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JERUSALEM HAS AIR RAID DRILL; CABINET SUMMONED ON SECURITY

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- A special meeting of the Israel Cabinet was convoked today by Premier David Ben Gurion in view of the deteriorating security situation. The meeting was held while civil defense services in Jerusalem carried out a mock air raid in full dress drill.

The Premier and all the members of the Cabinet took shelter during the drill, which was the largest ever held in Israel. Air raid sirens screamed, dud shells dropped, smoke bombs exploded and "casualties" were evacuated from feigned wreckage. Fire fighters, first aid units and air raid wardens took up their posts as traffic was halted for the duration of the alarm. Passers-by were rushed into shelters during the alarm, which lasted 10 minutes.

The Israel Government, in an official communique, charged last night that Jordanian authorities were responsible for the organization and training of some 200 Arab refugees, residents of border villages and convicts into marauding gangs which have been killing and wounding Israeli citizens in forays and ambuscades across the border.

official statement said that the marauders were trained at Arab Legion camps and that their raids were executed with the full knowledge of the Legion. Prior to the organization of these bands last April, the statement continued, Jordan permitted the establishment of fedayeen (Egyptian suicide squads) bases in its territory for the reception of Egyptian raiders who crossed Israel to haven in Jordan after attacking Israeli people and property. These fedayeen raiders were welcomed by the Legion and were showered with honors at Legion encampments and in Jordanian cities including Hebron Transmir and Bethlehem, Israel charged.

.... Meanwhile, United Nations truce headquarters here issued a statement to the effect that if had sent observers to Israel positions in Jerusalem and was sending other observers to Jordan positions in the same area to check on Israeli and Jordanian Government denials that each was concentrating troops along the border. The statement said that Israel's denials had already been verified by UN obserbers.

The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission condemned Jordan yesterday for the sabotage mining of an Israeli patrol car in the Afula area last Sunday night. The car was wrecked and a police sergeant was wounded.

ISRAEL AND EGYPT TRADE STATEMENTS AT U. N. ON SUEZ CANAL BLOCKADE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 11. (JTA) ~ Israel Ambassador Abba Eban indicated at a press conference here today that Israel may take the matter of the intensified Egyptian obstruction of free passage through the Suez Canal to the United Nations Security Council.

Mr. Eban conferred on this subject in Washington yesterday with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and today with Arkady A. Sobolev, chief of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations. He said he hopes he will have seen all members of the Security Council by the end of this week.

Mr. Eban referred specifically to the question of the detention of the Greek ship Pennegia, bound for the Israeli port of Elath with a cargo of cement. He cited this case as an example of intensification of Egyptian interference since similar shipments had been permitted in the past.

The Egyptian delegation at the UN immediately issued a statement declaring that the Egyptian authorities did not refuse permission to the Pennegia to pass through the Suez Canal. The statement claimed that "the cargo of cement of the ship was not confiscated and on the contrary permission was given to the captain to proceed through the Suez; Canal." The statement also alleged that the ship has never been detained at Port Said, and if it is still there it "is due to the captain's arrangement with the headquarters of his company.

Replying to the Egyptian statement, a spokesman for the Israel delegation pointed out that the Pennegia arrived at Port Said on May 25, whereas today, July 11, Egypt admitted that the ship is still in Port Said. "Even in the statement Issued by Egypt today it was not said that the ship had been allowed to continue to its destination, the port of

Elath," the spokesman said. He added that if the implications of the statement issued by the delegation of Egypt today are the sign of a new development which means that the ship will be allowed to continue to Elath, Israel will follow it with interest.

Eban Says Israel Welcomes Hammarskjold's Forthcoming Visit

At his press conference today, Ambassador Eban referred to the increased tension on the Israel-Jordanian border and cited 99 Jordanian violations of the armistice pact since April 26. He recalled that when he directed the Security Council's attention early in May to three or four Jordanian violations, the representative of Jordan made no reply. His review of the situation also took note of the change in the chairmanship of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

The Israeli diplomat declared that Israel welcomed the proposed visit of Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold scheduled for next week and would take the opportunity to acquaint him with its views on the deterioration of Israel-Arab relations. He stressed that the situation had declined since the negotiations of the cease-fire by the Secretary General on April 26. Mr. Eban also stressed his agreement with the reported views of Mr. Hammarskjold that any settlement must be reached by agreement and could not be prescribed or dictated.

In his overall review of the situation, Mr. Eban noted that while he was stressing two respects—the Jordanian border and Suez Canal questions—which had worsened, the overall problem had remained unresolved in all its fundamental features. He added that while Israel would have preferred a more dynamic move in the direction of a peace settlement in the first instance, the very least that could be expected was full compliance with the armistice agreements.

U.S. RABBIS PRESENT GLOOMY REPORT ON JEWS IN RUSSIA; VISITED U.S.S.R.

PARIS, July 11. (JTA) -- "Judaism in Russia is seriously threatened with extinction," two American rabbis returning from a visit to the Soviet Union declared here today. The two, Rabbis Morris Kertzer and David Golovensky, members of a delegation of the New York Board of Rabbis, will land in New York tomorrow.

The rabbis said they had been led to this "melancholy conclusion" by what they had seen and by their talks with Soviet officials, religious leaders and people in many walks of life. "While the Soviet regime speaks of religious freedom and has in fact somewhat relaxed some of its repressive measures, its policies continue to restrict and strangle Jewish life, "Rabbis Kertzer and Golovensky said in a written statement.

"We were shocked to find the major institutions of Jewish religion and the vehicles of expression of Jewish culture all but vanished leaving a Judaism that is anaemic and moribund. We had hoped, "they continued, "to find in Moscow synagogues adequate to serve its approximately 300,000 Jews. All we could discover was one synagogue and two auxiliary houses.

"In Leningrad, a city with an estimated 200,000 Jews, we found only one synagogue where there were formerly sixteen. For two years we had heard of the publication of a new prayer book, yet we found it is still in the promising stage despite an obviously critical shortage of prayer books. The few prayer books in use were torn to shreds.

"We had heard of the establishment of a theological seminary for the training of rabbis and teachers to serve Russia's estimated 3,000,000 Jews. However, "they emphasized, "we saw no evidence of any serious attempt to launch this desperately needed institution. We found no religious schools for the youth. Indeed, officials of the Council of Cults declared that a ban on such institutions was strictly in force.

"We found," the two rabbis continued, "no Jewish cultural institutions, no religious literature of recent origin, no community organization, no Yiddish or Hebrew press, no national bodies, no Jewish social service institutions without which Jewish life cannot long endure. The brightest ray of hope, is the still vigorous will for a Jewish life and the passionate desire of parents to instill in the younger generation a love for God and loyalty to Jewish tradition.

"Under present conditions, however, they have none of the bare physical means such as religious books and little possibility for transferring the Jewish heritage. They are desperately trying to build bricks without straw and this is the great danger to the sur-particular vival of Judaism in the Soviet, "Rabbis Kertzer and Golovensky concluded.

The remaining six members of the rabbinical party continued their tour of the Soviet Union, planning to stop off in Kiev and Odessa. They will also visit the Jewish communities of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. The delegation consisted of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis.

JEWISH POPULATION OF JASSY MOURNS JEWS MASSACRED BY FASCISTS IN 1941

VIENNA, July 11. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of the Rumanian town of Jassy turned out today to attend memorial services at the Jewish cemetery for the hundreds of Jews murdered by the Rumanian Fascists 15 years ago. Pogroms and deportations in packed trains which slowly wandered through the countryside until most of the men, women and children within had died, we're organized by Premier Ian Antonescu's Iron Guardists in 1941.

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BONN UPPER HOUSE APPROVES \$357, 000, 000 BILL ON RESTITUTION DEBTS

BONN, July II. (JTA) -- The Bundesrat, upper house of the West German Parliament, approved in a first reading today the draft of a bill providing for the payment of \$357,000,000 to Nazi victims in settlement of restitution obligations of the former German state. A number of technical changes have been made in the bill by the Bundesrat.

The bill now goes back to the Cabinet for deliberations on the recommended changes. It will then be submitted to the Bundestag, the lower house, which must pass it in three readings, and thereafter to the Federal Council for a second reading. There is no hope that the measure will be taken up by the Bundestag before the summer recess.

The draft law deals with a wide range of restitution claims against the German Reich by Nazi victims. The most important item is the refund of discriminatory taxes and levies, as well as of compulsory payments made in connection with the one-billion mark fine imposed upon the Jews of Germany after the assassination in Paris of German Counselor of Embassy Ernst vom Rath by Hershel Grynszpan in November of 1938.

Other claims concern gold, silver, jewelry and art works that had to be given up to the municipal pawnshops at the same time; houses and real estate seized by the state and retained by it to this day; furniture and personal effects confiscated, particularly from among the goods of departing Jews, that had been consigned by them to countries of emigration, and auctioned off for the benefit of the German exchequer.

So far, almost none of these claims have been satisfied, even though thousands of court judgments were obtained against the German state. Restitution legislation on the books applies to private individuals or business firms only, while the German state itself has sidestepped the return of its ill-gotten gains. Under the Hague Agreement and the Paris Conventions, the West German Government limited its liability for all restitution claims to the arbitrary figure of \$357,000,000.

The Special Committee for Indemnification Questions of the Federal Council supported the view of the Federal Government that the present bill should encompass the restitution obligations of no German state other than Prussia. Although this stipulation runs counter to a recommendation by the Finance Committee, it was adopted by the Federal Council. This means that yet another law must be enacted for meeting the restitution obligations of states like Bavaria, Hesse or Hamburg. Such a law is not even in preparation and in any case has no chance of being introduced before 1957.

- MARRIAGES BLOCKED BY NAZI LAWS ARE RETROACTIVELY LEGALIZED IN BERLIN

BERLIN, July II. (JTA) -- The Bonn Government has approved, upon the request of the West Berlin Senate, the extension to West Berlin of the law on the recognition of mar-riages that were not solemnized during the Hitler era because of Nazi racial policies.

Under the terms of the law, applications for the retroactive legitimation of such marital unions may be filed until Dec. 31, 1957. Even where one of the partners has died, the marriages can be legitimized retroactively, provided only that the will to con-tract the marriage-was clearly discernible. This is of importance in cases where the surviving partner becomes eligible for a pension when recognized as a widow.

DESECRATION OF JEWISH CEMETERIES CONTINUES IN GERMANY; CHILDREN BLAMED

HAMBURG, July 11. (JTA) -- The city of Hamburg has "sharply condemned" the desecration of a Jewish cemetery in the suburb of Ohlsdorf, in which 38 headstones were recently smashed. The municipal council has also undertaken to repair the damage which police officials said was caused by nine thirteen-year-old children in an "excess of sheer high spirits."

Meanwhile, it was reported from Brunswick that a gang of hooligans broke into an ancient Jewish cemetery, recently restored, on the outskirts of that city, and overturned 46 headstones. Police have failed to trace the gang, whose members used crowbars in their operation.

SWEDISH COURT SENTENCES ANTI-SEMITE TO THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT

STOCKHOLM, July II. (JTA) -- Einar Aberg, notorious anti-Semitic agitator here, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment. Aberg had been accused of compiling anti-Jewish leaflets containing anti-Semitic comments from foreign newspapers and to have forwarded the leaflets to addresses in Britain and the United States. He had a number of previous arrests and convictions on similar charges.

JEWISH DESIGNER OF JET FIGHTER DECORATED BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT

PARIS, July 11. (JTA) -- Marcel Dassault, designer of the Mystere and Ouragan Jet fighters has been awarded the Grand Cross of the French Legion of Honor. The award was conferred on the recommendation of the French cabinet. M. Dassault, who kept his resistance name after the war, was deported to Buchenwald by the Vichy regime. At that time he used his family name of Bloch.

DR. KAPITSA, FAMED JEWISH SCIENTIST, REPORTED NOW FREE IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- (JTA) -- Dr. Peter L. Kapitsa, the Soviet Union's leading nuclear physicist, was under house arrest from 1946 until after Stalin's death in 1953, the New York Times reported today. Citing United States scientists returning from the USSR, the Times said that Dr. Kapitza has been returned to his work and was host to some of the American scientists.

The Jewish scientist was reported to have fallen out of favor with Stalin after his refusal to work on nuclear weapons developments, allegedly insisting that as a scientist he must judge the direction of his research. Dr. Kapitza twice won the Stalin prize for scientific achievements and the British Faraday Prize.

In 1941, Dr. Kapitza, in an appeal from Moscow addressed to Jews throughout the world, urged Jewish scientists "to contribute all their strength and knowledge" to the defeat of Nazism. In his appeal, broadcast over the Moscow radio, Dr. Kapitza said:

"The history of world science and art is much indebted to the Jewish people. Historical factors scattered the Jews among all countries 2,000 years ago. Therefore, their work has been closely bound up with the country of their residence. This accentuates the international value of their creative activities and their influence on world progress. But precisely these conditions frequently subject them to the danger of cruel reprisals. When some country enters a period of dark reaction, its authorities instigate persecution of the Jews. Playing up the basest human instincts by organizing anti-Jewish pogroms, they try to divert the people's attention from the real causes of their country's plight.

"One may say with assurance that never before has history witnessed such systematic and cruel persecution of the Jews as that now taking place in Germany. Most of the outstanding scientists, such as Einstein, Frank and Haber--recognized by the whole world, honored with Nobel prizes--together with the men of letters and art were exiled from Germany. Especially striking is the case of Haber, whose scientific activities were of such singular importance for Germany in the last World War. Without his method of obtaining nitric acid from air Germany would not have been able to hold out a year, in view of its lack of this essential raw material for the production of explosives. Haber was forced to leave Germany and die in exile.

"Now, when the whole world of culture and democracy has risen for a decisive struggle against Nazism, we are firmly convinced that the Jewish scientists of the whole world will join this struggle and contribute to it all their strength and knowledge. The outcome of this struggle can not be in doubt. The world cannot tolerate for long the barbarism of Nazi Germany. The more concertedly we stand up to this war, the earlier it will end and the larger the number of people we shall save from suffering and destruction."

MICHIGAN DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE INSPECTORS TO BE TAUGHT KASHRUTH

DETROIT, July 11. (JTA) -- A training course for Michigan Department of Agriculture inspectors to teach them kashruth criteria so that they might recognize kashruth violations, is being conducted by the Council of Orthodox Rabbis. This new development is a result of a series of meetings arranged by the Jewish Community Council of Detroit with the Michigan State Agriculture Department officials.

The meetings were arranged because a number of questions had been raised about the strict adherence to kashruth as regards the meat sold by some kosher butchers, and the products advertised as kosher and found in certain restaurants, delicatessens, markets, etc. Questions were raised as to whether some of these actually meet the criteria for kashruth, violation of which is subject to legal sanctions, according to Agriculture Department regulations.

Rabbi Isaac Stollman, chairman of the Council of Orthodox Rabbis, expressed gratification to the Jewish Community Council for being instrumental in arranging with Department of Agriculture officials for the institution of the training course for the state food inspectors.

CONGRESSIONAL BODY DECIDES TO STRIKE MEDAL HONORING BRANDEIS

WASHINGTON, July 11. (JTA) -- The House Banking Committee gave unanimous approval yesterday to a bill to honor the late Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis. The measure provides that a special medal be struck to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of the late Justice.

ISRAELI TROUPE LEAVES FOR INTERNATIONAL THEATRE FESTIVAL IN PARIS

TEL AVIV, July 11. (JTA) -- The Chamber Theatre troupe of Israel left today for Paris where it will give eight performances at the International Theatre Festival. The group will present Berthold Brecht's "Good Woman of Szechuan" and the Hebrew play "He Went into the Fields."