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AMERICAN WATER EXPERT IN ISRAEL ABDUCTED BY SYRIAN TROOPS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- An American water expert, Herbert Mark, was one of two civilians abducted by Syrian troops in the Lake Tiberias area yesterday, it was announced here today. United Nations truce officials, alerted by Israeli authorities, are negotiating the return of the two men.

An investigation established that the car in which they were travelling was fired on and halted on the Western bank of the Jordan River about 100 yards north of Lake Tiberias. The bullet riddled, burned out hulk of the automobile was found there.

United Nations officials today issued a report confirming a complaint by Jordan that 10 Jordanians were killed in an Israeli attack last Thursday evening on the desert headquarters of the Arab Legion at Gharandal. The report stated that the UN-observers visited Gharandal yesterday and established that the headquarters were reduced to a mass of rubble and that many Jordanian military vehicles had been destroyed. According to the UN report, cartridge casings on the scene bore Israeli markings.

(At the United Nations headquarters in New York, UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld called in the diplomatic representatives of Israel and Jordan this week-end and handed them a "note verbale" pointing to "the serious consequences that might come about if the current chain of events was not brought to an end immediately by careful avoidance of all further acts of violence.")

EGYPT'S POLICY OF AGGRESSION THREATENS ISRAEL'S SECURITY, ESHKOL SAYS

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The danger faced by Israel was emphasized by Levi Eshkol, Israel Minister of Finance, in a statement issued upon his arrival in the United States this week-end.

The Israel Minister expressed "grateful thanks" to the Government and the people of the United States for the economic aid and technical assistance given to the Jewish State. He also expressed "deep gratitude" to the Jews in this country for their contributions to the United Jewish Appeal and the purchase of Israel bonds. Mr. Eshkol will address the economic conference of the Israel Bond Organization which opens in Washington next Saturday evening.

"We live in danger, but our efforts continue to be directed toward peaceful development and regional cooperation," Mr. Eshkol said in his statement. "We possess the absolute conviction and utter faith that these efforts will succeed."

"In the past year," the statement continued, "our work was made incomparably more difficult by Egypt's policies of aggression. Egyptian rearmament has presented us with a tangible threat to our security. This threat, which not only imperils our very existence, but also endangers the peace of the area and the entire world, can only be met by corresponding reinforcement of Israel. Egypt's policies of aggression and domination continue, therefore, to compel us to divert both manpower and resources to defence and preparedness."

"On our part, we are determined to continue our course of concentrating on the development of our country's economy so as to make possible the continued immigration of tens of thousands of Jews who in their search for human dignity and integration seek haven and home in our midst," Mr. Eshkol declared. The Israel Minister revealed that 51,000 immigrants entered Israel during the last twelve months.

DULLES DETERMINED ON FREE PASSAGE OF ALL SHIPS THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is leaving tomorrow for London for another 18-nation conference which will open on Wednesday to discuss the implementation of his plan to form a Suez Canal users association which is to operate the waterway for the passage of ships of all nations including Israel.

Informed sources here indicated that Secretary Dulles is determined to see to it that Egypt should not have the unfettered right to manage traffic through the Suez Canal, so as not to discriminate against shipping as is the case now when ships flying the Israeli flag are barred from the canal, or when ships of other nations carrying cargo to and from Israel are not permitted passage by the Egyptian authorities.

JERUSALEM RELIGIOUS LEADERS IGNORE HEARING ON SABBATH DEMONSTRATION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Judge Eliyahu Man, president of the public commission investigating the death of 55-year-old Pinhas Segalow during a Neturei Karta demonstration Sept. 1, issued a blast today against religious leaders who "strengthen the hand" of the ultra-Orthodox group by refusing to testify before the commission. Other members of the inquiry group refused to associate themselves with Judge Man's statement.

Earlier, witnesses representing the Histadrut and the left-wing Socialist Mapam testified that the majority of Jerusalem residents were not Orthodox and that the anti-Sabbath traffic demonstrations sparked by the Neturei Karta sect were not representatives of Jerusalemites. I. Klebanoff, speaking for the Mapam, warned that counter-demonstrations by the anti-religious forces would gain in momentum thus aggravating the situation. He noted that taxi drivers were considering action against the Orthodox demonstrators who were interfering with their source of income.

Moshe Gewirtzman, former Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem and a representative of the Hapoel Hamizrachi, challenged the assertion that the majority of Jerusalem residents were not Orthodox, pointing to school registration figures which indicated that more than 60 percent of the city's schoolchildren were enrolled in institutions operated by the Orthodox.

The Neturei Karta has no monopoly on Sabbath demonstrations, he insisted. There is a strong feeling that unless Sabbath traffic to amusement places and swimming pools is not checked, public transportation on the Sabbath will become an accepted practice in Jerusalem.

While he deprecated the activities of the Neturei Karta, Mr. Gewirtzman said that grounds existed for continuation of the demonstrations, without which desecration of the Sabbath would spread. He opposed a suggestion by police chief Levi Abrahams that traffic be banned in three districts of the city where the Orthodox are concentrated. All of Jerusalem is holy, the Mizrahi Laborite declared, and such a proposal would only create ghettos in Jerusalem.

ISRAEL TO HAVE STRONG DELEGATION AT U. N. ATOMIC ENERGY CONFERENCE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Israel will be represented by a strong delegation at the conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency which opens here this Thursday.

Two leading Israeli scientists will come here from Israel to join the delegation. They are: Dr. Israel Dostrovsky, director of research of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission; and Dr. Giulio Racah, professor of theoretical physics at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The delegation will be headed by Abba Eban.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT PLEDGES BETTER CARE OF JEWISH CEMETERIES

BONN, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Federal Government will devote greater effort in the future to the upkeep and safeguarding of isolated Jewish cemeteries in West Germany; particularly in the hundreds of towns and villages where former Jewish communities have been totally wiped out, Federal Minister of the Interior Dr. Gerhard Schroeder pledged in a message to the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

The cemeteries, which in rural areas often are in a deplorable state, have for many years been a subject of negotiations between the Central Council of Jews in Germany and the Federal Ministry of the Interior. In the famed Statement of Governmental Policy on Jewish questions, which Federal Chancellor Adenauer delivered before the Bundestag in September 1951, the obligation to restore and maintain these burial grounds was recognized, but actual execution of the policy has been held up by several factors, among them the tendency of the Bonn Federal Government to shift jurisdiction to the individual state governments, while the latter generally hold Bonn responsible.

Now the Federal Government has adopted a formal cabinet decision declaring its readiness to join with the individual states in taking care of the cemeteries, in lieu of the destroyed Jewish communities. The cabinet decision undertakes to include in the federal budget an annual appropriation "to supplement corresponding funds of the individual states."

Particulars regarding the safeguarding and custodianship of the cemeteries are to be settled in an agreement that is to be reached with the Jewish representatives, says the cabinet decision. A joint cemetery committee was formed for this purpose several years ago by the Jewish organizations concerned.

ABRAHAM ZYSU, HELD IN RUMANIAN JAILS FOR FIVE YEARS, DIES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Abraham Zysu, veteran Rumanian Zionist leader who recently arrived in Israel, died here early today. He was 69 years old. Mr. Zysu, who spent five years in Rumanian prisons where he had been sent for Zionist activities, was confined to his bed from the very day of his arrival in this country. Several times he was moved to a hospital for treatment and then returned home.

GERMANY PRAISED ON IMPLEMENTATION OF REPARATIONS PACT WITH ISRAEL

COLOGNE, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Marking the fourth anniversary of the day that Federal Chancellor Konrad Adenauer for West Germany and then Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett for Israel met in Luxembourg City Hall to sign the Reparations Agreement between the two states, the head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Germany issued to the German press an anniversary declaration praising German implementation of the pact as having come up to expectations entertained in Israel, in Germany and by world public opinion.

Excerpts from the statement by Minister F. E. Shinnar, chief Israel representative in Germany, are being carried in many German dailies under headlines such as "Israel is Satisfied with Bonn," a formulation used by Germany's most influential newspaper, the "Frankfurter Allgemeine."

Referring to the events of the recent past which have no parallel in the history of mankind with respect to extent and frightfulness, Dr. Shinnar makes the point that the readiness of the Federal Republic to make good the material injuries precipitated by those events has, in the past four years, underscored the German determination to adopt law and justice, rather than might and despotism, as the guiding principles of state policy.

Going beyond the issue of reparations as such, Dr. Shinnar notes that the gradual normalization of relations between the Federal Republic and Israel, characterized as it was by circumspection as well as heedfulness, has hitherto proceeded in an orbit marked by discernment and responsibility. The declaration concludes with the observation that only from the perspective of a later period will it be possible to appraise fully the contribution of reparations deliveries to Israel's peaceful construction effort.

J. D. C. PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO 166,900 JEWS OVERSEAS DURING PAST YEAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has provided assistance to 166,900 needy Jews in Israel, Europe and the Moslem countries during 1955, it was reported today by the JDC headquarters.

The largest group aided -- 99,135 -- were Jews in the Moslem world, including Algeria, Iran, Morocco, Tangier, Tunisia and others. In these countries nearly one of every five Jewish men, women and children received JDC's help, the report says. Major JDC programs in the Moslem world included cultural and religious assistance to more than 71,000; feeding for 37,395; medical aid, 24,760; child care, 8,890; vocational training, through the ORT, 5,550; and other aid.

The report also indicates the continued assistance provided by Malben, JDC's welfare program on behalf of aged, ill and handicapped newcomers to Israel. In 1955 the program aided 20,105 men, women and children in a network of old age homes, hospitals, sanatoria, sheltered workshops and other institutions throughout the Jewish State. Among those aided were 2,543 in homes for the aged and 1,293 in TB institutions. In addition, nearly 5,000 individuals benefited through Malben reconstruction loans.

The report also shows that 2,222,000 pounds of surplus foodstuffs donated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture were distributed to needy individuals in seven countries during the year. The food distribution by JDC was carried on in France, Germany, Italy, Morocco, Tunisia and Yugoslavia. Principal items in the distribution included butter, cheese, powdered milk and cottonseed oil, the latter item being distributed for the first time. A monthly average of nearly 70,000 people benefited from the U. S. D. A. surplus. These figures include institutional feeding and direct donations, but do not include summer camp or emergency distributions.

In a foreword to the report, Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman, notes that in North Africa, while emigration has already resulted in a decrease of the Jewish population, it has not, however, affected the number of those still requiring JDC assistance. The reason for this, he declares, is that "the economic crisis and political unrest have apparently displaced more groups from normal life than emigration could absorb."

BELGIAN GOVERNMENT APPROVES A SECOND FLOTATION OF ISRAEL BONDS

BRUSSELS, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Belgian Government has informed the Israel legation here that it has approved a second flotation of Israel development bonds in this country, it was revealed today.

The issue will amount to \$500,000. Although the proceeds of the bond sales may not be taken out of Belgium, they can be placed in a fund to pay for Israeli purchases from Belgian companies. The first Israel bond issue was completely subscribed.

Belgian Jews were warned by the Israel legation here today against unauthorized persons soliciting for alleged Israeli causes. If in doubt, the legation said, the Belgian Jew should check either with the institution in Israel for which the solicitation is theoretically being made or with the Zionist Federation of Belgium.

VETERANS PROTEST OUSTING OF JEWISH MUSICIAN FROM AIR FORCE ORCHESTRA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The American Veterans Committee has protested to the Secretary of the Air Force against the ouster of a Jewish violinist from the Air Force orchestra here because he asked to be excused from playing at a party Saturday so that he could attend Yom Kippur services. He attended services.

In a letter to Secretary Donald A. Quarles, AVC executive director Kenneth Birkhead called the ouster of Airman I/C Irving Weinstein "appalling" and asserted that "such strict ironclad and rigid discipline can only be expected by the atheistic-Communist nations of the slave world."

The story, as revealed in the Washington Daily News this week-end, was that when Airman Weinstein insisted on attending services rather than playing with the Air Force Symphony Orchestra at Bolling Field, Col. George S. Howard, chief of bands for the Air Force, had him removed from the musical unit and given "extra duties." Three other Jewish musicians played when they were told by Col. Howard that he did not have to keep them on the orchestra here if he did not want to.

ACADEMY FOR HIGHER JEWISH LEARNING FOUNDED IN N. Y. : OPENS NEXT MONTH

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Academy for Higher Jewish Learning, a post-graduate institution devoted to the study of Jewish history, culture, literature, philosophy and religion, and offering a full program of rabbinical studies leading to ordination, was founded today in New York. The first classes of the academic year will be held on October 1st, when more than 20 graduate students who have applied for admission to the Academy will meet for the opening sessions.

The Academy will have two major divisions, the Academy for Higher Jewish Learning proper, which will offer courses on a graduate level in all fields of Jewish studies, and a Rabbinical School where students who wish to devote themselves to the Jewish religious ministry may prepare themselves for ordination as rabbis. Dr. Felix A. Levy, formerly of Chicago, will be dean of the Rabbinical School of the new Academy. Dr. Levy is a past president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and was rabbi of the Emanuel Congregation of Chicago for over 47 years.

The Academy, in its approach to rabbinical education, is not committed to any single interpretation of Judaism. Students of any persuasion and opinion may enter the Academy, without any creedal or ritual requirement being made of them. Members of the faculty include rabbis from all branches of Judaism, as well as Jewish scholars who are not members of the clergy.

In its "Statement of Purpose," the Academy says that it "seeks to be inclusive with respect to varying viewpoints in Jewish belief and practice. It wishes to serve the entire household of Israel, and students may choose their particular field of service in Jewish life. It is an academy where man preparing for the rabbinate may study together though espousing different points of view."

GROUP OF 29 AMERICAN AND CANADIAN YOUTHS SAIL FOR STUDY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- A party of 29 young American and Canadian men and women embarked for Haifa this week-end to participate in the sixth Youth Workshop in Israel. The group is sponsored by the Habonim Organization.

The young people will spend nine months in Israel in a work and study program at Kfar Blum and Gesher Haziv. Six months will be spent in part-time agricultural activities and study and the remaining three months will be divided into study seminars and educational tours throughout the Jewish State.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS FORMS INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The formation of an International Affairs Department at the American Jewish Congress was announced here today. The new department will be concerned with world events which affect the American Jewish community. Dr. Edward B. Glick, an authority on international relations, has been appointed to head the department.

Of special interest to the department are the activities of the United Nations and its various agencies and developments in the Middle East and in Jewish communities throughout the globe. The department will maintain close liaison with experts of the World Jewish Congress in order to transmit first-hand information and program data to AJC units throughout the nation. In addition, the department will conduct studies of world problems.

WILLIAM MAZER NAMED HEAD OF NEW YORK CAMPAIGN FOR ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The appointment of William Mazer, nationally prominent civic and communal leader, as chairman of the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds, was announced today by Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization. Mr. Mazer will direct a citywide campaign to raise \$15,000,000 in Israel Bond investment funds throughout the Greater New York area by the end of 1956.