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ISRAEL REJECTS JORDAN'S EXPLANATION OF KILLING OF ARCHAEOLOGISTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Golda Meir summoned United Nations truce supervisor Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns to her office today to protest yesterday's wanton killing of three Israelis and the wounding of 15 others when Jordanian troops in the Jerusalem area opened fire on a party of several hundred people attending an archaeological lecture at Ramath Rachel. Mrs. Meir rejected Jordan's "preposterous claim" that a Jordanian soldier had suddenly gone berserk and fired a Bren gun at the crowd.

At the same time, the Foreign Ministry issued a statement charging that the Jordan version of the attack contradicted the facts as revealed by an investigation of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission. Both Israeli and non-Israeli witnesses gave testimony to the MAC team and said they had made out two machine guns firing, in addition to a single rifle, the Foreign Ministry noted.

The shooting lasted at least 90 seconds, which is beyond the 20-round capacity of a single Bren gun, it was pointed out. The number of casualties also disproves the assertion that only one attacker was involved, the Foreign Ministry said, expressing surprise that the UN truce organization would give currency to this explanation.

A communique issued by United Nations truce headquarters last night reported that the senior Jordan delegate to the Mixed Armistice Commission had informed it: "One of our soldiers was suddenly taken by madness, seized a Bren gun, and directed it at a group of people in the Ramath Rachel settlement and started firing. He was arrested immediately and taken to a hospital." The communique also expressed Gen. Burns' "deepest sympathy" to the relatives of the dead Israelis and to the men and women wounded in this "tragic event."

In her talk with Gen. Burns this morning, Mrs. Meir emphasized that Israel placed full responsibility on the Jordan Government and army command which is responsible for both the discipline and mental state of its soldiers. She declared that confidential statements to Israeli representatives that the Jordan Government and army commanders were doing everything possible to ensure quiet along the borders were incompatible with overt incitement by Jordan authorities of enmity and war against Israel.

Israeli Woman Killed in New Attack; U.N. Body Condemns Jordan

In a new attack on Israelis in the Jerusalem area, Jordanians killed one of two Israeli women at work in a field close to the armistice lines. In another attack in the Beisan area one settler was wounded and one is missing.

The MAC today condemned Jordan for an attack on an Israeli oil camp in the Negev near the Dead Sea Sept. 12. Three Druze guards were murdered and their weapons stolen by infiltrators, the MAC said.

Meanwhile, a third Israeli died of wounds received in yesterday's attack at Ramath Rachel. He was Dr. Rudolf Rudberg, 46, president of the Israeli Dental Association. Of the 15 other persons wounded, eight are reported to have received serious wounds. J. Pinkerfeld, another victim, was a relative of Mrs. Meir.

A French Catholic monk, one of four in Ramath Rachel when the firing broke out, gave an eye-witness account of the attack over Kol Israel. He said between 600 and 700 people were listening to an explanation of ruins unearthed near the Israeli settlement when the hail of machine gun bullets began.

The monk, Father Jean Roger, reported that the crowd threw itself to the ground and remained there until the firing, which he estimated lasted nearly two minutes, ended. He reported that he and his fellow monks helped give first aid to the wounded. He was extremely laudatory of the archaeological congress.

The congress was resumed on schedule last night, although every delegate felt the pall of the murderous attack. President Ben Zvi made an unscheduled appearance at last night's session after having visited the wounded in the hospital. Hebrew University president Benjamin Mazar, who opened the session, called for a period of silence in memory of the victims. Then he dedicated the congress to "those dear members whose innocent blood was shed earlier by Arab Legionnaires." A garden party scheduled to be given for the delegates by the municipality of Jerusalem was cancelled as a sign of mourning.

BEN GURION HAILED ON HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY; WANTS NO CELEBRATIONS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, speaking in the name of the people of Israel and for Zionists all over the world, have hailed Premier David Ben Gurion on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

In keeping with the Premier's request, there have been no celebrations of his birthday. However, taking the advantage of the occasion of the opening of the twelfth National Archaeological Convention here, which was attended by leaders of government, education, science and religion in Israel, the President greeted Mr. Ben Gurion as a "liberator and statesman." In the name of the people of the country, he wished the Premier "long life and many productive years."

Dr. Goldmann, who spoke immediately after the President, called Mr. Ben Gurion an unusual personality who "fused the past with the present" and had "added a brilliant new chapter to Jewish history." In behalf of the World Zionist Organization, he expressed the hope that Mr. Ben Gurion would continue for a long time to contribute to his people's "eternal history."

Israel's leading newspapers marked the Premier's 70th birthday with articles and editorials which stressed the leading role he has played in Zionism and the labor movement for the last four decades. They paid special tribute to what they termed his vision and leadership in the years since Israel achieved independent statehood.

ISRAEL TO SEEK PARTICIPATION IN U.N. ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Israel was one of a number of governments whose delegations were preparing today to amend the proposed charter of the new International Atomic Energy Agency in such a way as to give a greater part to small nations, especially such countries as have highly developed scientific and industrial institutions.

The 81-nation conference, which opened last week, started this morning to hear the general comments of the various delegations. Steps were being taken to make the proposed charter more democratic than envisioned in the draft of the charter brought to the sessions by a group of 12 nations, including the Big Four powers. As far back as last winter, Israel was one of the spearheads in the move toward granting a larger share of participation to such states as Israel, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

Abba Eban, chairman of Israel's delegation, is known to be ready to introduce some amendments to the charter and is expected to pinpoint his country's stand when he addresses the conference next Friday. The Israel delegation includes four scientists, two of whom are noted in the fields of nuclear research and physics. These are: Prof. 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. They are joined by Victor Salkind and Dr. Ephraim Lahav, both of whom are scientific counsellors to the Israel Embassy in Washington.

On the diplomatic side, the Israel delegation is bolstered by a group of experienced United Nations participants, including deputy chairman Mordecai R. Kidron; Dr. Jacob Robinson, counsellor to Israel's permanent delegation here, and Arthur C. Liveran, another member of the permanent delegation.

ISRAEL GOVT. SENDS SHARETT ON GOODWILL TOUR OF ASIAN LANDS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, former Premier and Foreign Minister, embarked this week-end on a two-month tour of Asian countries. Mr. Sharett's trip was undertaken at the request of the Israel Government.

While Mr. Sharett carries no specific proposals on this trip, his purpose is to create friendly ties and sound out possibilities in a number of spheres. During the two months he will head an Israeli delegation to the forthcoming Asian Socialist conference in Bombay and will attend the Interparliamentary Conference in Bangkok. His itinerary includes Burma, the Philippines, Japan, Singapore, Ceylon, Nepal, Siam and perhaps several other states.

In a statement before his departure, Mr. Sharett explained that the purpose of his trip is to make "personal contact with the leaders of as many countries as possible" on the Asian continent and to renew friendships with those he has already met. Although he will not be engaged in an official government mission, Mr. Sharett pointed out, he will explain that Israel's policy in recent years is to establish and improve relations with all peace-loving nations, especially in Asia where Israel is situated.

ARAB-JEWISH ASSOCIATION FORMED IN HAIFA; SPONSORED BY MAPAM

TEL AVIV, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- A Jewish-Arab Association, under the sponsorship of the left-Socialist Mapam Party, was established in Haifa last night at a meeting attended by some 1,500 Jews and Arabs from nearby settlements and villages. The new association aims to promote full equality of rights for Jews and Arabs and hopes to achieve peace with the Arab states on the basis of co-existence.

BEN GURION HINTS BIG POWER MAY BECOME "TRUE ALLY" OF ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Israel must use this time in which "one can reasonably expect to be safe from Arab attack" to put its foreign affairs in order, Premier David Ben Gurion told the first meeting of the newly-elected Mapai Party general committee.

It was too early, Mr. Ben Gurion said, to judge whether indications of a political change of mind "in some quarters" were signs of a "genuine turn in our favor." However, he asserted there was ground for hope that before long Israel "would have a true ally." He also expressed complete confidence in the army's ability to defend the country.

The new Mapai general committee elected Dr. Giora Josephthal its secretary. Dr. Josephthal is now treasurer of the Jewish Agency.

CANADA REJECTS ARAB PROTESTS ON SALE OF JETS TO ISRAEL

OTTAWA, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Canada's Minister of Trade, C.D. Howe, rejected today Egyptian and Syrian protests of the Canadian decision to sell Israel 24 Sabre jets. The matter is a "purely commercial transaction" between the purchaser and a Canadian manufacturer, Mr. Howe asserted. "So far as I know, Egypt could do the same thing but they haven't applied."

In Vancouver today, Israel Ambassador Michael S. Comay characterized Egyptian protests as "preposterous" and asserted that the acquisition of 24 jet fighters "only partially corrects a dangerous situation created by Egypt." He charged that the Egyptian-Czech arms deal of last year had "inflamed the whole situation" in the Middle East.

ISRAEL FINANCE MINISTER MEETS WITH TOP U. S. OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol today met separately with top American officials to discuss economic matters bearing on Israel development. He saw Undersecretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr., Secretary of Agriculture Ezra P. Benson, Deputy Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs Herbert Prochnow and met for lunch with Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy on Near Eastern water cooperation.

In his meetings, Mr. Eshkol expressed Israel's view of the importance of American aid. It is thought that the \$75,000,000 loan requested by Israel from the Export-Import Bank will be discussed more intensively in the near future. Mr. Eshkol was accompanied by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and Meir Sherman, an Israeli economic official.

Mr. Eshkol and Ambassador Eban also met with William Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. It is believed that Mr. Eban, in the course of conversation today, drew the State Department's attention to the most recent Jordanian attack in which three members of an archaeological party were killed and 15 others were wounded at Ramath Rachel yesterday.

DR. GOLDMANN LEAVES FOR U. S. ; WILL INVITE NON-ZIONISTS INTO AGENCY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Although Israel's political situation has improved, its financial situation is most serious, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Jewish Agency, said here today on the eve of his departure for the United States tomorrow.

In a statement to newsmen, he said that while he was abroad he hoped to tackle two problems: the setting up of Zionist federations along territorial lines, and drawing non-Zionists into the Jewish Agency executive. Both were decisions of the last World Zionist Congress.

It is important to set up territorial organizations, Dr. Goldmann stated, because there are many unaffiliated people who will not join the Zionist organization because they do not want to join a Zionist party. He also spoke of the great value of including leading Jewish personalities and heads of major organizations on the Agency executive because they could rally greater forces to Israel's cause. In reply to a question, he said the Agudas Israel Organization would also be welcome if it should desire to cooperate with the Agency executive.

He reported that he had met Premier David Ben Gurion last Saturday, when he went to convey birthday godwishes, and had discussed with him the convening of a meeting of the Israel Government-Jewish Agency coordinating board. The board, consisting of seven members appointed by each party, coordinates immigration, settlement and other activities in which both have a stake.

Dr. Goldmann revealed that the World Jewish Congress, of which he is president, is selecting a delegation to visit the Soviet Union this winter. He has not yet decided whether he will go, he added.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FEDERATION OF LABOR TO FIGHT BIGOTRY IN HOTELS

LACONIA, N.H., Sept. 24. (JTA) -- A resolution spotlighting discrimination in the hotel and resort industry of New Hampshire and expressing support for a drive to pass civil rights legislation through the New Hampshire state legislature was unanimously adopted here this week-end at the annual convention of the state Federation of Labor.

The resolution pledged "active support of efforts to protect the civil rights of all our citizens in the fields of employment, public accommodations and education" and to fight for passage of an equal opportunities law "to outlaw bias in this state." The resolution was adopted after an address by Julius Bernstein, northeast regional director of the Jewish Labor Committee.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF LOUIS MARSHALL COMMEMORATED

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The 100th anniversary of the birth of Louis Marshall was commemorated here yesterday when the Jewish Theological Seminary of America named its quadrangle in honor of the late Mr. Marshall. The ceremonies marked the opening of the Seminary's 70th academic year.

Mr. Marshall was chairman of the Seminary's board of directors for the last 25 years of his life. A distinguished lawyer and at one time president of the American Jewish Committee, Mr. Marshall was active in virtually every major Jewish cause.

Other highpoints at the convocation ceremonies yesterday included the award of the Seminary's first Louis Marshall Memorial Medal to Samuel Friedland for establishing educational scholarships, and the presentation of citations to some 200 presidents and former presidents of congregations throughout the country for their services to Conservatism.

CITY OF FRANKFURT CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPEYER HOUSE"

FRANKFURT, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- In a solemn academic assembly, the University and the City of Frankfurt celebrated the jubilee of "Georg Speyer House," which Mrs. Franziska Speyer of the local Jewish banking family founded just fifty years ago to put at the disposal of Prof. Paul Ehrlich the world's first scientific institute for research in the field of chemotherapy.

In memory of her late husband Georg, Mrs. Speyer provided a gift of several million gold marks, an unprecedentedly munificent endowment by pre-World War I standards. Here Dr. Ehrlich, founding father of chemotherapy as well as of modern haematology and the first Nobel laureate of German Jewry who refused to submit to baptism in exchange for a German professorship, discovered salvarsan.

Until his death in 1915, Dr. Ehrlich headed "Georg Speyer House." On the grounds of "Georg Speyer House" an institute for polio research and for the testing of polio serum is now going up.

ISRAELI SOCCER TEAM LOSES FIRST GAME IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The Maccabi soccer team of Tel Aviv got off to a bad start here yesterday, losing the first of its six-game schedule in its current tour of the United States and Canada. They were beaten by the American League All-Stars 3-2.

The Israelis got off to an early lead, scoring their only two goals in the first eleven minutes of the first half. The All-Stars rallied late in the first half when they tied the score, and returned in the next period to boot in the winning goal.

The proceeds of the Israeli team's tour, sponsored by the B'nai Zion order, will go toward the construction of a 60,000-seat stadium in Tel Aviv. Mayor Robert F. Wagner and Judge Nathaniel S. Rothenberg, B'nai Zion president, addressed the more than 12,000 spectators before the game started.

JEWS IN ISRAEL, IN SUCCOTH CEREMONIES, PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Prayers for world peace were offered on Mt. Zion here yesterday by pilgrims from all parts of the country who gathered here in Succoth ceremonies reminiscent of ancient Israel. Seventy candelabra were lighted in symbolic representation of the nations of the world. Special trains brought many of the pilgrims to this city.

I.M. NEUMANN, PROMINENT JEWISH AUTHOR AND PLAYWRIGHT, DIES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Yeheskel Moshe Neumann, journalist, author, playwright and dramatic critic, died here yesterday after a heart attack. He was 63. Born in Poland, Mr. Neumann came to Israel in 1940. He joined the staff of the newspaper Davar, with which he remained for the rest of his life.