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ISRAEL CONVOY TO MT. SCOPUS PASSED BY JORDAN; CARRIED GASOLINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5, (JTA) -- An Israel convoy to Mount Scopus which had been delayed two weeks because of Jordanian objections was permitted passage today at the Mandelbaum Gate checkpoint after some last-minute hitches were settled on the spot.

The convoy supplies to the Israel enclave in Jordan-held territory included the gasoline to which Jordan had objected on grounds that the fuel was to be used in alleged fortification building by Israel on Mount Scopus.

The deadlock over the convoy and Jordanian demands for the ousting of Col. Byron V. Leary, acting Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization, brought UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold on a hurried visit to the Middle East which led to a Jordan agreement to permit passage of the convoy.

After the nine barrels of gasoline were inspected, it was found that two barrels were leaking which were replaced and again inspected. The inspection was carried out by UN officials while Jordanian officers stood by.

UN sources here first denied then admitted Arab press reports this morning that Lt. Col. George Flint, chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, had carried out an inspection of Mt. Scopus as had been demanded by Jordan as one of its conditions for allowing convoy passage.

The Jordan press this morning said that Mr. Hammarskjold's flying visit to King Hussein between talks with Mr. Ben Gurion was for the purpose of conveying to the King Israel's agreement to permitting UN inspection of Mt. Scopus, provided the inspection includes both the Israel and Jordanian sectors. The Arab press also insisted that Jordan was continuing its opposition to Col. Leary, who was charged with favoritism toward Israel in the Mt. Scopus stalemate.

Hammarskjold Appoints "Personal Representative" for Mt. Scopus Talks

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 5, (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold has decided to appoint a special personal representative to negotiate with the governments of Israel and Jordan on the dispute involving the demilitarized area atop Mt. Scopus. Announcement of this decision was made here today.

"Both governments concerned," a spokesman for the Secretary General declared here today, "have stated to the Secretary General that they are willing, on the basis of reciprocity, to give full implementation to an agreement they made on July 7, 1948 under which activities in the Mt. Scopus area were to be maintained 'until a new agreement is entered upon.'"

On that basis, the announcement here continued, there will be inspection of Mt. Scopus by UN observers, "which is necessary in order to fulfil United Nations responsibilities for checking that such implementation is established and maintained."

"It is the view of the Secretary General," the spokesman declared, "that these negotiations should be taken up forthwith and conducted in such a way as to reach a speedy result." Mr. Hammarskjold will announce the name of his new personal representative when he returns here early next week.

Israel Willing to Start Talks with Jordan on Mt. Scopus Pact

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5, (JTA) -- Israel indicated today an eagerness to enter into negotiations leading to implementation of the Israel-Jordan agreement on the movement of men and supplies through the Arab Legion lines to Mt. Scopus.

Commenting on an announcement that United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold would appoint a UN officer to negotiate with the parties for implementation of that compact, Israeli Foreign Ministry officials welcomed Mr. Hammarskjold's proposed action and said Israel had been waiting since 1949 to implement this agreement.

They also noted that for the past eight years Israel had been waiting to implement Article Eight of the armistice agreement which calls for the establishment of a special committee to settle a variety of matters left up in the air after the war of 1948, including

the resumption of cultural and humanitarian projects at the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus.

Israel still wants to put into effect the entire article, these officials indicated, but if that is not possible at the present time Israel is willing to do the next best thing-- work toward complete demilitarization of Mt. Scopus. Israel has repeatedly complained of violations of the demilitarized character of the height.

Syria Agrees to Reinforce Authority of Armistice Commission

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and the Syrian Foreign Minister, Salah Eddine Bitar, agreed today "on the necessity of reinforcing the authority of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization and of the Mixed Armistice Commission with a view to the effective application of the General Armistice Agreement."

Announcement of the Hammarskjold-Bitar agreement was made simultaneously here and in Damascus this afternoon after conclusion of a conference held in the Syrian capital between the Secretary General and the Syrian authorities.

STEVENSON DENIES SUGGESTING U.S. SEEK NATO AID FOR MID-EAST PEACE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The State Department refused today to comment on a press report stating that Adlai E. Stevenson had urged the United States Administration to seek NATO cooperation for a general political settlement in the Middle East and that the Administration indicated that the NATO meeting was not the proper forum to discuss the suggestion of the former Democratic Presidential candidate.

Lincoln White, State Department spokesman, said the Department had no comment on the report. A spokesman for Mr. Stevenson flatly denied the report. He said:

"The Governor has doubtless discussed many ideas in the State Department, and probably this one. He has long been concerned with new initiatives in the Middle East and suggested an arms embargo, and enlarged boundary guarantees, a year or more ago." But so far as urging that NATO make a new effort in the Middle East, Mr. Stevenson "has made no such proposal."

An indication was given, in the statement by Mr. Stevenson's spokesman, that the Democratic leader did suggest to the State Department some new peace move in the Middle East, possibly involving an arms embargo by the Great Powers.

ARAB BLOC AT U. N. CONTINUES TO HAMPER VOTE ON REFUGEE RESOLUTION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 5. (JTA) -- For the third successive day, the Arab delegates in the United Nations General Assembly's special political committee obtained an adjournment of the Arab refugee debate on the grounds they were not yet ready to discuss the refugee relief resolution which was introduced by the United States and several other members yesterday.

The political committee met briefly in the morning and the afternoon, each session being cancelled in turn. Many delegations were of the opinion that one reason for the Arab delegates' stalling was the fact that they wanted to concentrate their top forces first of all in the sessions of another committee dealing with the Algerian problem. It is understood here that actually the Arabs have already indicated substantial agreement to the American draft.

TURKEY CHARGED IN PARLIAMENT WITH TAKING SIDES IN ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE

ANKARA, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Turkey "desires a settlement of the Palestine problem in accordance with the United Nations resolution," Premier Menderes told Parliament last night in presenting his new Government's program.

The failure to solve the dispute with justice is the main reason for the present Middle East troubles, he asserted, adding that the present conflicts were a manifestation of the East-West struggle.

Citing the recent Turkish-Syrian crises as an example, the Premier told the National Assembly that Turkey had "brotherly feelings" toward all Arab countries, including Syria, and that it was Turkey's "cherished wish" that the Arab world would achieve independence.

Opposition leader Ismet Inonu, however, told the deputies that Turkey must not "take sides" in the Arab-Israel conflict or in inter-Arabic struggles. He insisted that Turkey's position in these matters was "delicate." He also criticized the Baghdad Pact.

ISRAEL TEAM TAKES 21,000,000 PHOTOS OF DOCUMENTS ON NAZI CAMPS

KASSEL, Germany, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- An official Israel team has completed more than two years' work taking 21,000,000 photographs of documents concerning Nazi concentration camps. The vast photographic library which has been built up on microfilm by the Israel team contains the record of all traceable deaths which occurred in German concentration camps. The commission received full help from the West German authorities.

MOSCOW COURT STARTS HEARINGS ON ISRAEL COMPLAINT; ISRAEL WINS POINT

LONDON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Representatives of two Israel oil corporations, receiving their first day in court in Moscow yesterday to argue a breach of contract claim, won from a three-man Soviet arbitration board an order directing the Soviet defendant to give a full reply to the claim.

The defendant, Soyuzneft-Export, the Soviet Union's oil export corporation, stopped deliveries of oil to Israel and cancelled contracts on November 6, 1956, a week after Israel opened its Sinai campaign. The ostensible reason given by the export corporation was that it had lost its export license for Israel.

In seeking to establish its claim in principle, Israel filed suit for \$2,396,440 in damages for the uncompleted contract of one of the companies for the first half of 1957. The sum makes this the largest claim brought before the foreign trade arbitration commission in its 25-year history.

The Israel claimants are Jordan Investments, Ltd., and the Delek Israel Fuel Corporation. David M. Schlosberg and Zeev Argaman are the Israel representatives appearing before the commission.

The case has attracted tremendous interest, particularly in Western countries, because it poses a challenge to Soviet Government contentions that Soviet export and import corporations are independent business enterprises, rather than instruments of Soviet policy.

The Soviet export corporation was expected to plead it could not fulfil its contracts with the Israel oil companies because of "force majeure," an act beyond its control. This legal principle is used by western non-governmental enterprises, but the two Israel attorneys were planning to contend that in the Soviet Union all businesses are government monopolies and, therefore, subject to government control.

The two Israel firms had contracts for 1957 and 1958 for the purchase of 1,150,000 tons of fuel and crude oil at a cost of \$18,000,000 representing about a third of Israel's total fuel use annually.

NAZI LEADER SENTENCED IN GERMANY TO 15 YEARS FOR MURDERING JEWS

HAGEN, Germany, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A German court in this Westphalian city has sentenced Paul Thomanek, onetime S.S. leader and concentration camp commandant, to 15 years' imprisonment for the murder of five Jews.

When he heard the verdict, the defendant said he had been made a victim of an "organized conspiracy of the Jews." Several Jews now living in the United States travelled to Germany to testify to the murder of hundreds of prisoners at the camp which they had witnessed.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ISSUES REPORT ON CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRESS

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The civil rights gains during the past decade represent "the greatest achievement in the advancement of freedom and equality since the Emancipation Proclamation," Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, said here today. He announced the publication of a ten-year survey of civil rights in the United States.

The 40-page report, published as the Committee's annual survey of legislative, administrative, judicial and voluntary civil rights advances in the United States, will be issued on Bill of Rights Day, December 15, which this year celebrates the 166th anniversary of the Constitution's first ten amendments. The survey marks the tenth anniversary of the Report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

One of the major achievements covered in the AJC survey is the desegregation process in southern and border states, initiated as a result of the Supreme Court decision, in close to a thousand school districts and units. Although resistance continues in the Deep South, the survey said that about 350,000 Negro and 2,000,000 white children are currently in "integrated situations."

The new Federal civil rights law, which broke an 82-year Congressional deadlock on civil rights legislation, was pointed to as "graphic evidence of the changing civil rights climate in our country over the past decade." With regard to employment, the AJC report states that more than one-third of the U.S. population is currently covered by state or local Fair Employment Practices measures, and pointed out that there are enforceable FEPC statutes in 13 states and 40 cities. In housing, nine states and many cities have outlawed segregation and discrimination in public or publicly assisted housing. Great advances were registered in public accommodations.

FIRST KOSHER DINNER SERVED IN DUTCH PALACE BY QUEEN JULIANA

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The first kosher dinner ever held in the Dutch royal palace was given by Queen Juliana at Soestdyk Palace to the delegates to the recent European Conference of Orthodox Rabbis, it was learned today.

J. D. C. AIDED 183,000 JEWS IN MORE THAN 25 COUNTRIES THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee provided health, welfare, emigration, cultural, educational and religious services this year for about 183,000 Jews in more than 25 countries of Europe, North Africa and the Near East, including Israel, it was announced here today by Edward M. M. Warburg, JDC chairman. The announcement was made in connection with the forthcoming 43rd annual meeting of the organization which will take place next Thursday at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Mr. Warburg also announced that George L. Warren, adviser on refugees and displaced persons in the Department of State, will address the dinner held in conjunction with the annual meeting. Also featured on the program will be Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice chairman who has been surveying health and welfare needs of Jews in South America, Europe and Israel. Mr. Leavitt is chairman of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, and was a member of President Eisenhower's Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief.

At business sessions earlier in the day, delegates from every section of the United States will consider and adopt a budget for the JDC 1958 programs in various parts of the world. High on the agenda will be a report by Charles H. Jordan, JDC director-general for overseas operations, on the agency's aid to Jewish refugees from Egypt and Hungary and on the resumption of a JDC welfare program in Poland for Jews recently repatriated from the Soviet Union.

FORMER JEWISH SLAVE LABORERS IN GERMANY FORM COMMITTEE IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A committee has been formed here by Jewish inmates of Nazi concentration camps who worked as slave laborers for such firms as: AEG, Bragbag, Heinkel, Holzmann, Krupp, Moll, Rheinmetall-Borsig, Siemens-Schuckert and Telefunken. It is the purpose of this committee to study means of safeguarding the interest of these slave laborers, an announcement issued today stated.

A West German law promulgated on December 19, 1956, regulates all types of claims of foreigners against German concerns and private persons. This would also include claims arising from maltreatment or non-receipt of wages by persons residing outside of Germany who during the last war worked as slave laborers for German private corporations and firms. These claims may be barred unless legal action is instituted before December 31, 1957.

Jewish inmates of concentration camps who during the last war worked as slave laborers for any of these firms are requested to communicate at their earliest convenience their name, present address, and the period and place of their work for the firm to the Committee of Former Jewish Slave Laborers in Germany, P/o Box 1737, Church Street Station, New York.

"Prompt contact is advisable in order to enable it to initiate such steps in the interest of these former slave laborers as may be possible, but the Committee cannot assume liability for the presentation of law suits which can only be initiated by private attorneys acting for each person," the announcement issued by the committee emphasized.

POLISH HEALTH DELEGATION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL FOR TWO-WEEK STUDY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A Polish health delegation, including key government welfare officials, arrived today in Israel for a two-week visit as guests of the Israel Health Ministry.

The visitors included B. Kozeznik, Polish Deputy Health Minister, Prof. M. Stanislawski of the Polish Medical Academy, and Dr. A. Fomareska, chairman of the Mother and Child Care Department of the Polish Health Ministry. The Polish Army football team arrived last night for a series of games with Israel teams.

FOREIGN MINISTER OF URUGUAY PRESENTED J.N.F. GOLDEN BOOK DIPLOMA

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Foreign Minister of Uruguay, Prof. Oscar Secco Ellauri, was presented today by a delegation of Uruguayan Jewry with a diploma of the Jewish National Fund Golden Book. The delegation was accompanied by Joel Barzani, Israel Charge d'affaires, and Mijl Gravier, a special JNF delegate from Jerusalem.

The delegation also informed the Foreign Minister of the JNF's intention to plant an "Artigas" forest in Israel as an expression of the appreciation of the people of Israel to the people and government of Uruguay for understanding and support of Israel's aspirations.

Prof. Secco Ellauri replied that the best reward he had received for his participation in the United Nations Commission on Palestine which reported in favor of the establishment of a Jewish State was his conviction that he had had an opportunity to contribute "to the birth of a new, free and democratic nation."