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BEN GURION LEAVES HOSPITAL; STUDY OF KNESSET BOMBING COMPLETED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion left Hadassah Hospital today, two weeks after he entered it suffering from several minor wounds inflicted when a madman threw a hand grenade into the Knesset. Without any public announcement, the Premier limped out of the hospital entrance and into a waiting car which took him to his home.

At home he received Gen. Alfred Greunther, president of the American Red Cross, who was in Israel for today only on his way home from the recent international Red Cross conference in New Delhi, India.

The Premier's departure leaves only one of the five wounded ministers still in the hospital. He is Moshe Shapira, Minister for Religious Affairs, who was the most severely injured.

Meanwhile, the Parliamentary committee investigating the bombing, completed its study today and is expected to file its report later tonight. The committee, which is understood to have found that security officers in the Knesset had not shown sufficient alertness, is expected to recommend that a much stricter check be made of the identity of all visitors to the Knesset.

Among the recommendations expected to come from the committee are: that security officers be given the right to search suspicious characters trying to enter the visitors gallery; that visitors be forbidden to take parcels or brief cases into the gallery, and that newspaper reading or note-taking in the gallery be banned.

Court Starts Hearing on Throwing of Hand Grenade in Knesset

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Moshe Douek, acting as his own defense attorney at the opening of a hearing today on charges he threw the hand grenade in the Knesset which wounded Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and four other Cabinet Ministers, began what appeared to be a retraction of his confession.

After replying to the court that he understood the charge, that he had thrown a bomb into a public place with intent to cause grievous harm to persons, he cross-examined state witnesses closely.

The apparent defense of the 25-year-old immigrant from Iraq, who has a record of mental illness, took two lines. He sought, first, to create doubt of eyewitness testimony that he was the grenade-thrower, rather than one of the visitors in the gallery who fled when the bomb exploded. His second effort was to establish that some eyewitnesses were able to deflect the hurling of the missile when they saw a furtive movement of "some other person."

The defendant appeared entirely unruffled when witnesses pointed to him as the actual thrower of the grenade and he calmly took notes for cross-examination which he conducted without the aid of counsel. In excellent Hebrew, he once challenged a witness with a warning that "I do not say you lie but this is an important point which I wish you would be most accurate about."

ISRAEL KEEPING CLOSE WATCH ON MOUNTING CRISIS IN JORDAN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Israel was today keeping a close watch on the rapidly mounting Middle East crisis which this time is raging close to its borders.

Beside the fact that the Egyptian-Syrian propaganda attack on King Hussein involves the monarch of a country bordering on Israel, the major charges against the youthful Jordanian King is his alleged dealings with the Israelis.

It is reported here that the attacks on the "traitorous" king are making headway among the Palestine Arabs in Jordan. Even the traditionally loyal Arab Legion is said to be swaying in its relation with the throne.

Arms from Syria are being smuggled into Jordan and observers here expect King Hussein to react by ordering large-scale deportations of Syrians and Egyptians and possibly the imposition of martial law.

U. S. IGNORES CAIRO CHARGES OF PUSHING JORDAN TO SEEK PEACE WITH ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- State Department spokesman Lincoln White made known to the press today that the United States placed no credence in charges originating in Cairo alleging that the United States is urging Jordanian King Hussein to secretly negotiate peace with Israel.

Arab propaganda has claimed that the United States is behind alleged efforts of King Hussein to negotiate with Israel. The Israel Government has denied such negotiations and the allegations.

Mr. White said charges that Hussein was secretly negotiating with Israel "are completely out of the whole cloth." The United States, he declared, regrets the anti-Hussein propaganda campaign "exceedingly." Pointing out that this propaganda increases tension in the area, he stated: "This is the type of thing radio Moscow has been doing."

Jordan's King Pledges to Continue Fighting Against Israel

LONDON, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Young King Hussein of Jordan, under renewed propaganda attack by the two pro-Soviet Arab countries, Egypt and Syria, pledged yesterday before the first conference of Arab refugees in Amman that Jordan would never give up its fight for the restoration of "your usurped homeland" in Israel.

His speech was a reply to Egyptian and Syrian charges that Jordan and Israel were conducting secret talks on the Arab refugees and that the talks would end along lines desired by Israel. The refugees, who went into Jordan after Israel was proclaimed, make up a large part of Jordan's population.

The delegates, after hearing King Hussein's promise that "we shall continue to defend Arab countries until your usurped homeland is restored," adopted a resolution assailing the unjust campaign of lies and intrigue launched against Hussein by the trumpets of Egyptian propaganda.

At the same time, thousands of other Arab refugees demonstrated in the streets of Damascus, roaring for King Hussein's death. The demonstrators carried banners denouncing the Jordan monarch for the alleged secret dealings with Israel. The demonstrations apparently were touched off by a week of reports by Damascus radio and newspapers from Cairo of alleged efforts by King Hussein to reach settlement with Israel of the Arab refugee problem.

SINAI CAMPAIGN COST ISRAEL 350,000,000 POUNDS, ESHKOL REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The Sinai campaign last year cost Israel 350,000,000 pounds (\$194,000,000) Finance Minister Levi Eshkol announced in Parliament tonight in an address accompanying his submission of a supplementary budget of 39,000,000 pounds for this year. This is the first official disclosure of the cost of the whirlwind week-long campaign to Israel.

The Sinai drive also cost Israel additional foreign currency expenditures of \$60,000,000. Some of the increased costs were covered by new taxation, postponement in the repayment of certain indebtedness and the floating of new bank loans. This contributed to the inflationary pressures on Israel's economy, Mr. Eshkol said.

But despite these pressures, the Finance Minister predicted, 1957 will go down in history as a year of progress and prosperity for Israel. Exports were up 30 percent during the first ten months of the year, though a corresponding jump in imports prevented a decrease in the trade deficit.

Industrial production rose 12 percent, and agricultural production by 10 percent while building starts rose 25 percent over last year. The accretion of 76,000 immigrants and a natural increase of 42,000 births over deaths contributed to a 6.5 percent boost in population, the Minister reported.

U. S. AMBASSADOR RETURNS TO ISRAEL AFTER A SIX-MONTH ABSENCE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson returned to Israel today after a six-month absence. Refusing newsmen's requests for comment on the political situation, the Ambassador expressed his happiness at being back in Israel and added that there was "no room for exaggerated anxiety."

Shozo Hotta, special roving Ambassador for Japan, accompanied by Y. Katori, a representative of the Japanese foreign ministry, and two aides, arrived here on an official visit. The visit was described as a "goodwill mission destined to encourage economic ties between the two countries." During their stay here, Mr. Hotta and Mr. Katori will confer with Premier David Ben Gurion, Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and Pinchas Saphir, Minister of Commerce and Industry. Today they called on President Ben Zvi.

CHIEF RABBI SENTENCED IN PRAGUE FOR "CONTACT WITH A FOREIGN LEGATION

TEL AVIV, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Rabbi Farkish, chief rabbi of Bohemia and Moravia, and nine other Czechoslovakian Jews have been given prison sentences on allegations that they had had "contact with a foreign legation," according to word reaching here today.

While the country whose legation the Jews were alleged to have visited was not named, it was understood that the accusations were tied with supposed "contact" between the Jews and the Israel legation in Prague.

The imprisonment of the rabbi and the nine others is part of a drive against Jews in general, and many others have been arrested in an effort to intimidate Czech Jews who yearn for contact with the Israel diplomatic mission in Czechoslovakia, it is understood here.

MOROCCAN REPORT ON EMIGRATION OF JEWS DENIED BY JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- A Moroccan Government announcement stating that 4,720 Jews have received emigration passports in the period between July and September of this year was branded today as "without foundation" by a spokesman for the Jewish Agency here.

The spokesman said he did not know how many Jews did receive Moroccan passports during the period, but he stated that "very few have left Morocco." He charged that the Moroccan Government published "false figures, trying to mislead the public into believing that Morocco is living up to its reiterated promises to permit freedom of movement, whereas it is clear that passports are being withheld from Jews desiring to leave the country."

As proof of the falsity of Morocco's announcement, the spokesman pointed to the fact that 1,230 Jews are still stranded in northern Morocco, unable to leave after they had been caught trying to exit without passports "which they could not obtain."

U. N. TO CONTRIBUTE \$100,000 TO UNITED HIAS FOR REFUGEES FROM EGYPT

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The U. N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Dr. Auguste K. Lindt, announced here that his office would contribute \$100,000 toward the cost of resettling about 1,000 Egyptian Jews in Latin America through United Hias Service.

Murray I. Gurfein, chairman of the United Hias executive committee, at a reception in honor of Dr. Lindt who is returning to his headquarters in Geneva, lauded the various Latin American governments "which had absorbed a large share of the Egyptian refugees in their countries." He particularly praised the Brazilian government, represented at the reception by Hon. Augusto Frederico Schmidt, Ambassador Extraordinary to the United Nations.

The reception followed a two-day professional conference at United Hias world headquarters in this city, on Latin America immigration, particularly as it will affect East European, North African, and Egyptian Jewish refugees. The professional conference was chaired by James P. Rice, the agency's executive director, and addressed by Israel G. Jacobson, United Hias director for Latin America.

The \$100,000 which the High Commissioner will contribute toward the United Hias expenditures for resettling Egyptian Jews will constitute about 25 percent of the estimated total cost. The rest will be financed by the United Jewish Appeal Emergency Rescue Fund, and other funds which contribute to the migration agency's program.

REV. GERALD WINROD, NOTORIOUS AMERICAN ANTI-SEMITIC, DIES IN KANSAS

WICHITA, Kansas, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic publisher and preacher who conducted notorious anti-Jewish propaganda during the 1930's, died here today. He was 57.

The Rev. Winrod was one of a motley crew of anti-New Deal propagandists who charged continuously that the Jews were responsible for Communism and the New Deal reforms. He was accused by many, including clergymen from his own state where he ran for the U. S. Senate in 1938, of being pro-Nazi and receiving Nazi funds for support of his racist activities.

U. S. AIR FORCE SIGNS CONTRACT ON NUCLEAR STUDIES WITH WEIZMANN INSTITUTE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth and the United States Air Force have signed a contract providing for the Israeli research center to initiate certain studies dealing with the chemical application of nuclear magnetic phenomena, it was announced today. Seven Israeli scientists, under Dr. Shaul Meiboom of the Department of Applied Mathematics, will be engaged on the project.

CHICAGO JEWISH WELFARE FUND TO PROVIDE \$4, 000, 000 FOR OVERSEAS AID

CHICAGO, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago will distribute approximately \$4, 000, 000 this year to help Israel finance immigration programs and to meet the costs of care for Jewish needs in other countries. It was announced at the JNF's annual dinner meeting at the Morrison Hotel. Four hundred local Jewish leaders heard Governor Albert H. Chandler, of Kentucky, describe his recent visit to Israel and urge continued philanthropic support of the immigration program.

The Jewish Welfare Fund here obtains its funds from the annual Combined Jewish Appeal Campaign, which so far this year has raised \$6, 000, 000. The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago receives a share of the CJA contributions to help maintain 12 medical and social welfare agencies affiliated with it. The major beneficiary of the Jewish Welfare Fund allocation this year was the national United Jewish Appeal which will receive \$5, 180, 000 in 1957.

The local board of Jewish education will receive \$381, 000 from the Jewish Welfare Fund this year. Various overseas and national institutions and organizations are to be granted \$329, 000. Thirteen new members of the board of directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund were installed at the meeting.

MISSION REPORTS GROWING INTEREST BY AMERICANS IN INVESTMENTS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- U. S. businessmen have "discovered a new Israel," according to a goodwill mission whose members reported on a six-week tour of the United States and Canada at a luncheon of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, at the Hotel Commodore today.

Noting that it was a "misconception" to regard Israel as primarily a recipient of charity, Leon J. Leinkram, general manager of the Manufacturers Association of Israel, stressed that hundreds of would-be investors had welcomed the comprehensive information provided during the tour on investing in Israel. He reported on the widespread interest created by the mission's meetings and the press, radio and television coverage in over 20 cities, and said that the mission helped correct a number of mistaken impressions among possible investors. Many did not know, for example, that Americans could own majority interests in Israel enterprises and that invested dollars could be recovered in hard currency, he said.

Shimon Horn, U. S. representative of the Israel Government Investment Center said that many would-be investors were impressed by the idea of joint ventures between Israeli and American investment capital, along the lines developed by Vice President Nixon at the recent International Industrial Conference in San Francisco. He said that many at the meetings have come up with their own suggestions and plans for setting up manufacturing plants in Israel; these involved textiles, metallurgy, electrical appliances, food processing and building materials.

U. S. STUDENTS PASS "JERUSALEM EXAMINATIONS"; RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Certificates of proficiency in Hebrew Language and Literature were awarded yesterday to 26 successful candidates who participated in the ninth annual 'Jerusalem Examinations.' The examinations which are prepared by the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and are given in a number of countries throughout the world, are sponsored in America by the Jewish Agency's Department of Education and Culture in cooperation with the American Friends of the Hebrew University and the National Council for Jewish Education.

Four candidates from the New York area received their certificates at a special reception to be held in the offices of the Jewish Agency. Prof. Shlomo H. Goitein, noted Israeli Orientalist and one of the initiators of the 'Jerusalem Examinations' program, was the guest of honor. Prof. Goitein, head of the Hebrew University's School of Oriental Studies, is at present in the United States as visiting professor at Temple University Philadelphia. The reception also marked the installation of Dr. William Chomsky of Gratz College, Philadelphia, the newly appointed chairman of the National Committee for the 'Jerusalem Examinations.'

The Jerusalem Examinations which are similar to the Cambridge University examinations for foreign students and confer upon the successful candidate the title 'Amite' or Fellow were inaugurated by the Hebrew University in 1948 as a means of stimulating the study of Hebrew in the Diaspora. They consist of an essay to be written in Hebrew, a translation or summary of selections from Hebrew literature and questions referring to material in books indicated on a special book list. Preparation for the examination entails the study of a minimum of 100 chapters from the Bible, and readings in classical and modern Hebrew Literature.

J. N. F. IN BRITAIN OVERSUBSCRIBES ITS GOAL; SETS NEW TWO-YEAR GOAL

LONDON, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund of Great Britain oversubscribed its goal in the period between July, 1955, and October, 1957, and is seeking to raise 675 000 pounds sterling (\$1, 981, 000) during the next two years, Michael Sacher, president of the JNF here, announced last night.