in a fresh outbreak of fighting in the Jewish quarter of Constantine, a city some 200 miles east of here. This followed the wounding of 43 Jews yesterday during a series of running battles between Arab rebels and Europeans in that city.

The thirteen Jews were wounded when a hand grenade was thrown--presumably by an Arab--into a Jewish cafe on the edge of Shara, the Jewish quarter of Constantine. Shots were fired elsewhere in the Jewish quarter, also by Arab terrorists.

The European vigilante forces retaliated in a series of raids on cafes and shops in the Arab quarter. The Europeans used submachine guns chiefly and attacked Arabs in both the Arab and Jewish quarters. Arab casualties were put at about 15 dead and nearly 40 wounded. Although Arab bodies were found in alleys and building corridors in the Jewish quarter, reports received here said that the Jews had not participated in the fighting.

U. S. SCORED FOR FAILURE TO RESIST ARAB ACTION AGAINST AMERICAN JEWS

CLEVELAND, May 13. (JTA) -- The United States Government was today accused by the American Jewish Committee of "failing to sustain its historic policy of vindicating the honor and dignity of American citizenship" by permitting and tolerating Arab discrimination against American Jews. In a sharply-worded resolution, which will be presented to President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, the AJC, concluding its three-day meeting here, declared:

"It has been the historic American policy to protest and resist discriminatory treatment by any nation of American citizens on the basis of religion or race. Over a period of years, most Arab League countries in the Middle East have been discriminating against American citizens of the Jewish faith. The American Jewish Committee believes that American self-respect requires our government to protest and resist such treatment of its citizens wherever it occurs.

"Such practices have included the denial to American citizens of the Jewish faith of the right to travel freely under American passports in most of these Arab League countries. American citizens of Jewish faith, serving in our armed forces are not permitted to land or remain in Saudi Arabia as part of any military mission sent by the United States to man the Dhahran Air Base, nor may American civilians of Jewish faith be assigned to work in Saudi Arabia, either under contract with the Federal Government, or under the auspices of private American business.

"In this situation, our government for at least six years has failed to sustain its historic policy of vindicating the honor and dignity of American citizenship. It has failed to protest effectively and resist the requirement that all applicants for passports to travel in certain Arab League countries prove that they are "Christian" because those countries refuse visas to American citizens of the Jewish faith. It has acquiesced in the deliberate exclusion from military and civilian missions to Saudi Arabia of all American citizens of the Jewish religion. It has certified to State Commissions Against Discrimination that religion is a "bona fide occupation qualification" for the recruitment of American citizens by private contractors to work on government contracts to be performed in Saudi Arabia.

"While the American Jewish Committee is mindful of the responsibility of our government to take such steps as may be essential to the preservation of national security and to protect our defense establishments abroad, we are nevertheless unalterably opposed to any sanction by our government given to religious or racial discrimination. The American Jewish Committee urges that the following steps be taken:

"1. The various departments and agencies of the Federal government should discontinue immediately any action, or adherence to any policy, which condones or facilitates discrimination against Americans on the basis of religion or race by any country.

"2. Our government should not hereafter tolerate or accept any interpretation of international arrangements hereafter negotiated or renewed between the United States, or any of its departments or agencies, and any other countries, which lead to discrimination based on religion or race. Any as persona non grata must be based on his personal

record or conduct not on his membership in, or adherence to, any religious or racial group.

13. All chambers of commerce and other business or trade associations in the United States should be advised against providing such information as tends to assist these countries in their boycott of American business firms on the basis of their racial or religious affiliations.

Engel Terms Arab Measures Against U.S. Jews "Morally Indefensible"

Ivory M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, revealed that in addition to taking up the matter personally with President Eisenhower, the top AJC leaders will also present a 26-page legal brief to Secretary Dulles.

The brief will point out that "the Arab discriminatory measures against Jewish citizens of the United States--to the extent that they are tolerated by our own government--must be opposed for a number of important reasons: 1. They violate the civil rights of Americans; 2. They are not sanctioned by international law; 3. They are morally indefensible."

Pointing out that "to remain silent would be to assent to the continuing erosion of our liberties," Mr. Engel declared that "this is not a question of religion, or domestic politics or military strategy," but rather "it is, fundamentally, inescapably, a moral issue."

EISENHOWER URGED TO ACT ON ARAB CAMPAIGN AGAINST AMERICAN JEWS

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today called upon President Eisenhower to order immediate "corrective action" in the current campaign being waged by the Arab governments against American citizens of Jewish faith.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, in a letter to President Eisenhower, emphasized the concern of all American citizens in "the acquiescence of the Government of the United States in the various forms of discrimination against a group of American citizens by diverse Arab states." Dr. Goldstein asserted that the Arab countries "have been permitted to stigmatize an entire group of American citizens solely because they are Jews," and cited the following discriminations:

"They have engaged in economic boycott against American Jews and such boycott has in part been financed by American commercial agreements by subventions made available through the International Wheat Agreement; They have denied Jews the right to obtain visas to travel in their countries; Their consular officials in this country are permitted to inquire as to the religious identification of American citizens applying for visas or validation of consular invoices; Our agreement with Saudi Arabia concerning the Dharan Air Base, now under review, permits that country to determine that Jews may not serve in the military forces of our country stationed at that base."

Dr. Goldstein's letter noted previous instances in American history when the United States made it clear that it would not "barter principle for profit or advantage." The congressman pointed out that a detailed account of the Arab campaign was contained in the American Jewish Congress' document issued last month, entitled "The Arab Campaign Against American Jews." A copy was sent to the President last April 15 and another copy to the Secretary of State. The only acknowledgment received, the letter stated, was a note from a State Department official that the document was being studied.

ISRAEL CABINET MEMBERS MUST RESIGN IF THEY FAIL TO BACK CONFIDENCE VOTE

JERUSALEM, May 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet decided today that members of the Cabinet must resign if, in the future, they cannot support the government on a vote of confidence because of a matter of conscience. Otherwise, it was agreed, every minister must vote with the government and may not abstain.

Today's decision was the aftermath of two votes in Parliament during which all religious deputies and ministers abstained on motions of no confidence attacking the government's refusal to interfere with the Haifa municipality's operation of an industrial fair on the Sabbath.

DR. GOLDMANN CLARIFIES APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHAIRMAN OF JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, May 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and chairman of the Jewish Agency, today issued a statement which reads:

"Some misunderstanding has been created with regard to the appointment of an acting chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in New York, and I wish to clarify the situation: The World Zionist Congress has elected me as president as well as chairman of the executive in New York and in Jerusalem. I have the authority each time when absent from New York or Jerusalem to appoint an acting chairman until my return.

"Since I am now remaining in Jerusalem, I appointed Mrs. Rose Halprin as acting chairman in New York. I shall return to New York in the winter, and when I leave New York for Jerusalem, I will then decide whom to appoint as acting chairman for the future terms of my absence."

FRANCE TO GIVE ISRAEL TWELVE MORE JET FIGHTERS; WERE INTENDED FOR NATO

PARIS, May 13. (JTA) -- The French Government announced yesterday that it would deliver twelve more Mystere jet fighters to Israel to augment the dozen delivered last month. These planes were urgently sought by Israel to balance the Soviet jet bombers and fighters purchased by Egypt.

A French Foreign Ministry announcement said that the United States had waived its rights to the delivery of these planes under arrangements that called for the manufacturer to deliver them to NATO. This, the French announcement said, would make possible "a last delivery of twelve" planes ordered by Israel.

ISRAEL WILL GET JET FIGHTERS FROM CANADA, BRITAIN INDICATES

LONDON, May 13. (JTA) -- Israel will probably get a number of Sabrejets from Canada, in addition to the twelve French Mystere jets which Paris announced yesterday would be given Israel as a "last" shipment, it was indicated here today in British official circles.

These circles hastened to make clear that the French announcement did not mean that the Western Powers have come to an agreement to furnish Israel with military supplies against the Arab states. The plane situation was considered apart from the general arms situation, British official circles stressed.

The Western Powers, they indicated, appreciated that Communist shipments of jet planes to Egypt had put Israel at a disadvantage in the air. The British still feel that on the ground Israel has superiority. "It was also made clear that the Western Powers would continue to allow a trickle of arms to each side." In Israel's case this will probably mean some radar equipment and light anti-aircraft guns.

Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, addressing a Board meeting today, said that "Britain was beginning to realize that Israel must not be allowed to remain an open victim." At the same time, he emphasized that Egypt had heavy Centurion tanks and that the only defense against such weapons were similar tanks which he hoped the British Government would supply to Israel "at an early stage."

MORDECAI OREN RELEASED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA; WAS SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS

JERUSALEM, May 13. (JTA) -- Mordecai Oren, Israeli Mapam leader, implicated in the Slansky "treason" trials in Prague and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, has been freed by the Czech authorities, the Israeli Foreign Ministry announced here last night.

The announcement revealed that the Israeli Charge d'Affaires in Prague was notified yesterday that the Czechoslovak Government had decided to commute the remainder of Mr. Oren's sentence and release him immediately. The Czech authorities requested that the Israeli Charge d'Affaires make arrangements for Mr. Oren's immediate departure from Czechoslovakia.

(In Zurich, Switzerland, where he arrived by air from Prague today, Mr. Oren reassessed his innocence of the espionage charges on which he was convicted. He said that while he was not mistreated physically by the Czech authorities, "the methods they use are quite formidable." He said that he did not remember what he had said at his trial, but reported that he was arrested four and one-half years ago, on a train while travelling in Czechoslovakia on an invitation from the Czech labor federation.)

HAIFA EXHIBITION TO BE CLOSED ON SATURDAYS; ORTHODOX WIN DISPUTE

TEL AVIV, May 13. (JTA) -- The Haifa Industrial Exhibition - center of a storm of protest by religious Jews because of what they charged was "desecration of the Sabbath" in its remaining open Saturdays - was kept closed here yesterday, following the intervention of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, who spoke to Haifa's Mayor Abba Fushi by telephone.

The Haifa municipality announced today that although it would continue to fight against what it termed "enforced conscience," it had decided that the exhibition would be open only on Saturday nights in order to avoid incidents. The final decision was taken after a stormy meeting in the Municipality Council, at which Deputy Mayor Katz, a member of the religious Poale Agudah party, announced his resignation from the coalition and joined the opposition.

ISRAELI JOURNALISTS STRIKE; TWO PAPERS REFUSE TO SETTLE; DO NOT APPEAR

TEL AVIV, May 13. (JTA) -- A short strike by all Israeli newsmen was settled last night after the publishers consented to sign a new agreement covering wage increases with the Israel Journalists Association. The only exceptions to the settlement were Haaretz and Haboker, two daily newspapers. They did not appear today.

500 JEWS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; SEVERAL FROM HUNGARY AND EAST EUROPEAN LANDS

TEL AVIV, May 13. (JTA) -- Five hundred new immigrants arrived in Israel today aboard the S.S. Negbah. Among the new arrivals were a number of Jews from Hungary and other Communist countries.

