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JORDAN HALTS ISRAEL CONVOY TO MT. SCOPUS FOR SECOND DAY; U. N. ACTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Jordanian authorities for the second day today prevented the passage of the regular fortnightly Israel convoy to Mount Scopus despite United Nations intervention. Col. Byron V. Leary, Acting Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, flew to Amman to discuss the matter with Jordanian leaders.

Mount Scopus lies in demilitarized Israel territory northeast of Jerusalem behind the Jordanian lines. Since 1948 Israel police and maintenance crews have guarded the abandoned Hebrew University and Hadassah hospital buildings there. Every two weeks, the Israel guards are relieved by UN-protected convoys through Jordan-held territory.

The Israel Foreign Ministry announced this morning that when the regular convoy arrived yesterday at Mandelbaum Gate, "after all items of supply" in the convoy "were approved by United Nations observers, in accordance with accepted practice, the Jordanians suddenly demanded that a load of gasoline should not be taken up to Mt. Scopus." The gasoline is used for generators in the abandoned buildings and the quantity sent this time was no more than usual.

"United Nations observers told the Jordanians the gasoline must be included in the convoy," the Foreign Ministry said, but the Jordanians said they would not permit the gasoline to be carried through their territory. After a strong formal protest to the UN, Israel refused to send the convoy through without the fuel.

The Foreign Ministry has made it clear that it considers the situation a dispute between the UN organization, which passed the goods, and the Jordanian authorities, rather than involving Israel--which has followed all regulations faithfully.

When the convoy arrived at Mandelbaum Gate again today, Jordan officials again refused passage permission and Col. Leary called the Foreign Ministry in Amman to settle what a UN spokesman called "differences of opinion." Apparently, he received no satisfaction.

Meanwhile, the 85 policemen and 35 civilians kept on Mt. Scopus by Israel are on the verge of running out of bread. They bake their bread in electric ovens powered by electricity produced in the generators rendered fuel-less by the Jordanian refusal to pass the gasoline.

JEWISH AGENCY OUTLINES ITS VIEWS ON SITUATION OF MOROCCAN JEWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency took issue today with a statement issued in Casablanca, Morocco, by an unidentified "Jewish spokesman" who claimed that Moroccan Jews are looked down upon as second class citizens by European Jews in Israel. A Jewish Agency spokesman here said:

"There has been no Jewish emigration to speak of from Morocco in the last few months. No more than a few hundred per month have recently left that country for Israel, because the assurances of the Moroccan authorities, which are duly appreciated by us, that Moroccan Jews would have freedom of emigration under the provisions of the United Nations Human Rights Charter have thus far not been implemented on the administrative level. Because of this circumstance, Jews have been trying to get out of Morocco on their own in whatever way possible.

"The allegation that Moroccan Jews in Israel are treated as second class citizens is amply refuted by the fact that over 100,000 Moroccan Jews who entered Israel preceding June, 1956, when large-scale immigration was stopped on the Moroccan administrative level have been absorbed by Israel and tens of thousands of them have already been provided with land and housing. A further refutation of the allegation of second class citizenship is the fact that Moroccan Jews now in Israel have only this week cabled an urgent appeal to the King of Morocco pleading that their kin be permitted.

"We have nothing but the highest regard for the King of Morocco, who is shortly to arrive in the United States, and trust the sincerity of his assurances that Moroccan Jews

who wish to leave would be permitted to do so in accordance with the universal principle of freedom of movement. We regret that these assurances have not been implemented on the administrative level. We trust that they will be."

U.S. ASKS ARAB GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE ON THE REFUGEE PROBLEM

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The draft of a resolution which calls on the governments of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon to "cooperate fully" with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees was circulated here today by the American delegation. If the measure is found acceptable, the resolution will be proposed formally in the General Assembly's special political committee which is continuing a debate it started last Monday on the Arab refugee problem.

A spokesman for the United States delegation said that the draft of the resolution is being discussed with the "host" governments--the four Arab countries where the refugees are located. He added that the Israel delegation was also shown a copy of the draft. The resolution also calls on UNRWA to consult with the Palestine Conciliation Commission.

Meanwhile, Egypt today called for the return of all the Arab refugees to Israel as an "absolute right" of the refugees. This view was voiced in the General Assembly's special political committee by Salah Gohar, head of the Egyptian propaganda program. He spoke during the debate on the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the Palestine Refugees.

FOUR MEMBERS OF U.S. CONGRESS CONFER WITH BEN GURION IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Four Congressmen, who flew here from Lebanon yesterday for a two-day visit, conferred today with Premier David Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Golda Meir in their homes. Earlier, the Foreign Ministry had tendered an official luncheon in honor of the visitors.

The four, members of a House NATO subcommittee, are: Rep. Wayne Hayes of Ohio, subcommittee chairman, and Reps. Armistead Sheldon of Alabama, Barratt O'Hara of Illinois and Mrs. Marguerite Church of Illinois.

CANADA DOES NOT PLAN TO WITHDRAW ITS UNIT FROM U.N. EMERGENCY FORCE

OTTAWA, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Canada does not plan to withdraw its 1,100 man contingent serving with the United Nations Emergency Force along the Israel Egyptian border, Prime Minister John Diefenbaker told the House of Commons here today.

Mr. Diefenbaker told a questioner that the government's policy concerning UNEF had not changed since he made a similar statement in the UN General Assembly in September. At that time, he said that Canada would supply men for UNEF as long as the UN considered their presence necessary.

KING SAUD CALLS FOR "DESTRUCTION" OF ISRAEL; DENOUNCES SUPPORTERS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- A call for the destruction of Israel and denunciation of Israel's "imperialistic" supporters is made in a new speech by King Saud released here by the Saudi Arabian Embassy today.

Speaking on the occasion of his fourth anniversary of accession to the throne of Saudi Arabia, the King reminded Arabs they "still face the dangerous and evil threat of Zionism which we should combat with all our powers and potentialities." He said "Zionism has been able to dig its claws into the body of Arab Palestine, that holy and dear land to every Moslem and Arab."

Since its "abominable beginning," he said, Israel "has rallied imperialistic states and plotted and intrigued them against the Arabs in order to achieve its expansionist ambition in the Arab countries and impose upon them its domination and oppression." Declaring his nation "shall never rest and we shall never have peace in this Arab area so long as this imposter and cancer imperils our existence," he called on all Arabs and Moslems to "make every sacrifice to uproot this cancer, get rid of its evils and return the refugees to their homes and restore to them their property."

LAST MINUTE NEWS

JORDAN SERVES 24-HOUR ULTIMATUM ON ISRAEL; CLAIMS CAPTURED JORDANIAN

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Jordan served a 24-hour ultimatum on Israel today, through the United Nations Truce Organization, threatening action unless Israel surrenders a Jordanian captured in fighting in Jerusalem today. An urgent complaint was filed with the UN Mixed Armistice Commission.

Charging that an Israeli patrol opened fire in the Arab sector of Jerusalem and abducted a Jordanian, the Jordanian Defense Minister was quoted as stating that Jordan "views seriously" this development and "would meet any Israeli aggression with might and force."

JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM IRAN RESUMED; 70 JEWS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Jewish emigration from Iran was resumed today with the arrival here of the first 70 immigrants from Teheran on an El Al plane.

The Iran Government notified the Israeli authorities that El Al planes would be permitted to land at Teheran airport for emigration purposes only. Immigration officials expressed the hope that El Al would be permitted to maintain a weekly flight from Teheran with immigrants.

CONVENTION OF CONSERVATIVE JEWRY OPPOSES RELIGION IN U. S. CENSUS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Resolutions opposing religious questions in the 1960 Federal census, compulsory Sunday closing laws and the placement of religious symbols on publicly owned property were adopted today at the closing session of the United Synagogue of America's five-day biennial convention here.

The resolution on Sunday observance laws noted that America owed its survival and unity to the "uniquely American concept that the relationship between man and God is not and may not be subject to government control or regulation." The Sabbath laws "violate this mandate since they compel persons to adhere to a law, the motivation and operation of which is basically religious." The resolution opposed enactment or extension of such laws and, where they already exist, amendment to exempt persons who observe a day other than Sunday as their Sabbath.

As for the religious questions in the 1960 census, the United Synagogue resolved that they would be a violation of the constitutional guarantees of religious freedom. It said much of the pressure for inclusion of the questions came from "religious organizations which consider the information useful for purposes of church planning and recruitment."

"This would make of the Federal Government an agent of religious groups and would employ governmental instrumentalities for church purposes," the resolution pointed out. But beyond this, it would be "an unwarranted infringement of the privacy of Americans" since the "religion of the people is not a proper concern for government inquiry," it added.

Is Against Religious Symbols in Public Buildings

The resolution opposing religious symbols in public parks or in city halls and other government buildings or premises also declared the practice to be a violation of the principle of church-state separation, since public money is spent for religious. "It is unfair to restrict or exclude the use of such premises by the presence of religious statues or symbols," the resolution says, adding that experience has shown this "invariably divides the community along religious lines and brings with it inter-religious disharmony and acrimony."

The resolution on education asked the establishment of a national network of day schools to be named for the founder of the United Synagogue, the late Dr. Solomon Schechter, and urged all affiliated congregations to establish high school departments in their religious schools.

The convention hailed Israel on its tenth anniversary, stated its conviction that the interests of America and those of Israel are "in all major respects parallel," prayed for peace in the Middle East during the coming year. The organization promised to continue efforts to create a "spiritual bridge" between the United States and Israel and urged its member congregations to support this program.

In another resolution, the Arab economic boycott of Israel was assailed along with the pressure of the Arab states on governments and business firms to halt operations in Israel. The convention also inducted new officers at its closing session. Elected president was Bernath L. Jacobs of Philadelphia, succeeding Charles Rosengarten of Waterbury, Conn.

PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE DECORATED BY FRANCE

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Herve Alphand, French Ambassador to the United States, today presented the medal of the chevalier of the Legion of Honor to Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee. Mr. Engel was cited by the French Ambassador for his "steadfast and tireless efforts, as president of the American Jewish Committee, in behalf of the international protection of human rights."

In accepting the honor, Mr. Engel stressed "the profound debt owed to France by democracy and by the United States and the Jewish people." The AJC president pointed to the fact that "it was the French Revolution which established in Europe the principle of full emancipation and equality for all people regardless of religion."

JEWISH COMPOSER WINS BELGIAN GOVERNMENT PRIZE FOR MUSIC

BRUSSELS, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- A young Polish Jewish composer was the winner of the 1957 Queen Elizabeth competition for musical competition. The prize, presented by the Belgian Government in honor of the Queen Mother, consists of a silver medal and 100,000 francs. It was won by Michael Spisak.

CHICAGO SCHOOL BANS CHANUKAH DECORATIONS; LEAVES CHRISTMAS TREE

CHICAGO, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- A 30-year-old custom of placing a representation of the Nativity scene on the front lawn of a high school here has been suspended at least for the coming Christmas season, but a Christmas tree will be installed as a substitute.

In recent years, the representation of the creche was accompanied by a seven-foot Chanukah Menorah. Superintendent of Schools Benjamin C. Willis issued a ban against a display this year of both religious symbols at the Lake View High School after he received protests from five Jewish and one non-Jewish organization. The temporary ban permits a Christmas tree.

The protests were made by the American Jewish Congress; the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; the Council of Traditional Synagogues of Chicago; the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Decalogue Society of Lawyers. The American Civil Liberties Union also joined in the protest. The basis of the complaints was that display of the two symbols represented a breach of the constitutional principle of separation of church and state.

WORLD JEWISH BOOK EXHIBITION OPENS IN SWITZERLAND; PRESS REPRESENTED

ZURICH, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- A world Jewish book exhibition opened here today at the headquarters of the local Jewish community. Books from all countries and of all ages, including a Bible dating back to 1941 are on view.

One section of the showing is devoted to Jewish periodicals, with the press of Israel and Jewish communities throughout the world represented. Another section is devoted to maps of the Holy Land, some dating to the early 15th Century.

CENTRAL AMERICAN GENERAL ZIONISTS ESTABLISH CONFEDERATION COUNCIL

MIAMI BEACH, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The formation of a Central American and Caribbean Council of the World Federation of General Zionists was announced here today following a conference of General Zionist leaders from Central America and the Caribbean. Dr. A. Fastlicht of Mexico was elected president of the Council, which will hold its next session in Mexico City.

The conference adopted a resolution "greeting with satisfaction the re-organization of General Zionism under the leadership of Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose Halprin, on a Diaspora basis and non-affiliation with any political parties in Israel." The resolution pledged "full support" to the reorganized Confederation. Other resolutions pledged support to fund-raising for Israel, Chalutzit and Hebrew education.

The newly elected Council is composed of 11 members including Dr. A. Fastlicht and T. Reznikoff of Mexico; I. Lutski and L. Yarmus of Cuba; A. Meltzer and J. Zonzinsky of Costa Rica; L. Levin of Venezuela; B. Phillip of the Dominican Republic; J. Reteiny of Nicaragua; H. Kris of Panama, and E. Tenenbaum of Guatemala.

AMERICAN JEWISH LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL OPENS NATIONWIDE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The American Jewish League for Israel today officially opened a nationwide membership drive which will culminate on March 29, 1958, at a national conference in Washington, D.C. Ezra Shapiro of Cleveland, president of the AJLI, and Samuel Rothberg, of Peoria, chairman of the League's board of directors, announced plans for an intensive membership campaign after a meeting of leading officials of the AJLI held here.

Among those who mapped out the details of the forthcoming drive at the Washington meeting were Judge Louis Levinthal, Jacob Alkow, Harry Seeve, Samuel Daroff, and Rabbi Isadore Breslau. Specific activities were developed for 22 major Jewish communities throughout the country.

DR. SCHICK, DISCOVERER OF TEST FOR DIPHTHERIA, HONORED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Bela Schick, world famous pediatrician, immunologist and discoverer of the Schick test for diphtheria, was honored here last night by the American Jewish Congress.

Dr. Schick was presented with an "Award for Service to Mankind" which was in the form of a leather-bound volume containing congratulatory messages to Dr. Schick on the occasion of his 80th birthday which was celebrated earlier in the year. More than 450 physicians, scientists and representatives of health and medical groups attended the dinner last night.

NEWARK JEWISH NEWS WINS FIRST PRIZE AS BEST COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish News of Essex County won first prize this week as the best community newspaper produced in the United States and Canada at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in New Orleans. This was the fourth time the newspaper has won the award. The Jewish News is owned and operated by the Jewish Community Council of Essex County.