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## ISRAELIS DESTROY JORDANIAN STRONGHOLD IN SEVEN-HOUR BATTLE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- A Jordanian fortress high in the hills of Central Palestine dominating Israel's communications in the Plain of Sharon and threatening many settlements there was wiped out today by a powerful Israel infantry force supported by artillery, in a seven-hour battle described as the worst in the history of the Jordan-Israel armistice.

The Israel reprisal action followed attacks by Jordanian gunners on the Jerusalem-Haifa railway line, forays against Israel settlements and the murder of two Israelis in an orange grove near Neve Hadassah on Tuesday. The Israel forces razed to the ground the Arab stronghold a kilometer and a half from the center of the town of Qalqilya in the mountainous region which used to be known as "Palestine's bloody triangle."

The Jordanians later complained to the United Nations authorities in Jerusalem that they had suffered 40 dead. Israelis estimated Jordanian military losses as exceeding 100. Israel's losses were officially stated to be 16 dead, two missing and 12 wounded.

### Israeli Force Occupies Town of 20,000 During Raid

The Israel attack was launched at about nine o'clock in the evening and apparently caught the Jordanians by surprise. The Israeli forces first occupied Qalqilya, a town of 20,000 inhabitants, and then moved against the police station - a huge rectangular concrete structure originally built by Sir Charles Tegart, British police commissioner under the Mandate, but reinforced and converted into a veritable fortress.

An Israeli force which had land-mined the approaches, blocked relief attempts by a battalion-strength Arab Legion force from the camp near Azzoun. The four towers of the fortress went down in a huge explosion that could be heard in Tel Aviv.

The fortress, atop a hill in an enclave in Israel territory, stood at the narrowest point of Israel's coastal plain, almost astride the Haifa-Tel Aviv railroad opposite the tower of Kfar Saba. Israelis charged that recent attacks on the railroad had been made from the fortress which had also served as headquarters for commando and infiltrator raids into Israel territory.

The attack on the police station was followed by an intensive artillery duel which continued for several hours. Observers reported that 25-pounders were used in the exchange. Israelis denied Jordan assertions that they used bomber aircraft in the attack. Several Israel settlements in the coastal plain came under Jordanian artillery fire but no casualties there had been reported this morning.

### Cease-Fire Restored on UN Truce Chief's Request

The artillery duel ranged along a ten-kilometer stretch of the Jordan-Israel frontier from Eyal, in the north, to Neve Yamin. It reached its heaviest intensity about one o'clock in the morning when the red glare in the skies was visible for miles and the roar of exploding shells could be heard in Tel Aviv. A strict blackout was enforced in all Israel towns and settlements in the area.

Some time around midnight, Major General E. L. M. Burns, head of the United Nations truce supervisory organization in Palestine, called on both sides for an immediate cease fire. The truce body spokesman, Albert Grant, said that although both sides acceded to the request by 3.30 A. M., firing continued for another hour after that. The UN spokesman asserted that Gen. Burns' first request to the Israelis had gone unheeded.

United Nations observers began an investigation of the incident this morning on the Jordan side of the frontier since Jordan, alone, had filed a complaint. It was stated at UN headquarters in Jerusalem that their preliminary reports would be cabled to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld at UN headquarters in New York. Israel did not file a complaint with the truce organization. It has been boycotting the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission and the truce apparatus since the commission upheld the Jordan claim that one soldier gone berserk, was solely responsible for the Ramat Rachel massacre.

An emergency meeting of the Mixed Commission was held this afternoon, at Jordan's request. The Israel delegation did not attend. The UN truce organization reported that the Qualqilya police station was "completely demolished" as was a water pumping station. It said the truce observers were shown the bodies of 48 Jordanians and the bodies of two Israeli soldiers which were later returned to the Israel authorities. Weapons used in the battle were said by the observers to have included 155 and 105 mm artillery, mortars, bazookas and other weapons.

Observers along the frontier reported this morning that hundreds of Jordan villagers could be seen evacuating villages in the frontier zone and moving deeper into Jordan territory with their possessions apparently in fear of a renewal of hostilities.

#### ISRAEL EMPLOYED RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE, GOVT. SPOKESMAN DECLARES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Israel has been compelled to resort to the right of self-defense all nations have to protect its citizens and territory against Jordanian aggression, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today in comment on this morning's reprisal action. He charged that the Jordanian Government, instead of ending a campaign of aggression to which Israelis have been subjected, is actually encouraging its continuation.

The spokesman asserted that only a few days ago King Hussein himself had ordered the release, near the Israel frontier, of the men who had murdered three Israeli Druzes last month. He added that although the Israeli representatives had transmitted to the Jordan authorities on October 8 the names of the men responsible for the murder of five Israelis near Sodom and testimony indicating they had operated with the knowledge and support of the local Jordanian police, there had been no action taken by the Jordanians.

The spokesman said that Israel reiterates its cease-fire pledge of September 26 and looked to Secretary General Hammarskjold and Major General Burns to take the necessary steps to ensure Jordan's observance of the cease-fire.

The Israeli spokesman complained, however, that the United Nations organs "remain powerless before the onslaught of Jordanian aggression." In these circumstances, he added, Israel thus found herself faced with the need to use her own means to halt the constant breach of the peace. He declared that the action last night and this morning was directed "against one of Jordan's centers of aggression."

#### STATE DEPARTMENT MUM ON REPORT OF IRAQ TROOPS FOR JORDAN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- A State Department spokesman refused today to comment on reports that the United States and Britain have approved the idea of Iraqi troops moving into Jordan. The spokesman refused to say whether the United States had discussed this matter.

The New York Times reported today that the United States and Britain, "concerned about the possibility of governmental collapse and chaos in Jordan," would agree to the moving of Iraqi troops into the country. The paper said the understanding of Washington and London was that if such troop movement was arranged, "Iraqi armed forces would not go near the borders of Israel."

The dispatch pointed out that Iraq had never signed an armistice with Israel. It asserted that Britain and the United States have made an effort to reassure Israel, contending that disorder in Jordan would be a worse threat to Israel than a small contingent of Iraqi troops.

According to reports here, U.S. officials expect Iraq to send three brigades into Jordan, a total of about 9,000 men.

#### ISRAEL PARTICIPATION IN SUEZ DEBATE "OPEN QUESTION," DULLES SAYS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 11. (JTA) -- After an 18-minute secret meeting of the Security Council here this afternoon at which the requests of Israel and seven Arab states to be heard in the debate on the Suez Canal crisis were discussed, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said that "that is still an open question." It was reported later that only four members of the Council were in favor of hearing Israel and the Arab States -- the United States, the United Kingdom, France and Cuba. No vote was taken at the session.

Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal against Israel is "an entirely different matter" from the issue under discussion now by the Security Council, according to Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi. Answering a question about his country's blockade of Israel, during a luncheon with the United Nations Correspondents Association, Dr. Fawzi asserted that "not even in the Security Council's resolution of 1951, was it said that Egypt violated the 1888 convention on the Suez Canal."

Jordan's delegate to the UN said today that his country may ask for a Security Council meeting tomorrow on Israel's raid on Qualqilya. If the Council permits this to continue, Abdel Monem Rifai said, "I am afraid that war is inevitable."

## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK MISSION TO STUDY \$75 MILLION ISRAEL PROJECT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Samuel C. Waugh, chairman of the board of the Export-Import Bank of Washington, made known today following a meeting with President Eisenhower on Israel's pending application for a \$75,000,000 irrigation loan, that a Bank mission will leave for Israel soon to study the project. The mission is expected to leave within two weeks.

Mr. Waugh said after talking with Mr. Eisenhower that the Bank has been considering from an economic and engineering viewpoint an Israel request for a loan to finance dollar purchases in the United States to supplement and expand Israel's agricultural development program. This program has been financed in part by previous Export-Import Bank loans.

Following consultations with Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and Ambassador Abba Eban, the Bank decided to send the mission, Mr. Waugh said. He said that "Bank representatives have not visited Israel since 1953 and on-the-ground examination of existing projects and potential resources for further agricultural development is customary before any definitive steps can be taken on proposals of this nature." He declared that "immediately on the mission's return and based on its finding, the Export Bank will give final consideration to financing of the pending Israel proposal."

Mr. Waugh met with Ambassador Eban today and Mr. Eban later issued a statement hailing the Bank's decision to send the mission and "the splendid contribution" the Bank has already made to the development of Israel's economy. He said a comprehensive study of Israel's proposals had been under way since the application was made last March and pointed out that the implementation of this agricultural development program "will give a great impetus to Israel's economic development. Within a few years it will be saving and earning tens of millions of dollars annually by reducing food imports and increasing agricultural exports."

## ISRAEL SEEN ACHIEVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN OIL IN TEN YEARS

NEW YORK, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Israel will achieve self-sufficiency in petroleum within ten years and be the first Western nation north of the Suez Canal to attain that goal, it was predicted here today by Dr. Walter Fehr, Swiss consulting geologist. Dr. Fehr has been acting as consultant since 1951 to Israel Oil Prospectors, Ltd., Lapidoth Israel Petroleum Co., Ltd., and the American joint ventures headed by Samuel Friedland and Max Orovitz, of Miami Beach. Dr. Fehr, who directed the development of Egypt's Royal Dutch Shell holdings until 1948, told a press conference here that the Heletz-Negba area had an estimated reserve of 50 to 60 million barrels of oil.

The conference also heard Samuel Stein, of Jersey City, a member of the council of directors of Israel Oil Prospectors and one of the American joint venturers, estimate that another \$5 million would be needed for further development of oil prospects, in addition to the \$5 million and 5 million Israel pounds already invested in the area. He added that he foresaw no difficulty in obtaining that amount from present investors or banks.

## KOSHER KITCHEN SET UP FOR JEWISH ATHLETES AT MELBOURNE OLYMPIC GAMES

MELBOURNE, Australia, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- A comprehensive plan of kosher catering for all Jewish athletes participating in next month's Olympic games here has been set up under the supervision of the Melbourne Beth Din. A special kitchen has been installed in "Heidelberg Village," where all the athletes will be quartered for the duration of the games. The kitchen will be supervised by the Beth Din with the cooperation of the Olympic housing and catering committee.

The menu, which has been worked out by Olympic culinary experts, will include many traditional Jewish foods and special attention will be given to traditional aspects of Sabbath meals. The plan was originally set up at the request of Olympic authorities in Israel -- which is sending an all-Jewish team -- but the facilities will also be available for Jewish athletes from other countries who desire to make use of it.

## UNITED HIAS SERVICE MEETS ON EUROPEAN, BRAZILIAN MIGRATION PROBLEMS

PARIS, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- The United Hias Service opened a three-day international conference here today to consider the effect on migration of the termination of the United States Refugee Relief Act at the end of this year and to plan implementation of the program for moving 1,000 North African Jewish families to Brazil over a two-year period.

United Hias service country directors for 14 countries of Europe and members of the United States executive of the migration organization are at the parley. Brazilian President Juscelino Kubitschek himself issued the order giving the United Hias the right to bring the Jewish families from North Africa. The only condition on their coming is that they may not settle in the larger cities of the country.

## SEEK BAN HERE ON DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-SEMITIC NAZI WEEKLY

NEW YORK, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress has called upon the American News Company to stop its distribution in the United States of "Der Weg," a German-language periodical published in Argentina and described by the Jewish organization as a "scurrilous" publication aimed at the reinstatement of world Nazism, whose "stock in trade is a violent anti-Semitism."

The call to halt distribution was made in a letter to Henry Garfinkel, president of the American News Company, from Isaac Toubin, AJC executive director. The Jewish organization also noted that distribution of the periodical was continuing as late as October 1, despite the fact that the AJC had pointed out its nature to the distribution company last July.

## NATIONAL TEACHERS' GROUP EXCLUDES JORDAN FROM TOUR PLANS

NEW YORK, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- The Kingdom of Jordan will not be included in the round-the-world tour sponsored by the National Education Association next summer, it was revealed here today. The exclusion of the Arab country from the tour followed widespread protests against the inclusion of any country which barred Jews--a practice in which the NEA acquiesced this year.

Bernard Donovan, chairman of the New York City NEA committee, said that the decision to drop Jordan had been taken at an NEA board of directors meeting in Washington. "The NEA has been responsive to our protests, and has eliminated from its itinerary the one nation which refuses entry to American teachers of the Jewish faith," Mr. Donovan declared.

## TO FORM CITY-WIDE COMMITTEE IN CHICAGO ON SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ISSUES

CHICAGO, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for the establishment of a committee including representatives of the rabbinate and various Jewish organizations here to advise on problems concerning religion in the public schools was adopted at a meeting sponsored by the American Jewish Congress and all Chicago rabbinical groups.

The resolution pointed out that any introduction of religious practices into the public schools of this area was a matter of genuine concern to the Jewish community and that from time to time specific aspects of the problem requiring coordinated and consistent examination would arise. It added that in view of these facts it would be advisable to form a consultative committee of representatives of the rabbinate, community relations organizations and the general Jewish community, to be known as the "Chicago Joint Advisory Committee on Religion in the Public Schools."

## NOTABLES ATTEND OPENING OF ISRAEL ART EXHIBIT IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Que., Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Four hundred guests, including members of all branches of the government and of the consular corps, witnessed the opening last night of an exhibition of contemporary Israeli painting at the Montreal National Museum. The exhibit was opened by Israel Ambassador Michael Comay. It includes 55 paintings by 14 artists and was arranged by the Israel Consulate General. The exhibition will tour other major Canadian cities during the winter season.

## B'NAI B'RITH CELEBRATES 113TH BIRTHDAY TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith, the largest Jewish fraternal organization in the world, will be 113 years old on Saturday, October 13. The organization, which now comprises some 400,000 members, carries on a program of educational, philanthropic and community service activities on which it has expended almost \$60 million in the past three years. Organized in 1750 lodges and chapters in the United States, B'nai B'rith also has units in 31 other countries throughout the world.

## DR. ARON SYNGALOWSKI, HEAD OF WORLD ORT, BURIED IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Dr. Aron Syngalowski, president of the executive committee of the World ORT Union, who died in Paris last Sunday. Dr. Syngalowski, who had joined ORT in 1920 and was one of the founders of the World ORT Union a year later, was 66.

Dr. William Haber, president of the central board of the world ORT group, in a message of mourning to the funeral services, described Dr. Syngalowski's death as "a loss beyond words" to the world ORT movement.

Reviewing the late leader's career in ORT work, Dr. Haber asserted that, "It was his initiative, often against great odds and sometimes even against the doubts or hesitations of those who were closest to him, that established the present network of vocational programs in Israel, North Africa and Iran and the unique institute for training instructors at Anieres."