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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES EVENTS AT SYRIAN AND JORDANIAN FRONTIERS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The current upsurge in incidents on the Syrian and Jordanian borders was discussed today at the regular weekly Cabinet meeting, the first to be held under the chairmanship of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and with the participation of Foreign Minister Mrs. Golda Meir since the October bombing of the Knesset building.

Israel-Jordan relations reportedly were discussed during the week-end also in meetings between Foreign Ministry officials and Western diplomats. The problem was understood to have been considered in talks between Mrs. Meir and two Western ambassadors who met with her on Friday.

Israel military sources said it was Israel's policy to employ the greatest possible caution along the Jordanian border to avoid giving any cause for retaliatory acts or to create any tension. This policy, they emphasized, covered even situations in which gunfire would be justified. Border patrols, they said, would rather arrest than shoot an infiltrator.

At the same time, they warned that it would be unfortunate if Jordan would take this policy of restraint as an indication that Israel would permit a situation to develop that would endanger security for Israelis living along the border.

Third Attempt by Jordanians to Kidnap Israelis Fails

TEL AVIV, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The third attempt in two days by Jordanians to kidnap Israelis failed again today when a police patrol extricated three Israelis who had been trapped by gunfire while working on a field near the border. The incident, which occurred within 30 hours of two previous attempts aimed at tractor drivers, took place near Yarchiv in the central area.

The successive Jordanian kidnap attempts were regarded here as an effort to exert pressure against Israel to return a Jordanian farmer captured Thursday in a smuggling foray. They were also considered acts designed to maintain or restore Jordanian prestige in the Arab world damaged by Egyptian and Syrian propaganda charges of secret Jordanian talks with Israel.

A joint Israel-Jordan investigation in the presence of United Nations observers today established that the Jordanian infiltrator seized near Taybeh village was well inside Israel territory, it was announced here today. The investigation was carried on in the presence of the infiltrator who reconstructed the incident attending his capture, which showed he was actually working on land inside Israel territory.

The investigation also established that the Israel patrol which was fired on by Jordanians after the infiltrator's capture did not cross the border, as charged by Jordan, but remained inside Israel territory.

Israel officials meanwhile opened an investigation into the identities of two Israelis reported by Jordan as having been killed while hiking near Petra in Jordanian territory. Bodies of the hikers were scheduled to be turned over to Israel officials at Elath, Petra, as an attraction for adventuresome young Israelis, has cost the lives of 20 such youth since statehood, officials said.

Israeli Slain on Syrian Border; Israel Asks Armistice Body Meeting

JERUSALEM, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Israel today asked for an emergency meeting of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission to discuss the Syrian slaying this morning of an Israel tractor driver.

The slain tractor driver was Joseph Benchaim, 30, of Shaar Yushav who was injured when Syrians on a fortification near Tel Azaziat opened fire on a group of men who had started land reclamation work for the Jewish National Fund on the slopes of Tel Azaziat. Benchaim was extricated under fire and taken to the hospital where he died shortly after arrival.

The armistice commission met ten days ago on a similar incident and an informal understanding was reached and announced by the commission chairman permitting civilian work even in demilitarized areas and committing both countries to avoiding the use of force along the border.

U.S. ASKED TO INTERVENE WITH MOROCCAN KING ON EMIGRATION OF JEWS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The North African Immigrants Association today appealed to President Eisenhower to use his good offices with King Mohammed V of Morocco to make it possible for Moroccan Jews to join their relatives in Israel. The King of Morocco is due to arrive in Washington tomorrow.

Leaders of the association said at a press conference that at least 90,000 Jews in Morocco wanted to join blood relatives in Israel, an estimate based on a preliminary survey of the 110,000 Moroccan Jews who have arrived in Israel since statehood.

The Association claimed that the stoppage of emigration from Morocco contradicted the Moroccan pledge to adhere to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The delegates also protested against the arrest of 1,200 Jews who had been trying to leave for Israel. They protested also "individual pressure" by Moroccan authorities on some Jews to issue "statements" against emigration to Israel.

The Association stressed that the request to President Eisenhower, who will be host for a state visit by King Mohammed starting tomorrow, was based solely on humanitarian grounds to end the tragedy of separated families.

SUGAR FACTORY WORKERS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST MASS-DISMISSALS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- One hundred workers of the Affulah Sugar factory demonstrated today against plans to dismiss two-thirds of the 220 employees of the factory. The dismissal decision followed cancellation by the Ministry of Trade and Industry of imports of sugar to be refined at the plant.

A delegation of the workers met with Financial Minister Levi Eshkol and Trade Minister Pinhas Sapir who said the import cancellation was made necessary by the fact that the total costs of importing and refining sugar were greater than that of fully-refined imported sugar.

NIXON LAUDS B'NAI B'RITH; SPEAKS AT DEDICATION OF NEW HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The activities of the B'nai B'rith were lauded today by Vice President Richard Nixon in an address delivered at ceremonies marking the dedication of the organization's new \$1,600,000 national headquarters building here. President Eisenhower, in a message addressed to B'nai B'rith president Philip M. Klutznick, said that the new structure "is a welcome addition to the nation's capital."

Mr. Nixon said B'nai B'rith demonstrated through its goal those things the free nations can offer the world. He stressed that a belief in God was the basis of American strength. He emphasized that as Jews foster Judaism they serve America. In the educational objectives of B'nai B'rith--to strengthen religious liberty and combat prejudice--he said there was no greater service to the cause of freedom. Action against discrimination was important to all Americans regardless of faith, he pointed out.

Mr. Nixon drew attention to the fact that B'nai B'rith charitable activities were not limited to the Jewish area. Such charitable assistance is extended to the world at large, he said. This, he added, supported America's humanitarian approach in its international relationships. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt spoke later at a dedication luncheon. A number of dignitaries, members of Congress, and other notables, participated in the ceremony.

B'nai B'rith Adopts Resolutions on Civil Rights in South

B'nai B'rith adopted a resolution at its 114th annual meeting here saying that President Eisenhower's new Civil Rights Commission can give "powerful support" to "law-abiding millions in the South who, regardless of their feelings about integration, have displayed a fundamental respect for constitutional authority and the decencies of American life." The resolution called the new commission to "vigorously expose those irresponsible, small in number, who have been encouraging violence and disorder for the purpose of preventing enjoyment by Negroes of their full constitutional rights."

In other resolutions, B'nai B'rith condemned "the growing tendency" toward sectarian religious instruction in public schools. A resolution said this trend results "both in a weakening of the public school and a water-down of religion" and called instead for greater emphasis on worship in the home and in churches and synagogues.

Another resolution criticized Congress for failing to deal with "fundamental inequities in the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act. It was pointed out that "immigration need not be a burden but can be a source of economic and scientific strength for our nation."

Mr. Klutznick, B'nai B'rith president who is also a U.S. delegate to the United Nations, told the annual meeting that "the Bill of Rights, as the core of American policy, can travel faster than sputniks" in winning adherents among the neutral nations of Asia and Africa. Maurice Bisgyer, executive vice president of the organization, reported that there was a renaissance of Judaism in Western Europe and an "increasing status" for Jewish communities throughout Latin America. He attributed this growth to "the capacity of Jewish life to renew itself in lands where the democratic spirit is present."

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN AUSTRIA ASK GOVERNMENT TO ACT ON RESTITUTION

VIENNA, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Communities of Austria submitted a new memorandum today to the Austrian Government urging prompt action for settlement of claims of Austrian Jews for restitution of losses suffered during the 1933-1945 period.

The memorandum charged that nothing had been done by the Government in the 12 years since Austria's liberation to fulfil obligations of the state treaty requiring restoration of the rights and interests of political persecutees of the Nazi system.

The memorandum noted that in the state treaty, Austria had renounced restitution demands of Austrian citizens on Germany, thus taking on the responsibility for such action. The Federation "therefore demands" legislation by which Austrians who suffered losses in the 1933-1945 period because of political opinions, race, religion or nationality should receive the same benefits as those now given to beneficiaries of the Nazi Victims Law and War Victims Law, the memorandum said.

The Federation declared that a lump sum or pension should be provided to Austrian Jews in that category and that legislation should be passed to require the compensation of Austrian Jews whose shops and industrial enterprises were forcibly liquidated by the Nazis and for various anti-Jewish taxes levied by the Nazis.

64 JEWISH COMMUNITIES RAISED \$63,564,502 THIS YEAR; 12.9 PERCENT GAIN

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Jewish communities in the United States and Canada have scored impressive gains in their fund-raising campaigns this spring, it was reported today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. With only one exception, every city of the 64 which have thus far reported exceed their levels of last year, the report emphasized.

"Campaign totals for these cities have reached \$63,564,502, the CJFWF report stated. "This is 12.9 percent over the amount raised by the same cities in 1956, (\$56,305,076), and 35.4 percent better than 1955 (\$46,954,135).

These striking gains, after the years of decline since 1948 have been attributed by Jewish communal leaders to a variety of causes; the emergency immigration into Israel, emergency flight from several countries, and immigration opportunities in other lands, reflecting growing populations in communities, shifts of population, new advances in services, rising price levels, general economic prosperity; strengthened campaign leadership; and reorganization in community structures."

Large Cities Contribute 10.8 Percent Over Last Year

The bulk of the campaign total came from the large cities. Twelve cities reported fund receipts of \$43,343,097. This compares with \$39,119,538 in 1956, an increase of 10.8 percent. (These figures do not include New York or Chicago)

Eleven cities in the 15,000 to 40,000 Jewish population group raised a total of \$9,778,606, an increase of 14.5 percent over 1956. The 5,000 to 15,000 group, with 15 cities reporting, raised \$6,476,566, an increase of 18.1 percent over 1956. In the group with less than 5,000 Jewish population, 26 cities reported a total of \$3,966,235, an increase of 25.6 percent over 1956.

All four groups of cities achieved a gain of more than one third over 1955, with the small cities soaring to a plus of 49.2 percent and the large cities registering just above a third (33.5 percent) over. The increase for all cities over 1955 was 35.4 percent.

These gains take a different perspective when set against the experience of the past 10 years. With 1946 as the base year (100), 1957 campaigns stand at 109, or 9 percent higher. In 1950 the comparative figure was 105; in 1948, the peak year, 153. Thirty-two of the cities surveyed showed increased totals in 1957 over 1946. These included a majority of the large and intermediate cities. Thirty-one, mainly small cities, still fell short of the 1946 campaign level.

The larger cities achieved uniformly more stable results than the smaller cities. In 1948 all groups went more than 50 percent over the base year (1946). The 5-15,000 Jewish population group, however, registered a 63 percent increase over 1946 while the 15-40,000 group showed a 58 percent increase. Both the large and the small cities did 50 percent better. In all other years, however, achievement was greatest among the largest cities with the narrowest gains among the smallest cities, the CJFWF points out.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT GETS RESOLUTION AIMED AT BANNING SHECHITA

OTTAWA, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- A resolution aimed at ending shechita, Jewish ritual slaughter of food animals, has been introduced in the Canadian Parliament by J. A. McBurn.

The resolution, which would place the government on record as favoring legislation to ensure humane slaughter, is a private member's bill and is unlikely to receive government support. As a matter of fact, since the Jewish community is prepared to battle the resolution it is highly unlikely that the government will even allow it to reach the floor of this extremely busy session. The community does not expect any major drive against shechita at this time.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY HAS NOW 4,200 STUDENTS; FACES FINANCIAL STRESS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The student body at the Hebrew University has quadrupled since the State of Israel was established in 1948 and the institution has kept up with the demands of staff and plant despite deep-seated financial difficulties, its president, Dr. Benjamin Mazar, announced at a press conference today. There are 4,200 students at the university.

Unless the government increases its support of the university, Dr. Mazar said, the institution will be in financial trouble. The current budget will top 10,000 Israeli pounds, he revealed, of which the government supplies 35 percent, overseas sources 40 percent and the remainder is partly made up by student tuition fees.

The academic staff numbers 670, which compares favorably with similar schools throughout the world, Prof. Mazar said. The Jordanian occupation of the road leading to Mt. Scopus has forced the building of a new campus and some 2,500 students are already at work there. The remainder are scattered in a variety of buildings throughout the city.

Among the students are some 100 from abroad--including a contingent from the United States for the third successive year, he revealed. There are also about 100 local Arab students and 160 recent immigrants admitted on scholarships.

ISRAEL EXPECTS NUCLEAR REACTOR FROM THE U.S., TECHNION LEADER SAYS

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Israel expects to obtain a nuclear reactor through the help of the United States, Maj. Gen. Yaacov Dori, president of the Haifa Institute of Technology, said today.

Gen. Dori, who is in the United States on a two-month tour of major universities, said the possession of such a reactor would open new fields of research and make possible expansion of nuclear physics studies in Israel.

He reported that the Technion received more than 1,000 applications from young people interested in studying science and engineering but could only accept 350. He said the Technion graduates 250 scientists a year but Israel needs 400 new scientists annually.

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL REPORTED TAKING PLACE IN U.S. AND ISRAELI ARMIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- A religious revival among young people is taking place in both the American and Israeli armed forces, Colonel Solomon Goren, Chief Rabbi of the Israel Armed Forces, stated at a press conference here, following a meeting at the Pentagon with U.S. Army officers. Colonel Goren is now in the United States in behalf of the drive to sell \$75,000,000 in Israel bonds during 1957 for Israel's economic development.

"The religious revival in Israel has made itself felt with particular force during the past year, since the Sinai campaign," Colonel Goren said. "I was told at the Pentagon yesterday that the same type of religious reawakening is being observed in the American Army. We believe that this intensified awareness of the impact of religion is being experienced by young people throughout the world."

Colonel Goren was the guest at the Pentagon of Major General Patrick J. Ryan, Chief Chaplain of the U.S. Army. Others with whom he conferred there included Colonel Charles Brown, Colonel Penton, Colonel William Fitzgrell, and Colonel Sauls. The first kosher luncheon ever held at the Pentagon was served to Colonel Goren. He is an experienced paratrooper who has worked closely with paratroop groups in the Israel Army, and has served in the front lines with troops in combat. He met also with leaders of the paratroop forces of the U.S. Army.

EUROPEAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES SEEK TRAINED CANTORS IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Europe, which for decades supplied all cantors for American synagogues, now looks to the United States for its trained interpreters of the liturgical music of the Jewish tradition, Dr. Abraham N. Franzblau, dean of the School of Sacred Music, training center for cantors, said yesterday.

Dr. Franzblau disclosed that Dr. Max Warse of Brooklyn's Union Temple will leave New York December 31 to become cantor of Berlin's Jewish community. Acting on a request from Heinz Galinsky, president of Berlin's Jewish community, the Union Temple released Dr. Warse from contractual obligations and freed him for service abroad. His new post brings Dr. Warse back to his native land which he left in 1938, as a refugee from Hitler persecution.

TRUMAN RECEIVES ANCIENT VASES FROM ISRAEL FOR INDEPENDENCE LIBRARY

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Former President Harry S. Truman was a recipient of three ancient vases from Israel for the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri. The presentation was made to the former President by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and Gustav Stern, New York industrialist, on behalf of the Chief Rabbi of Israel, in his capacity as head of World Academy of Jerusalem. The vases released by the Department of Antiquities of Israel as a special consideration for Mr. Truman are of the Byzantine and Roman periods and are 2,000 and 3,000 years old.