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JORDANIANS ATTACK ISRAEL SETTLEMENT; USE HAND GRENADES, ONE WOUNDED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The first organized attack on an Israeli settlement in many months was carried out last night by armed Jordanians, a military spokesman announced today. The assault took place at Adulan, a settlement in the Lachish area north of Beit Jibrin.

The Jordanian raiders, using hand grenades, attacked settlement guards and blasted a house. They were quickly repulsed when reinforcements arrived. One watchman was slightly wounded. A second attack was carried out this morning on Israeli workers in a field south of Jerusalem. The Jordanians fired on workers at the Ramath Rachel settlement but apparently hit no one.

The new Jordanian attacks are regarded here very seriously. Up to now, incidents involving Jordan were thought of as attempts by the Jordanian authorities to "save face" in the Arab world where King Hussein has been under attack for allegedly negotiating with Israel. However, the attack on a settlement is far graver than isolated attempts to kidnap Israelis.

ELECTRICITY CURBED ON MT. SCOPUS; ISRAEL AWAITS HAMMARSKJOLD ARRIVAL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet held a special meeting today in preparation for the arrival here Tuesday of United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold whom the Israel Government expects to take urgent action on Jordan's refusal to allow gasoline to be conveyed through the Arab lines to the Jewish police and maintenance party on Mt. Scopus.

Meanwhile, it was reliably learned that electricity, produced by gasoline-powered generators, is severely rationed on Mt. Scopus where Israeli guards occupy the old campus of the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital grounds.

No agenda has been fixed for talks between Mr. Hammarskjold and Premier David Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Golda Meir, but the Israelis expect him to tackle the convoy issue first. Then he is expected to deal with the other Jordanian border problems, the Syrian incidents and Egypt's seizure of six Israeli fishermen aboard the trawler Doron.

According to information from Mt. Scopus, electricity is in use only in one large hall on the height and for lights around the perimeter of the University-hospital grounds. Other rooms are lighted by candle. Nearly two weeks have passed since a convoy should have made its way to the height and the authorities are becoming increasingly concerned over the hardships suffered by 85 policemen and 35 civilian maintenance workers.

(A report from Amman, capital of Jordan, said that Mr. Hammarskjold arrived there today and met with King Hussein and members of the Jordanian Cabinet. The report said that the Jordanians suggested he proceed to Mt. Scopus to establish whether the Israeli units there were erecting fortifications in violation of the armistice agreement.)

Israel Firm on Demand for Passage of Gasoline to Mt. Scopus

Informed sources today indicated that Mr. Hammarskjold will find Israel strongly interested in avoiding any need for a forcible solution of the Scopus controversy but at the same time firmly insistent that the gasoline must be allowed passage. These sources said that fuel was specifically mentioned in the supplies listed in a supplementary Israel-Jordan agreement on provisioning for Mount Scopus watchmen at the Hebrew University and Hadassah hospital buildings. They said the agreement was reached under UN auspices in October, 1950.

It appeared likely that Mr. Hammarskjold would seek to try to work out a face saving agreement to enable Jordan to retreat from its refusal to permit passage of the fuel. It was also understood that Israel was willing to discuss the question of Scopus supplies only in the framework of Jordan willingness to revive Article Eight of the armistice agreement. This article calls for a special subcommittee to deal with all problems of divided Jerusalem, including access to Mount Scopus and Jewish Holy Places.

Israel officials were understood to feel that implementation of Article Eight was more important than the question of whether Israel would agree to resume participation in

meetings of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission. The Israel argument was understood to be that revival of Article Eight would prove Jordan's readiness to make the Mixed Armistice Commission generally effective. It was the absence of such willingness which prompted Israel to boycott armistice commission meetings.

Meanwhile, Syria has asked postponement of a meeting of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission scheduled for today to discuss Israeli charges that Syrian troops have been firing at Israeli farmers. The postponement was requested on the grounds that the chief Syrian delegate was ill. However, observers here believe the "illness" is political, meant to give the Syrians a delay until after Mr. Hammarskjold has visited Damascus.

SECRETARY DULLES AND EBAN DISCUSS ISRAEL'S GENERAL SECURITY PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan dispute and the visit of United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold to the Middle East were mentioned this week-end when Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban met with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, although Mr. Eban made known that this was not the main issue discussed.

After a lengthy discussion with Secretary Dulles Friday afternoon, Mr. Eban told the press that a great deal of ground was covered. Discussed were such matters as Israel's general security problem against the background of regional and world developments, political, economic and other questions.

Mr. Eban said a general review took place of all main problems of mutual interest in line with continuing close contact between the United States and Israel. The chief forum for discussion of the current Jordan frontier situation is the United Nations, Mr. Eban said. He told of his meeting Thursday with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold.

"JERUSALEM POST" CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY; FOUNDED BY J. T. A.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem Post, published by Gershon Agron -- now the Mayor of Jerusalem -- today marked its 25th anniversary as the first English-language newspaper in this country. It published a special supplement including messages of congratulations and articles recalling milestones in the paper's history.

Founded by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency as the Palestine Bulletin, the newspaper later became known as the Palestine Post and, when the State of Israel was established, as the Jerusalem Post. Messages from President Ben Zvi and Premier Ben Gurion paid tribute to the Post's achievements through the years and its acting as a "show window" for Jewish achievements in the Jewish homeland.

W. J. C. CONVENTION DISCUSSES JEWISH POSITION IN RUSSIA, MOROCCO

LONDON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- A report on the situation of the Jews of Eastern Europe and of North Africa was presented here last night at the opening session of the 10th biennial convention of the British Section of the World Jewish Congress by A. L. Easterman, political director of the WJC.

Mr. Easterman reported that the WJC was continuing its efforts to send to the Soviet Union a delegation headed by its president Dr. Nahum Goldmann to discuss with Soviet authorities various aspects and problems of Jewish life in the USSR. He asserted that in the 40 years of the Soviet regime the position of Russian Jewry had not improved and that it was suffering from restraint and discrimination and was practically cut off from the Jews of the rest of the world.

Mr. Easterman described the Soviet's Middle Eastern policy as disappointing and disquieting. "Not the least of our anxieties," he said, "is that the restraints upon the Jews of Russia may be related to major international policies of the Soviet Union so fiercely concentrated in the Middle East." The Jewish people as a whole, he continued, are partisans of neither the East nor the West and cannot be involved in the Big Power conflict, regardless of the views of individual Jews.

The WJC leader paid tribute to the Moroccan Government for standing four square behind its obligations to grant full freedom and equality to the Jews. One freedom, however, it has not respected, he noted, the right of Jews to emigrate to other countries, including Israel. He revealed that the Congress was working on this problem.

Dr. S. Levenberg, Labor Zionist leader, told the conference that the solution of the problem of Russian Jewry lies in the Soviet Government openly fighting anti-Jewish discrimination and anti-Semitism. The USSR must also give up its policy of "denationalizing" the Jewish minority -- a process which has actually strengthened Jewish feelings -- and it must not ignore Jewish interest in Israel, Dr. Levenberg added.

The Marchioness of Reading, president of the British Section, told the 300 delegates that the WJC was neither a Zionist, nor a Jewish Agency nor an Israeli organization. It is an international body representing a multitude of sections of Jews throughout the world, she insisted. "The strength of the Congress lies in its independent nature and universality," she said.

U.S. COLLEGE FRATERNITIES LAUNCH DRIVE TO PRESERVE DISCRIMINATION

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 1, (JTA) -- The nation's college fraternities launched this week-end an organized campaign to preserve racial and religious discriminatory clauses in their constitutions.

A report was issued by a committee of the National Interfraternity Conference naming 63 American college campuses on which it said anti-discrimination "agitation" is under way. The conference is meeting here and has undertaken to map strategy for a nationwide fight to preserve the present system of refusing fraternity membership to Negroes, Jews, and others.

The report condemned what it termed "planned attempts to reduce Greek-letter societies to a position of impotence if not to eliminate them entirely." It will be submitted for approval to the general assembly comprising more than 700 college students and alumni who represent 61 national fraternities.

The report attacked the Universities of Massachusetts, Oregon, New Mexico, and Washington. It also rapped Kansas City and Lewis and Clark Colleges as schools which have announced they will not permit fraternities which restrict membership on a basis of race, color, and religion. Amherst and the State University of New York were condemned for ordering social fraternities to revise charters or get off the campus.

Other moves were denounced, including the banning of new fraternity chapters which discriminate and "agitation" against so-called gentlemen's agreements. The report said: "Probably the most vicious move of all--(is) the definite threat at some schools to require fraternities to show by actual practice they do not select their members on the basis of race, color, creed or national origin."

LABOR CONVENTION ASKS RUSSIA TO PERMIT EMIGRATION OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 1, (JTA) -- A resolution asking the Soviet Government to permit free emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union was adopted here today at the closing session of the three-day annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel, at which a two-year drive to raise \$10,000,000 for Histadrut projects in Israel was launched. Delegates from more than 100 communities in the United States and Canada presented a "down payment" of \$1,000,000 in cash toward the 1957-58 target of \$5,000,000. The second \$5,000,000 will be sought during 1958-59.

In addressing themselves to the Soviet Government, the delegates pointed out that the Jewish community of Russia, cut off from the main body of world Jewry for 40 years, retained its desire for survival and for association with the renaissance taking place in the State of Israel. Another resolution, addressed "to the powers of the East and of the West," called for the cessation of arms shipments to the Arabs of the Middle East, "since the build-up of armaments in the hands of unstable, irresponsible cliques can only lead to conflagration that will embroil the entire world."

The convention also adopted a resolution expressing hope for the full recovery of President Eisenhower from his current indisposition. A resolution also congratulated Israel's President Itzhak Ben Zvi, a founder of Histadrut 37 years ago, upon his re-election to the Presidency of Israel earlier this month. Joseph Schlossberg was re-elected chairman; Max Zaritsky, treasurer; Joseph Kaplow, associate treasurer; and Dr. Dov Biegun, secretary.

In his annual report to the convention, Dr. Biegun reported that the Israel Histadrut Campaign had raised \$3,650,000 during the previous fiscal period, including funds raised by the Pioneer Women's Organization for the Working Women's Council of Histadrut. Histadrut is the general labor federation of Israel, which in addition to its trade union activities, fosters the country's largest medical organization, Kupat Holim, which serves 1,200,000 men, women and children. Kupat Holim, according to Dr. Biegun, will get 35 percent of the \$10,000,000 for the purpose of expending its hospital and outpatient clinic facilities. One medical center is already under construction in the Negev.

The delegates heard a recorded speech from Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador to the United States. Mr. Eban told delegates that "the Arab mind will have to understand that what we have accomplished in Israel will endure." Dr. Judd L. Teller, political secretary of the Jewish Agency, said there was little likelihood that the synagogue and the temple alone can preserve Jewish culture in America. "Drawing on Israel's Jewish culture, American Jews may hope to develop their own vigorous creativity," he said. "Divorced from the Israel generator, American Jewish culture may be reduced to a diminishing and fading ritualistic folklore."

CATHOLIC WOMAN WHO ABDUCTED JEWISH ORPHANS SURRENDERS IN BELGIUM

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 1, (JTA) -- Mrs. G. E. Langendijk van Moorst, former foster mother of Anneke Beekman, 15-year-old Jewish war orphan spirited out of Holland when a court ordered her turned over to the Jewish community, surrendered to the Dutch authorities at the Belgian border this week-end.

The Catholic woman who, together with her still missing sister fought legally and illegally since 1954 to keep the Beekman girl, will serve a three-month sentence imposed on her before she fled to Belgium.

J. D. C. ANNUAL MEETING TO HEAR REPORT ON RESUMPTION OF AID IN POLAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The 43rd annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee will be held on Thursday, December 12, at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, it was announced today by Edward M. M. Warburg, JDC chairman. Leaders of Jewish communities from coast to coast will attend the meeting to elect officers for the coming year and to adopt a budget for JDC activities during 1958.

A special report on the resumption of JDC aid in Poland will be made by Charles H. Jordan, JDC director general, who recently visited Poland to survey the needs of some 10,000 Jews repatriated from Russia. Mr. Jordan will also report to the delegates on the continuing needs of Jewish Hungarian and Egyptian refugees who left their countries a year ago and still have not found permanent homes.

MELVIN GOLDSTEIN NAMED ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIRMAN OF U. J. A.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Melvin S. Goldstein, organizational executive, who for 17 years has played a prominent role in the rescue and rehabilitation of Jewish men, women and children in post war Europe and Arab lands, has been named administrative vice chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, it was announced yesterday by Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice chairman.

Mr. Goldstein, as assistant secretary of the Joint Distribution Committee in Europe, helped in organizing the programs which provided urgent relief and welfare aid to Jews in more than 30 countries. He has been with the UJA since 1951 when he arrived from the JDC's European headquarters in Paris. The new administrative vice chairman will bear a large share of responsibility for directing the nationwide campaign of the UJA.

Mr. Goldstein joined the overseas staff of the JDC in Lisbon in 1941 and he served as assistant secretary of its European Executive Council. In 1945 he moved to the newly reestablished JDC headquarters office in Paris to assist in the administration of the organization's relief and welfare programs. Three years later he was secretary of the special conference on International Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation which brought together Jewish leaders representing 30 countries, including the surviving Jewish communities on the Continent.

THREE-DAY PARLEY DISCUSSES PROBLEMS OF SYNAGOGUE ARCHITECTURE IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The need for building inexpensive synagogue structures to fulfill the limited budgetary requirements of young congregations was stressed by Rabbi Jay Kaufman, vice president of the Union of American Congregations, in his opening address last night at the three-day National Conference and Exhibit on Synagogue Architecture and Art, which is taking place at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel.

More than 150 architects, artists, rabbinical and lay leaders of congregations affiliated with the UAHC are attending the conference at which various problems of synagogue architecture are discussed. An extensive exhibit of synagogue architecture is displayed to enable the delegates to view the outstanding examples created since the first such conference in 1947.

LARGEST ORTHODOX SYNAGOGUE IN THE U.S. DEDICATED IN MEMPHIS

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Baron Hirsch Synagogue of this city, the largest Orthodox synagogue in the United States, was dedicated here this week-end with a series of events which began with a religious service Friday night and ended with a dinner tonight.

The \$1,600,000 structure, which took seven years to complete, has a seating capacity of 2,000 and an ability to take an additional 1,000 seats for special occasions. Beside the huge auditorium, the building includes 26 classrooms, an assembly hall, a children's synagogue, a Beth Medrash, several kitchens, a canteen, a youth room and 11 offices. Its spiritual leader is Rabbi Isadore Goodman.

REMAINS OF DR. PINKHOS CHURGIN FLOWN TO ISRAEL; DIED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The remains of Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, president of Bar-Ilan University in Israel who died here last Thursday while visiting the United States for medical treatment, were flown last night by El Al plane to Israel for burial. Hundreds of Orthodox Jews came to Idlewild Airport for a funeral service prior to the plane's departure.

Dr. Churgin was a long-time leader of religious Jewry in the United States. Born in 1894 in Russia, he was educated in that country and at Yale University. He was a former national president of the Mizrahi Organization of America and the dean of Teachers Institute of Yeshiva University. Dr. Churgin was a leading scholar in the fields of philosophy and history and editor of several Hebrew-language publications. He was named president of Bar-Ilan University in 1952.