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ISRAEL QUILTS ARMISTICE COMMISSION; OPPOSES DECISION ON JORDAN PACT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The Israel Government announced today its withdrawal from the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, on the heels of the MAC acceptance of a Jordan explanation of the killing of four members of an archaeological party and the wounding of 15 others at Ramath Rachel. Jordan blamed the affair on an "insane" soldier.

United Nations truce supervisor Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns immediately announced his regret over the Israeli decision and called on the Israel Government to reconsider its position. Else, he said, the situation will work to the detriment of both parties.

In explaining its opposition to the MAC decision on the Ramath Rachel incident, the Foreign Ministry stated: "In this situation Israel sees no useful purpose in continuing the examination of incidents in the commission."

At the same time, the Ministry hit out at the inefficiency of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization which, it pointed out, had not deterred the Arab states from a policy of aggression. The UNTSO, a Ministry spokesman said, had even failed in its responsibility to draw a distinction between the attacked and the attacker.

Israel had agreed to the armistice pacts with its neighbors with the intent of implementing them fully, the spokesman noted, and had agreed that the UNTSO should assist the parties in implementing these pacts, the basis of which were a binding obligation to refrain from hostile acts and advance toward a final peaceful settlement.

Instead of fulfilling this obligation, he continued, the Arab states disregarded the armistice agreements and embarked on a policy of aggression against Israel and complete disregard for the essential provisions of the agreement. The decisions of the MAC and its appeals to end aggression have remained unheeded by the Arab governments, the spokesman said.

Israel has repeatedly emphasized that even in cases where the MAC censured Jordan, the Arab state's attitude and policy toward the UNTSO had rendered the work of the commission ineffective. Israel remains ready to meet and discuss with representatives of Jordan a peaceful settlement of the outstanding problems, the Foreign Ministry spokesman concluded.

Gen. Burns explained that the MAC decisions are made on the basis of all available evidence rounded up by UN observers and then places responsibility for an attack unless such determination is rendered impossible by a lack of evidence. He asserted that in dealing with recent incidents Israel had described the circumstances, placed responsibility on Jordan without awaiting a MAC decision or even the completion of its investigation, and then had taken retaliatory action.

EISENHOWER REPORTED "DISTURBED" OVER SAUDI BAN OF U.S. JEWS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today indicated he was "a little disturbed" by Saudi Arabian discrimination against U.S. Air Force personnel of Jewish faith, National Commander William Carmen of the Jewish War Veterans said after a talk with the President.

Mr. Carmen said that the President thought that the JWV commander's idea of visiting U.S. military installations in the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia, was a good one. The Defense Department has indicated to Mr. Carmen it will facilitate his trip but the State Department has not yet revealed its view. The JWV leader told Mr. Eisenhower that he will report to him on conditions affecting U.S. military personnel in Saudi Arabia if he is permitted to make the visit. The President indicated he would look into the question of discrimination affecting U.S. personnel in Saudi Arabia.

WHITE HOUSE INDICATES JOHNSTON MAY VISIT MIDDLE EAST ON IRRIGATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- A White House announcement of Presidential appointments issued today indicated that Eric Johnston, the President's special envoy on Near Eastern irrigation development, is returning to that area. Mr. Johnston will meet President Eisenhower on Thursday. State Department sources, however, said they were without information on any plan for Mr. Johnston to return to the area.

BRITISH RADIO INCITES ARABS TO ATTACK ISRAEL, DR. GOLDMANN REVEALS

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- A British radio station on the British-controlled island of Cyprus is carrying broadcasts day and night inciting Arabs to attack Israel instead of concentrating on the Suez Canal problem, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Jewish Agency, revealed here today upon his return to the United States after a six-month absence. He was in Israel for most of that time.

Addressing a press conference, Dr. Goldmann emphasized that the radio station is privately owned, but that one of the principal owners is Harold McMichael, one of the last British High Commissioners in Palestine before the Mandate was abandoned. Although the Cyprus broadcasts constantly tell the Arabs that Israel is their enemy, the British Government which has put the island under military rule, makes no attempt to interfere with these broadcasts, Dr. Goldmann said. "We assume that an island under British rule could be censored by the British," he added.

Touching upon the Suez situation, Dr. Goldmann said that Israel is watching developments with utmost interest. It is clear, he said, that if Egypt is victorious in the Suez struggle then Arab nationalism will become more violent and Israel will then be greatly affected. Tension, he said, is still high in Israel, but Israelis now feel safer and stronger than a year ago.

Dr. Goldmann praised Premier David Ben Gurion for the calm stand he has taken during the last few months. He pointed out that this is real proof of Israel's desire for peace. "If Israel were bent on aggression, as the Arabs claim," Dr. Goldmann said, "the present situation would have been a God-sent opportunity for Israel to attack, since Egypt has withdrawn most of her troops from the Israel border to the Suez area and Jordan is in a state near chaos."

Lauds Tunisia and Morocco on Treatment of Jews; Reviews Emigration

Reporting on the Jewish situation in Tunisia and Morocco, Dr. Goldmann said that the governments of those two countries refuse to be oriented exclusively toward the Arab League. The Jewish situation, he continued, is nothing to complain about. There is no anti-Jewish violence in these two countries, the Jews receive equal treatment. There are Jews in the Cabinets and Jews are appointed to high government posts.

The problem of permitting Jewish emigration to Israel does not exist in Tunisia, he said. In Morocco emigration was stopped last July, but after the intervention of Jewish organizations the Moroccan Government permitted in recent weeks 8,000 Jews to leave the Casablanca emigration camp and proceed to Israel. This emigration was concluded last week when the last group in Casablanca embarked for Israel.

With regard to further emigration, Dr. Goldmann reported, the Moroccan Government has made it clear that it will not permit any "collective emigration" but Jews will be allowed to emigrate on an individual basis. The problem now, he said, is how to establish an administrative system to assure that individual passports will be issued by Moroccan authorities to Jews desiring to leave. Negotiations on this point have started between Jewish leaders and Moroccan officials, Dr. Goldmann revealed. He estimated that 50,000 Jews in Morocco wish to leave for Israel.

Discusses Situation of Jews in the Soviet Union, Poland, Rumania

Touching upon the Jews in the East European countries, Dr. Goldmann said that the situation of 3,000,000 Jews in these countries constitutes the most vital problem for Jewry today. The Jews in these countries do not suffer from anti-Semitism, but especially in the Soviet Union they have no opportunity to live a Jewish life although the majority of Jews there still consider themselves Jewish.

The Jewish Agency president expressed the hope that a way would be found to convince the Soviet Government to treat the Jews in the USSR as other nationalities in the country are treated, by permitting them to establish their own schools to teach Yiddish and Hebrew and to conduct their own cultural and religious life as other nationalities are allowed to do. He revealed that he had had talks to this effect with Soviet Ambassadors in European capitals who promised to convey his views to Moscow.

Dr. Goldmann also revealed that he intends to negotiate with Jewish organizations in the United States--Zionist, non-Zionist, religious and others--for the formation of a representative Jewish delegation to be sent to Moscow. The World Jewish Congress, he said, intends to send such a delegation and would like to have other Jewish groups represented on it.

Dr. Goldmann pointed out that in Poland and Rumania, the situation of the Jews is somewhat better than in the Soviet Union because there they are allowed to conduct their own cultural affairs. He stressed that Poland is now permitting emigration of relatives to Israel and estimated that 800 Polish Jews will enter Israel this month. The Soviet Union has also started to permit Jews to join their families in Israel, but so far permits are limited to elderly persons, Dr. Goldmann stated.

ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION BLASTS BRITAIN FOR CRITICIZING ISRAEL

LONDON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The British Foreign Office practice of condemning Israeli reprisal raids and not the incidents which caused them is "unctuously hypocritical and very unhelpful," R.N. Carvalho, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, declared here last night at a meeting of the organization. He said that the only remedy for the incidents and reprisals was a general peace.

Making reference to Israel's "great restraint" in the Suez Canal situation, Mr. Carvalho called upon the Western Big Three to state "quite unequivocally" their determination to take up arms immediately against any aggressor in the Middle East. He said that observers believe that Egyptian President Nasser is biding his time before attacking Israel.

The AJA leader linked the well-being of Britain and the Middle East with the solution of Israel's economic and military problems. He also called on Britain to supply Israel with defensive weapons, such as the Canadian Sabre jets, so that Egypt would not dare attack.

In a comment on the West German decision to readmit former S. S. officers to apply for commissions in Bonn's new army, Mr. Carvalho said "we Jews are naturally revolted that such men are to be rehabilitated in the public opinion and are to be given an opportunity of leading the future German army." He called on the British Government to "use all its influence to bring about its (Bonn's) reversal of so offensive a decision."

W. J. C. OBJECTS TO ADMISSION OF GESTAPO OFFICERS IN GERMAN ARMY

PARIS, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- A strong objection to the admission of former S. S. officers in the new West German army was voiced here yesterday in a resolution adopted at the closing session of a two-day meeting of the World Jewish Congress' European executive. The Congress endorsed a statement of protest to the Adenauer government by the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

The meeting, presided over by I. M. Sieff, chairman of the European executive, heard Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president, report on recent developments in Jewish life in the USSR and other Communist countries of Eastern Europe. The body heard a report from Dr. G. M. Riegner on his recent visit to the Jewish communities of India and Iran, after which a sub-committee was named to draft a plan for establishing closer relations with the nations of Asia and Africa and to inform them of Jewish and Jewish problems.

Dr. A. Steinberg, director of the WJC cultural department, was named to attend the forthcoming UNESCO conference at New Delhi. Among other matters, the Congress, as a consultative organization, will raise the question of the Arab states prohibition against UNESCO personnel of the Jewish faith travelling in their territories.

The executive heard a report on the recent arrangements for merging WJC documentary evidence concerning victims of the Nazis with the files of the International Tracing Service at Arolsen, Germany. It was decided to appeal to other Jewish organizations and a number of governments for information which would round out the Arolsen files.

GERMANS REPORTEDLY SHAKEN BY PERFORMANCES OF "DIARY OF ANNE FRANK"

BERLIN, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The horrifying truth of Nazi atrocities against the Jews of Europe in World War II, in the form of a hit Broadway play based on the true diary of a young Jewish girl swallowed up in the holocaust, came to Germany Monday night--and German audiences reacted with shocked silence. The play, "The Diary of Anne Frank," opened simultaneously in six West German and one East German cities.

In three of the theatres, silence was the reaction as the curtain came down, and attempts at applause were snuffed out. In four others, a long period of silence was followed by an ovation for the actors. In Duesseldorf, Leo Mittler, a Jew, who directed the play there, told newsmen that people kept calling the theatre during the night to tell him of their sense of deep shame. Even newspaper critics, he added, had called to say that they simply did not know how or what to write about it.

First critical reactions included that of "Der Kurier" here, which said it was "an evening that Berlin will not easily forget," and added it would awaken "the duldest heart and shake the most deadened nerves." The Hamburg newspaper, "Die Welt," described the play as "completely factual and completely without false tones." The critic for the "Nacht-Depesche" told his readers the work should serve as a reminder of the "already half-forgotten truth."

Observers here saw especial significance in the audience reaction, because of previous indications of reluctance on the part of Germans to admit the truth of the atrocities. Movies of actual concentration camps shown here just after the war were received with disbelief and derision.

Z. O. A. CONVENTION OPENS TODAY IN WASHINGTON; NIXON, KEFAUVER TO SPEAK

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The four-day annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America will open tomorrow at the Mayflower Hotel here with more than 1,200 delegates from all parts of the country in attendance.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Senator Estes Kefauver will be among the leading figures in all walks of American life who will address the convention. They will speak on the same day, setting forth the views of their respective parties on American policy toward Israel and the Middle East.

The sessions of the convention will be given over to discussion and action upon all major issues affecting the future of the State of Israel and the Zionist movement. Prominent Zionist and Israeli figures who will address the sessions include: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Mortimer May, ZOA president; Leon Dultzin, president of the Zionist Federation of Mexico; Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council.

COOPERATION OF AMERICAN JEWISH BUILDERS SOUGHT BY ISRAELIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- A move for the establishment of a worldwide "circle of friends" of private building contractors in Israel with headquarters in the United States, was outlined here today by David Elperin, representing the Federation of Building Contractors' Association in Israel, sponsors of the project.

Mr. Elperin, who arrived here from Israel, explained that the aim of the worldwide group, whose membership would be drawn from among Jewish builders, would be to establish contact between Israeli builders and their overseas counterparts, the working out of specific technical problems, and the investigation of possibilities for investment and cooperation of overseas builders in Israeli projects. The Israeli representative also outlined plans for the convening of a world parley of Jewish builders, timed to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the establishment of Israel, to be held in Jerusalem in the spring of 1958.

Mr. Elperin, who is managing director of Ramet, Ltd., also described the work of the Federation in Israel, which is composed of 520 private building contractors organized in 14 branches. The Federation's four divisions are organized as an economic corporation, concerned with the distribution and marketing of basic building materials; Otazur Hakblanim, its central financial institution; the Israeli-Swiss Investment of Building Corporations, Ltd., and investment group for special projects, with the participation of European investors; and "Hakblan v'Haboneh," a trade newspaper.

In addition to his activities on behalf of the Federation, Mr. Elperin will seek U.S. participation for two Ramet projects. Under the first, he will contact various Polish landsmanshaften for possible participation in building housing for the expected increase in Polish emigrants on Ramet land near Tel Aviv. The second would involve the investment by Americans in mortgage financing, under which they would receive six percent interest in a five-year period in dollars, and share in the profits of each project in Israel pounds.

QUEEN OF BELGIUM TO VISIT ISRAEL; WILL STAY THERE TWO WEEKS

BRUSSELS, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Queen Mother Elizabeth of Belgium has accepted an invitation to visit Israel, it was announced here today. The Queen will arrive in Israel Oct. 30 aboard an El Al-Israel Airlines plane and stay until Nov. 12.

The invitation was extended and accepted yesterday when the Queen received Michael Simon, Israel's Chief of Protocol, and Israel Minister M. Ariel. Mr. Simon brought the Queen greetings from Israel's President Itzhak Ben Zvi and Premier David Ben Gurion. He told the Queen that in extending the invitation, President Ben Zvi expressed the desire of the people of Israel to pay homage to the Queen who over the years has shown sympathy for Israel and the Jewish people.

During her visit the Queen will participate in a number of cultural events organized in her honor. She will preside at the ceremonies accompanying the laying of a cornerstone for an Institute of Archaeology to be named for her at the Hebrew University. Queen Elizabeth will be accompanied on her visit by members of her household and Minister and Mrs. Ariel.

SARAH KUSSY, ONE OF FOUNDERS OF HADASSAH ORGANIZATION, DIES AT 87

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Miss Sarah Kussy, a leader of Hadassah, died here yesterday after a short illness. She was 87 years old. She was among those who assisted the late Henrietta Szold in the establishment of the women's group in 1912, and founded its first Newark chapter. Among other posts she had held was that of honorary vice president of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue, and deputy member of the Jewish Agency.

A 1906 graduate of the Teachers Training School of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Miss Kussy had taught in both public and Hebrew schools for many years. Among the numerous honors which came to her for her communal service was the planting of 10,000 trees in Israel in 1950 by the Northern New Jersey Region of Hadassah and named the "Sarah Kussy Forest."