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SYRIA AGREES TO ISRAEL'S DRAINAGE WORK IN DEMILITARIZED ZONE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14, (JTA) -- In an informal six-hour meeting of the Israel Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission both the Israelis and the Syrians agreed that peaceful drainage work would be continued by the Israelis on their own soil between the Israel settlement of Tel Katzir and the Syrian village of Tewfik, southeast of Lake Tiberias.

In contrast to the usual procedure, the MAC session ended not with the customary condemnation votes but with a mildly worded statement by MAC chairman Col. Christian Moe of Norway in which he reported that both sides undertook to settle future disputes peacefully. This is the first time since late 1955 that the two sides sat down around the same table.

The commission discussed today a series of incidents which occurred on November 6 and which ended tragically in the slaying of an Israeli policeman and the wounding of a workman. As UN observers established, an Israeli work party entered the demilitarized zone, on Israel soil, and with loudspeakers assured Arabs in the neighboring Syrian village that there was nothing to fear and that only peaceful drainage work would be undertaken. The Israeli work party moved in only after notifying UN observers of its intentions.

In reply, the commander of the local Syrian troops informed the local UN observer that he would open fire. Two minutes later he did. The only time the Israelis fired the UN report said, was after they had become targets. A short cease-fire was established and then broken by the Syrians as Israeli policemen and UN observers attempted to extricate the victims of the first burst of rifle and machinegun slugs.

COURT ORDERS TRIAL OF DOUEK; FINDS HIM GUILTY OF BOMBING KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14, (JTA) -- An examining magistrate today ordered Moshe Douek, 25-year-old immigrant from Iraq, to stand trial within two weeks in the bombing of the Knesset which injured Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and four other Cabinet Ministers. Magistrate Haimovich ordered the trial on charges of throwing a bomb with intent to cause grievous harm. Conviction carries a possible penalty of life imprisonment.

After prosecution witnesses completed testimony this morning, the young defendant submitted a plea in which he again admitted he threw the hand grenade in Knesset Oct. 29 but in which he contended the act was not premeditated and asked deletion from the charge of the clause "with intent to cause grievous harm."

He insisted he had only intended to attract attention to his grievances against certain Government officials by carrying the grenade into the Knesset. He said he had fully expected that the missile would be found on him. A "last-minute impulse" overwhelmed him, he told the court, and in a torment of internal conflict and panic, he lost his mental and physical balance at "the critical moment," and threw the grenade.

Even under these circumstances, he declared, he threw high and far in the direction of an unoccupied portion of the Knesset hall but the grenade "unfortunately" fell short. He said he accepted full responsibility for the act and its consequences but repeated there had been no premeditation. The defendant added that he did not wish to "take shelter" behind the recorded fact that he had once been forcibly detained in a mental asylum.

ISRAELI MILITARY BANS COMMUNISTS FROM RESIDENCE IN NAZARETH

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14, (JTA) -- Military authorities announced today that Assan Habib, secretary of the Nazareth Communist Party, and three Communist colleagues, had been banned for one month from entering Nazareth. They were charged with inciting Nazareth's Arab residents to be disloyal to Israel.

The Communist Party responded with distribution of posters protesting the exclusions and claiming that the order raised to 14 the number of Communists banned from Nazareth. The four party members live in villages near Nazareth.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK TO GRANT LOANS TO FIRMS DOING BUSINESS IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A commodity sales agreement providing funds for lending in Israel by the Export-Import Bank of Washington under Public Law 480 has been completed by the United States and Israel. Under terms of the law, 25 percent of the Israeli pounds to be derived under the commodity sales agreement with Israel will be made available to the Export-Import Bank for loans in Israel.

Under the legislation the bank may lend these Israeli pounds to U.S. firms or their branches, subsidiaries, or affiliates for business development and trade expansion in Israel, or to U.S. or Israeli firms for expanding markets for and the consumption of U.S. agricultural products. The law requires that the loans be mutually agreeable to the Export-Import Bank and Israel's Ministry of Finance.

The loans will be made and will be repayable in Israeli pounds. Maturities will correspond generally to those used in the bank's dollar loans to private borrowers. It is intended that the interest rates will be similar to those charged for comparable loans in Israel. The bank is prepared to receive applications for loans under the Israeli commodity sales agreement. Applications will be received either directly at the Export-Import Bank in Washington or at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv.

Funds will not accrue to the Export-Import Bank for the purpose of loans in Israel, however, until payment is received under transactions authorized by the commodity sales agreement. The bank will not authorize loans under applications that may be submitted until the bank is in receipt of such funds. The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently made known that it is prepared to issue purchase authorizations up to \$35,000,000 for various commodities for Israel.

TRUMAN DISCUSSES MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS WITH U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Harry S. Truman, former President of the United States, has some very definite ideas about possible solution of the Middle East problem and is believed to have discussed these ideas here today when he visited United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold.

Mr. Truman was with Mr. Hammarskjold 20 minutes and the visit was called officially a courtesy call. However, immediately after seeing Mr. Hammarskjold, the former President met with reporters. He indicated clearly that the Middle East problem was very close to his heart.

Asked specifically whether he had any ideas for a new approach to Middle East problems through the United Nations, Mr. Truman said, "I would like to answer that question but I no longer determine policy. The President of the United States does that."

ARAB REFUGEES ON U. N. PAYROLL RESIST SOLUTION OF REFUGEE PROBLEM

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Some 10,000 Arab refugees, currently on the payroll of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in the Middle East, constitute a source of strong resistance to a solution of the Arab refugee problem, a study of UNRWA personnel data indicated today.

These figures showed that on October 1, 1957, the agency's staff totalled 10,083 persons, including 9,854 "area personnel." All area personnel are Arab refugees. They include all UNRWA staff members who come in direct contact with the Arab refugees in the camps in the Gaza strip, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. This includes teachers, doctors, nurses, sanitation employees, transport workers and maintenance people and the "mukhtars," or local leaders, who serve as administrators of the refugee camps.

The anti-Israel activities of some of the "area personnel" was indicated this week by Dr. Luther H. Evans, director general of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, who said that he and UNRWA were aware that the teachers teach hatred for Israel and seek to imbue refugee children with the hope of returning to their "homeland," meaning Israel.

Some experts here believe that the "area personnel" have a vested interest in continuation of present Arab refugee treatment because an effective solution would cost them their jobs and better-than-average income. Because of this, these experts say, the "area personnel" strongly oppose resettlement in Arab countries or any treatment to reduce hatred of Israel among the refugees.

ISRAELI SHIP ARRIVES IN POLISH PORT; OPENS REGULAR HAIFA-GDANSK RUN

VIENNA, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Israel freighter, Kedmah, arrived at the Polish port of Gdansk, initiating a regular Haifa-Gdansk run for vessels of the Israel Navigation Company.

PRESIDENT OF VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY DECORATED BY AUSTRIAN GOVT.

VIENNA, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Emil Maurer, president of the Vienna Jewish Community, received today the Austrian State Gold Medal of Merit.

ASSEMBLY OF C. J. F. W. F. OPENS; DR. SILVER LOOKS AT U.S. JEWRY'S FUTURE

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The future well-being of the American Jewish community is interwoven with the constant defense of the free institutions of the country, at home and in the world. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver declared here today at the opening session of the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. More than 1,000 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada are attending the four-day conference here.

"To insure the future of the American Jewish community, it is imperative, in the first instance, to insure, through our constant vigilance, individually and collectively in cooperation with all Americans of goodwill, the future of the free institutions of our beloved country and the Bill of Rights of all of its citizens," Dr. Silver declared. "Every attack upon the constitution rights and the inalienable human rights of any or of all of our fellow citizens is, in an especial sense, a threat to the security and stability of the American Jewish community."

Pointing out that America is no longer "a distant land on the rim of a vast ocean, but is now the center of the world," he said: "Politically, economically and culturally it is inextricably bound up with the fortunes of the old world. This makes it imperative that American moral and political values be defended if the nation and the free world are to survive."

Dr. Silver warned that if the American Jewish community isolated itself from the rest of world Jewry and from the spiritual and cultural past of Jewish traditions it will "disintegrate slowly or swiftly, as the case may be, but disintegrate it will." He emphasized that American Jews are dedicated to Americanism.

Analyzes the Problems Confronting the American Jewish Community

Turning to the long-range tasks of American Jews, Dr. Silver asserted that "the supreme and urgent" goal of the Jewish community should be the Jewish education of children and adults. He added that although much had been done in that direction in recent years much more needs to be done in the future.

"The problem confronting us is no longer Americanization, nor immigration nor even the pressing relief of our indigent poor," Dr. Silver said. "The parallel problem today, over and above the proper maintenance of our welfare institutions and services, and of meeting our responsibilities to overseas needs and to Israel, is the problem of inner spiritual and cultural consolidation so as to insure for the future, not only the survival but also the effectiveness of our community. It is to achieve a pleasant and contented at-homeness within our community for our children and those who will follow them."

Lauding the American Jewish community for its generosity and spirit in helping to bring about the emergence of the State of Israel, bringing hundreds of thousands of people to that country, our own and others, and in maintaining a wide network of local and national American Jewish welfare services, Dr. Silver urged the delegates to continue with this work.

"If we look well to the mainsprings of our life, education and self-education, if our eyes remain steadfast in the direction of our eternal goals, if we do not isolate ourselves from world Jewry and from the possible sources of power and inspiration in reborn Israel, and if we remain actively mobilized to defend at all times the free institutions of our land, the American Jewish community may by the grace of God, go from strength to strength and become in very truth a blessing to itself and to America," he declared.

PARIS PARLEY ASKS MOROCCO TO PERMIT EMIGRATION OF JEWISH CHILDREN

PARIS, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A European three-day conference of the Youth Aliyah concluded here today with an expression of satisfaction over the resumption of immigration of Jewish children from some Eastern European countries to Israel. The parley, which was attended by the representatives of the child rescue and rehabilitation movement in eleven countries, called on the Moroccan Government to permit Jewish children to quit the country if they desire.

Moshe Kol, world director of Youth Aliyah, in his report of the organization's activities throughout the world, informed the delegates that 55 percent of the movement's budget was covered by donations from the Jewish communities of the United States, Canada, South Africa and Europe. He urged these communities to increase their contributions to guarantee that no child in need of Youth Aliyah's services be turned away.

(In Brussels, Queen Mother Elizabeth attended a performance of Darius Milhaud's opera Macbeth which was played for the benefit of the Belgian Youth Aliyah committee. The Queen sent greetings to the Youth Aliyah parley in Paris.)

CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER EVASIVE ON LIFTING BAN ON ARMS SALES TO ISRAEL

OTTAWA, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Prime Minister John Diefenbaker refused today to answer a query in Parliament whether the government would remove barriers to the shipment of Canadian arms to Israel. He said he would not give an offhand reply, but would make a complete statement in due course.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE PUBLISHES JEWISH VIEWS AGAINST COMMUNISM

NEW YORK, Nov. 14, (JTA) -- Dr. Andhil Fineberg, consultant to the American Jewish Committee on community relations, is one of three clergymen whose views on Communism were published today in a staff report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling and Bishop Fulton J. Sheen were the other two clergymen whose opinions were solicited by the House unit.

Dr. Fineberg, who reviewed for the committee's staff his record of opposition to Communism since 1918, characterized Communism as a view of life based on materialism and collective society in contradistinction to "Judeo-Christian concepts" and their emphasis on the individual. He said that ruling out "the existence of a deity and of man's responsibility to that Higher Power," the Communists have no concept of responsibility to a Divine Judge, as do the Jews.

Noting that the property right is completely limited under Communism, Dr. Fineberg held that therefore "there ceases to be the kind of personal responsibility necessary for a genuinely religious life, which must be one of owning, of giving and of sharing, with considerable opportunity for voluntary conduct."

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH MUSIC FORMED; TO HAVE THREE CENTERS

PARIS, Nov. 14, (JTA) -- An international Association of Jewish Music was established at the first International Congress of Jewish Music which closed here last night with a gala concert featuring the works of some of the best known Jewish composers alive today.

The Association will have three centers: one in Israel, a second in the United States and a third in Europe. Prof. Kurt Sachs of New York was named president. The congress was held under the sponsorship of the World Jewish Congress.

The aims of the new association include: preservation of the Jewish musical heritage, the study and spreading of genuine Jewish music throughout the world, publication of a periodical devoted to Jewish music and the creation of a code of authentic traditional Jewish music. It also hopes to set up a library of Jewish music.

It was noted at the congress in connection with the preservation of Jewish music that the virtual destruction of European Jewry and the emigration of entire communities from the Arab lands had threatened the extinction of the Jewish music developed in those lands.

CENTRAL AMERICAN GENERAL ZIONISTS MEET ON CONFEDERATION PROBLEMS

MIAMI BEACH, Nov. 14, (JTA) -- A conference of representatives of the World Confederation of General Zionists in Central American countries opened here today. Present were delegates from Mexico, Venezuela, Cuba, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama, Guatemala, El Salvador and Dominican Republic.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, co-chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists, addressing the parley, said: "Despite the drains on her resources and energies demanded by the needs of self-defense, despite formidable economic and social problems and heavy personal taxation, the people of Israel forge steadily ahead in reclaiming the land, building up the economy to keep the gates open to tens of thousands of harassed and persecuted Jews still seeking a home and security."

Dr. A. Fastlich of Mexico, who opened the session, asserted that "the strengthening of ties with Israel, through constructive aid to its development and culture, and close bonds with other Jewish communities in the Diaspora within such a framework as the World Confederation of General Zionists are essential for the preservation of Jewish culture and tradition in these communities." He declared that Jewish leaders and Zionists throughout Central America "welcome the idea and program of the World Confederation of General Zionists as a constructive way of serving the cause of Israel and the Zionist movement." Dr. J. L. Teller, political secretary of the WZO, will speak tomorrow.

ORT TO START EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR DEAF-MUTE CHILDREN IN NO. AFRICA

GENEVA, Nov. 14, (JTA) -- The ORT will soon begin an education program for deaf-mute children in the ghettos of North Africa, the World ORT Union announced here today. There is an unusually high proportion of deaf-mutes in the mellans.

The plan calls for beginning education at the age of four and giving the handicapped children several years of academic education before leading them into vocational training. Older pupils, between 10 and 14, are already engaged in courses in carpentry and sewing.

A villa has been acquired and transformed into a small school housing 31 boys and girls between the age of four and 14. Dr. Sam Medina, a Spanish Jewish physician who studied teaching of the deaf in the United States, is in charge of the educational program.