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## TWO GOVERNMENT BOARDS PROBE JERUSALEM SABBATH RIOTING

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Two investigations got under way here today into the Sabbath-observance demonstration and resulting rioting on Saturday which caused one death and at least twenty injuries.

A special five-man Government Inquiry Commission, headed by Judge Eliahu Mani, opened its investigation by setting its term of reference, then announced it would start taking public testimony tomorrow. This commission, which has been instructed by the Cabinet to draw up recommendations for measures that might prevent a recurrence of such rioting, is trying to find out (1) who started the Sabbath-observance demonstration; (2) who was responsible for a counter-demonstration; (3) what led to the death of Pinchas Segelov, 55, a member of the extremist Neturei Karta, who died Saturday night, a few hours after he was brought to the hospital following the two hours of violent rioting.

The second probe is being conducted by a committee composed of Ministers of Interior, Posts, Transport, and Labor. Israel Bar Yehudah, Minister of the Interior, and a member of the left-wing Ahdut Haavoda, is chairman of this ministerial committee.

The first charge probed by the ministerial committee seemed to support members of the Neturei Karta who had charged that trucks were being used on the Sabbath to transport workers. The regular buses are not licensed to run on the Sabbath. No licenses for such use of trucks to carry passengers on the Sabbath had been issued, the ministerial committee established.

The demonstration Saturday, the most violent ever staged here, began when about 150 elderly members of the Neturei Karta staged a public prayer meeting in the streets on the western outskirts of the city. Wearing prayer shawls, they prayed for Sabbath observance, in protest against motorists running their vehicles. At the same time, a crowd of youths threw up road blocks and, allegedly, started stoning motorists. Later, the youths were charged with having stoned police and aiming missiles at pedestrians who were hatless or were smoking.

Police used truncheons and employed high-pressure water hose to disperse the crowd which had grown to about 5,000. It was at the end of the rioting that Mr. Segelov was brought to the hospital. Seven policemen were injured, and three civilians, one a woman, were also treated for injuries. Among the religious demonstrators, at least 10 more were hurt.

Yesterday, when funeral services were held for Mr. Segelov, the crowd of mourners numbered about 20,000. The government was represented at the services by Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs. Members of the Cabinet and some members of parliament also attended, as well as leaders of the Neturei Karta and of the Mizrahi, Agudas Israel and other religious parties.

## BEN GURION, BURNS CONFER ON TRUCE OBSERVANCE MEASURES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion had a two-hour meeting today with Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce supervision chief, who was accompanied by his political advisor, Henri Vigier.

The meeting considered the question of freedom of movement for UN military observers, the marking of demarcation lines, general armistice observances and the reduction of tension along the frontiers.

## FRENCH REAFFIRM STAND ON FREEDOM OF PASSAGE THROUGH SUEZ FOR ALL

PARIS, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Yakov Tsur conferred with French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau for 40 minutes today on the current Middle East situation. It was their first meeting since Mr. Tsur returned to Paris from his vacation.

While no details of the discussion were given, it is understood that M. Pineau reaffirmed the fact that France insists that freedom of navigation should be maintained through the Suez Canal for all nations, without exception.

## ISRAEL WARNS POWERS SUEZ BLOCKADE IMPERILS THEIR NAVIGATION RIGHTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Israel reminded members of the United Nations today that, for five years, "Egypt has used its proximity to the Suez Canal to deny members of the United Nations their freedom to trade with each other through an international waterway."

At the same time, it warned the maritime powers and the five-power commission scheduled to open talks in Cairo today with President Nasser on proposals for control of the Suez Canal, that "there is no distinction between the rights of Israel in this matter and those of any other country. No government is in a good position to assert its own rights if it allows equal and identical rights to be denied to others."

The reminder and warning were contained in a statement issued by Ambassador, Abba S. Eban, permanent representative of Israel to the United Nations. The statement warned that while Israel has been the chief object of Egyptian discrimination, "it is evident that any government with whose policies Egypt chose to disagree could in the future be the victim of this lawless sanction. For, if Egypt is entitled to block Israeli ships at her own whim, she is entitled to block the ships of any other nation. Conversely, if Egypt is not authorized to interfere with Suez Canal shipping in general, she may not apply interference in any particular case."

## MAPAI AGREES TO REVISION OF COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE SYSTEM

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The Mapai Party convention was concluded this weekend with a ringing call to the people of Israel to be prepared and alert. The appeal proclaimed Israel's right to act in self-defense in the face of any hostile act by its neighbors.

The convention tackled the highly controversial question of cost-of-living allowances, the supplementary pay allowance based on cost of living indices. Mapai officials in the Government, led by Premier David Ben Gurion, had pressed for revision of the existing system whereby the allowances are adjusted to the index figures every three months. The revision was opposed by trade union leaders.

After heated debate, the convention adopted a resolution accepting the need for revision but placing it in the hands of the party's newly-elected central committee with instructions to work out a new system within two months.

The convention gave full backing to Premier Ben Gurion on the Suez Canal issue. It voted a resolution declaring that "as long as Israel is not assured of free navigation of the Red Sea and the Suez Canal, peace and quiet in this area cannot be established." It criticized the London conference on the Suez Canal for the failure to invite Israel.

It sharply attacked Krishna Menon, the Indian envoy, charging that his "open discrimination" against Israel overshadowed his government's professions for peace and equality.

The convention "deplored" violation of Article 8 of the Israel-Jordanian armistice agreement which calls for free access to the Holy Places and free passage and use of the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital buildings. It declared that the inaction of the United Nations on these questions compels the Israel Government to take steps to ensure its rights.

Another resolution called on the Soviet Government to grant its Jewish population the same rights as other minorities in the Soviet Union--the right to educate its children in Hebrew or Yiddish and the right to establish cultural and educational institutions. It voiced hope that all the countries of Eastern Europe would permit every Jew eager to emigrate to Israel to do so.

The convention expressed belief that Israel's links with the Jews of the world were of the utmost importance. It urged the Israel Government and the Zionist Organization to promote cultural ties between Israel and the Jews of the world.

The convention elected Dr. Giora Josephthal, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, as secretary-general of the Mapai Party. His successor in the Jewish Agency post has not yet been announced.

## Israel New Briefs

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- One of the three soldiers wounded when a patrol car struck a landmine in the Nitzana (El Auja) area Thursday, died of his injuries, bringing the death toll from this incident to two.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Israel Army circles said here this weekend that they had no information on a series of alleged incidents in which the Egyptians charged that 13 Egyptian soldiers were killed in three Israeli raids across the demarcation lines.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Walter Eytan, director-general of the Israel Foreign Ministry, left today for Bucharest, Budapest and Sofia on a tour which had been scheduled for last June.

### WARSAW WRITER BIDS JEWS NOT TO SEEK TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- A remarkable plea to the surviving Jews of Poland not to be stampeded into emigration to Israel appears in an issue of Volkstimme, Warsaw Yiddish newspaper, which has just been received here.

In a surprisingly frank appraisal of the situation, the writer, Shmuel Hurwitz, admitted that "there would be no point in denying that a great many Jews in Poland have become very restless." He denied, however, that "there are many who have reached a final decision to leave."

The desire to emigrate is not confined to "those disposing of considerable means or well-situated relatives," or to the "enemies of Socialism who have been longing for the paradise of capitalism," he admitted but extends to the average "man in the street."

He attributed this development not only to the "more liberal-minded visa facilities now available, to the fact that experiences in World War I and II and the Maidenek (extermination camp) period had not yet been overcome but also to the anti-Semitic trends and incidents of the recent past, which have left their impact although both the (Communist) Party and the Government had denounced discrimination clearly in recent statements."

The writer appealed to the Jews not to "exaggerate disproportionately" incidents of anti-Semitism and discrimination in the country. He asserted that the Polish Government had clearly demonstrated its concern for the interests of the Jews of Poland. He pledged that the Social and Cultural Union of Jews in Poland would continue its efforts to improve upon the cultural life of the Jewish community which, he said, he was convinced would "meet the challenge and stand its ground."

There are about 50,000 Jews in Poland today, remnants of a community which exceeded three million at the outbreak of World War II. Under the present "liberalized" visa policy of the Polish Government, about a hundred passports a month are being issued to Polish Jews who want to emigrate to Israel to join relatives residing there.

### WOMAN IN ANNEKE BEEKMAN CASE TO FACE SPECIAL COURT IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Mrs. Gertrude van Moorst, the wartime foster-mother of the Dutch Jewish orphan, Anneke Beekman, whom she has refused to surrender to the Jewish community as ordered by the Dutch courts, will appear before a special court in Liege to fight extradition to Holland.

Mrs. van Moorst escaped from Holland after she had been sentenced, in absentia, to a prison term for her role in kidnapping and spiriting away the Jewish child so that she would be reared as a Catholic. The woman was found and arrested in a small Belgian town last month. The child is still missing.

Considerable press attention has been focussed on the case since the woman's arrest and the Belgian Catholic papers make no attempt to hide their sympathy for the van Moorst family. The court proceedings will be closed to the public.

### NO FUTURE FOR JEWS IN GERMANY, RABBI PRINZ REPORTS AFTER VISIT

NEWARK, N. J. Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Rabbi Joachim Prinz, who was expelled from Germany by the Nazis 19 years ago when he occupied the pulpit of one of Berlin's principal congregations, said today on return from a visit to Berlin that "there is no future for young Jews in Germany."

While in Berlin, Dr. Prinz addressed a congregation numbering about 350 in a synagogue recently rebuilt by the West German Government on the site where his old Temple had been destroyed on Hitler's orders in 1933. The 350 who attended the service conducted by Dr. Prinz are the remainder of a once-flourishing congregation numbering 3,000. Mostly, they were old people, he said.

The Adenauer government, the rabbi declared, had been helping Jewish communities rebuild their old synagogues. However, he added, there are not enough Jews left to fill the synagogues, so smaller buildings are being constructed and "these are often a combination of synagogue and home for the aged because 70 per cent of the Jews in Germany today are older people." German Jewry, which totaled 550,000 in 1933, is now reduced to 22,000, he stated; while Berlin's 1933 Jewish population of 175,000 has now been reduced to about 4,000. There is not a single fulltime rabbi in Berlin now, Dr. Prinz said.

Dr. Prinz, who is a member of the World Jewish Congress executive, found that "many German intellectuals have a deep sense of guilt, but they don't know how to make up for the wrongs that were done. There is a whole generation of Germans who simply don't know a Jew. Among the older Germans, there is enough of the Nazi poison left to cause even well-meaning Gentiles to say that the country could only take back a limited number of Jews because the country simply could not psychologically digest many of them." Even German Christians who "have tried to evoke a better understanding of Judaism and Jewish problems" feel the country could not absorb many Jews, Dr. Prinz stated.

# LABOR GROUP CHARGES STATE DEPT. SURRENDER TO ARAB STATES ON BIAS

NEW YORK, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The Jewish Labor Committee, in a report published today, accused the State Department of surrender to demands by Arab States to bar American citizens of the Jewish faith from military or civilian employment at U. S. bases in Arab countries.

The committee's report charged that "the State Department has submitted to this blackmail by the Arab States and has thus far failed to take effective action to end this discrimination, despite ample diplomatic precedent. The U. S. Government and its State Department are thus remiss in their obligation to assure and protect the equal rights of United States citizens to travel, to pursue lawful trade, and to engage in other activities abroad without distinction as to race or religion."

The State Department's policy deprives American Jews of equal employment rights, violates the constitutional rights of American soldiers of the Jewish faith and violates the civil rights of Americans of the Jewish faith, the report claims. It declares the issue to be "the defense of the dignity of the American passport, and the defense by the State Department of the equal rights of American citizens overseas against any discrimination by a foreign power."

## COURT OVERRULES ZONING BOARD, PERMITS HOLIDAY TENT SERVICES

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- A ruling by a suburban zoning board that would have forbidden a Conservative Jewish congregation from holding High Holiday services in a tent erected for the purpose has been reversed in the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court at Norristown near here. As a result, the Congregation B'nai Israel, of Olney, will hold Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services in a large tent in Melrose Park, not far from its permanent Temple.

The congregation applied last April to the Cheltenham Township Zoning Board for permission to use its tent for High Holiday services. The zoning board had granted such a permit last year when it was informed that the entire congregation membership could not be accommodated in the Temple. In granting the permit in 1955, the board ruled that the 1955 permit was not to be construed as a precedent.

When the congregation applied for a permit for this year's services, the board ruled that the grounds on which the tent was to be erected "were not maintained to the satisfaction of the neighbors," and held that increased automobile traffic would also violate township regulations. The congregation appealed the ban to Commons Pleas Court. A number of Protestant clergymen and the local Civic Association backed the congregation's appeal.

In reversing the zoning board's ruling, the court held that the board had been "unreasonable and arbitrary" and that its ban of the tent services amounted to "flagrant abuse of discretion."

## HOODLUMS HELD AFTER INVADING NEW YORK SYNAGOGUE DURING SERVICES

NEW YORK, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Two teen-aged hoodlums who chased two girls into Temple Beth Am, in Washington Heights, during Sabbath services, and attacked worshippers, will be arraigned for hearing in Felony Court Sept. 11 on charges of felonious assault. They were held in \$500 bail.

The youths, described as "partly intoxicated," molested the girls outside the synagogue. When the girls fled into the edifice for refuge, they pursued them. An usher who intervened to maintain order, was slashed with a garrison belt. The two rowdies threw chairs and flowerpots, striking four worshippers, and shouted anti-Semitic epithets. Two radio cars responded to the alarm.

## LABOR'S 'HUMANITARIAN AWARD' FOR 1956 TO GO TO SENATOR LEHMAN

FOREST PARK, Pa. Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The 1956 "Humanitarian Award" of the labor movement will be awarded to Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, it was announced following a meeting of the executive council of AFL-CIO here. The award is in recognition of Sen. Lehman's "outstanding contribution to humanity in his whole public career as Senator, Governor, for his work in community ventures, and his championship of liberal causes."

## LAZAR BRAUDO, VETERAN SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONIST, DIES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Lazar Braudo, one of the founders of the Zionist movement in South Africa, and president of the South African Zionist Federation for many years, died at his home in Tel Benyamin, aged 76.

Mr. Braudo lived in Tel Benyamin since 1933, when he moved his home to Palestine. Born in Lithuania, he emigrated in youth to South Africa where he became a successful businessman. In addition to Zionist activities, he was also chairman of the Board of Directors of Africa Palestine Investments, Ltd. Before Israel's liberation, from 1933 to 1947, he was chairman of the board of directors of the Anglo-Palestine Bank.