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ISRAEL TO RESUME WORK IN LAKE HULEH AREA TODAY; U. N. SURVEY COMPLETED

JERUSALEM, April 6. (JTA) -- Work in the Lake Huleh area where Israeli and Syrian troops, armor and artillery clashed last week is slated to be resumed tomorrow when a new earth digger arrives to replace the machine damaged by Syrian mortar fire.

United Nations observers have completed their third survey in the area where the incidents have occurred, but their report has not yet been announced officially. Already, however, the Syrians are reported determined to again interfere with the canal drainage project when it resumes even if the third survey proves, as it did the two previous efforts, that the disputed area is entirely outside the demilitarized zone.

Meanwhile, two Israeli civilians were murdered in the Lachich development area adjoining the Jordanian border this week-end. The jeep in which they had been riding was found abandoned several hours later near Tel Lachish, on the border. Footprints from that place were tracked in the direction of the Jordanian village of Idna.

U. S. Did Not Ask Israel to Halt Work in Huleh, Israelis Say

Meanwhile, Israeli circles explained today that the United States did not ask Israel to halt work in the Huleh drainage project. American diplomats here merely expressed support of the UN request that Israel cooperate in its survey to the extent, if necessary, of interrupting work while measurements were being taken at different points. The Israelis had actually complied with this UN request a day before the Americans endorsed it.

(At the United Nations, a spokesman for the Israel delegation denied reports that the Israel Government had "bowed to urgent American demands" in halting work on the Lake Huleh reclamation project. He said the Israeli position had been misrepresented in published statements attributed to Egyptian sources in Cairo. This report, he stated, had made it appear that Israel had had to be forced to cease wrongdoing. He said the suspension of work had been agreed to "in a spirit of cooperation with the United Nations.")

Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of the UN Emergency Force on the Egyptian-Israeli border, arrived in Jerusalem today for a conference with Maj. Gen. Carl C. von Horn, his successor in the post of UN truce chief.

Nasser Assails Israel; Considers Immigration "Hostile" Act

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- Israel's "ambition" to bring more Jewish immigrants into the country was termed today by President Nasser of the United Arab Republic an act "hostile" to the Arabs. The Arab ruler made his view known in a television interview over the Columbia Broadcasting network. CBS will carry an interview with Israel Premier David Ben Gurion on April 20.

Mr. Nasser said that Israel constitutes a threat to the Arab lands. He claimed that the Zionists conduct "influential" propaganda against Egypt in the Western world. He made these allegations in reply to a question whether he intends to come to a peace settlement with Israel.

U. N. Chief Returns to New York; Mum on His Talks with Arabs in Geneva

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 6. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, returning from Geneva where he conferred with Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Foreign Minister of the United Arab Republic, refused yesterday to make public any details of his talks with the UAR statesmen or with Russian and British leaders whom he met with earlier in Moscow and London.

Although, in line with his policy of "quiet diplomacy," Mr. Hammarskjold would not give details to the press, it was reported in Geneva during the talks that he and Dr. Fawzi had discussed: the Israel-Syrian border situation; the activities of the UN Emergency Force; freedom of passage through the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba, and legal questions affecting the UN and the UAR resulting from the recent Egyptian-Syrian merger. It is believed that the Middle East situation was also discussed in Moscow and London.

ISRAEL CELEBRATES PASSOVER IN HOLIDAY MOOD; GREETED BY MOSCOW RABBI

JERUSALEM, April 6. (JTA) -- Israel celebrated Passover in an unprecedented holiday mood, indicating greater peace of mind on the part of the population than ever before in the ten years of the state's existence. The synagogues were crowded and Seders were held in many kibbutzim and in all army units.

The Israel Chief Rabbinate announced receipt of Passover greetings from the Chief Rabbinate of the Soviet Union and other Communist countries of East Europe. Moscow's Chief Rabbi Yehuda Levin expressed wishes for a "happy holiday in peace and trust." Cables of greetings were also received from: Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen, Bulgaria's Chief Rabbi A. Hananel, Czechoslovakia's Chief Rabbi Z. Siechel and the Jewish Community of Shanghai, in Communist China.

Chief Rabbis Isaac Herzog and Isaac Nissim released messages of Passover greetings to the people of Israel, calling for unity for the task of building the country, as did Chief Chaplain Rabbi Shmuel Goren in a message addressed to Israeli servicemen and women.

On the recommendation of Premier David Ben Gurion, Rabbi Amram Blau, Neturei Karta leader, and some 30 members of his sect who has been sentenced to prison terms for public disturbances growing out of the construction of a pool for mixed bathing in Jerusalem, were granted 48-hour "vacations" from prison so they could hold Seders at home. Special rations were issued to all prisoners throughout the country and they were allowed additional visits during the festival week.

The government went through its annual ritual of "selling" its entire store of "chometz" to a group of Arab notables--to be "resold" to the government at the end of the festival. In another measure, the government removed for the week all storage fees on food parcels arriving from abroad for observant individuals and merchants.

J. D. C. Provided Matzoh Baking Machinery for Jews in Poland

PARIS, April 6. (JTA) -- Reports that the Joint Distribution Committee had sent ten tons of matzohs to the Jews of Poland were denied here by Charles Jordan, JDC director general.

The JDC contribution to Polish Jewry's Passover celebration this year, Mr. Jordan revealed, was matzoh baking machinery which was used by a group of Jewish bakers in Wroclaw. They baked matzohs, under the seal of Warsaw Chief Rabbi M. Berkowitz, for the entire Jewish religious community of Poland. In addition, Mr. Jordan pointed out, the JDC provided funds to the religious community to pay for matzohs for Jewish families who could not afford to buy them.

"We have shipped 163,000 pounds of matzohs and 39,000 pounds of kosher fat to Jewish communities in 11 countries," Mr. Jordan said. "Poland, however, was not one of them. We decided that providing the means for Polish Jews to bake their own matzohs was preferable and should also help the organized Jewish communities.

Of the other JDC Passover work, Mr. Jordan disclosed: 22,000 pounds of kosher fat had been sent to Australia, as well as 2,000 bottles of Passover wine and 500 pounds of special flour for ultra-Orthodox Jews who bake their own matzohs; wine was also shipped to Italy and West Germany.

Passover Greetings Broadcast in Yiddish to Jews in U.S.S.R.

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- Jan Peerce, American opera star, broadcast Passover greetings in Yiddish to the Jews of the Soviet Union. His message was beamed to all parts of the Soviet Union by Radio Liberation via powerful transmitters in West Germany and the Far East.

In his message, part of Radio Liberation's special program devoted to the Passover festival, the Metropolitan Opera tenor recalled his visit to the Soviet Union in June, 1956, and the "extraordinarily warm" reception accorded him by Soviet Jews who packed the Moscow Synagogue to greet him as a representative of American Jews.

"There were perhaps 5,000 Jews in the synagogue that Sabbath day when you invited me to pray with you," Mr. Peerce recalled. "It was an episode I will never forget. I hope that in a short time, with God's help, we will meet again. And I want you to know that we here in America remember you--and will continue to remember you--as I hope you remember us."

Americans Attend Public Seder in Spain; Invited by Synagogue

BARCELONA, April 6. (JTA) -- More than 80 American Jewish tourists attended a public Seder at the Barcelona Synagogue here Friday night, the first such public service in the modern history of Spain.

The tourists were passengers on the S.S. Independence on a Mediterranean tour, who were invited by the congregation. The invitation was extended while the passengers were on the high seas between Venice and Messina. Following the Seder, the Americans returned to their ship the next morning to continue the cruise.

ISRAEL'S SUIT AGAINST SOVIET OIL TRUST AGAIN HELD UP IN MOSCOW

LONDON, April 6. (JTA) -- Israel's suit against the Soviet oil trust for unilateral breach of contract in cutting off crude oil supplies after the Sinai operation in October 1956 was held up once again this week-end, according to press dispatches from Moscow.

The arbitration commission before which the Israeli damage suit for more than \$2,000,000 is being heard informed the Israeli attorneys presenting the case that their second choice, D. L. Nesterov, for an arbitrator was not available. The Israeli first choice, D. F. Ramzaytsev, became ill in the course of the hearings and, after several days, resigned just as the Israelis were bringing their case to a close.

The hearing, which opened last December 4, is based on the claims of two Israeli oil companies that a citrus-for-oil agreement had been breached by the Soviet company without their consent. They dispute the Soviet company's assertion that it was forced to do so by instructions from the USSR Government, noting that the company is actually an extension of the government and not a separate entity.

JEWS IN POLAND FEAR TO ENTER RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES, U.S. RABBI REPORTS

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- "The Jews in Poland are afraid to enter into organized religious activities, despite the understanding cooperation offered to religious Jews by the Polish Government," it was reported today by Rabbi Harry Bronstein following his return from a six-week mission in Poland.

Rabbi Bronstein was delegated by the American Agudah Organization primarily to cope with the problem of uncircumcized children in Poland, because of the lack of a mohel on the scene. He reported that during his stay, he trained three mohelim, and personally circumcized 141 repatriated children between the ages of 18 months and 18 years. He estimated that there are still 1,000 uncircumcized repatriated Jewish children in Poland.

The Agudah emissary deplored the lack of organization among religious Jews in Poland, which he called the primary reason for the fact that this past Purim in Warsaw there were an insufficient number of Jews to complete a minyon for the reading of the Megilah. Agudath Israel stated that the organization expects to delegate Rabbi Bronstein to return to Poland after Passover.

4,000 ATTEND THE "THIRD SEDER" IN NEW YORK; HONOR MEMORY OF MARTYRS

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- More than 4,000 guests attended tonight the 26th annual Third Seder of the National Committee for Labor Israel held at the grand ballrooms of the Waldorf-Astoria and Commodore Hotels. Sir Leslie Plummer, Laborite member of the British Parliament, was guest speaker at the affair.

Paying tribute to Israel on the achievements of its ten years of life, the British parliamentarian told the holiday audience: "It is my view that Nasser is working steadily and implacably towards the production of the third round. He believes that if he can weld the Arab states, these countries whose people have fallen into the most dismal ignorance, superstition and poverty into some semblance of a united nation, he will then have the power once again to challenge Israel."

The British parliamentarian expressed regret that this idea has been "encouraged by governments outside the Middle East who ought to have known better."

"For years friends of Israel, like myself in Britain, have clamored for a four-power declaration of the integrity of the frontiers of the Middle East, both Israeli frontiers and Arab. We have said that the germs of the Third World War may well lie in the Middle East and that the way in which to kill those germs is to use the prophylactic of a guarantee of the respective frontiers."

A feature of the Third Seder was the lighting of six candles in memory of the six million Jews who perished during the Hitler era. Alexander Kahn, general manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, delivered the eulogy, while 15-year-old Edmund Leisten, who had been born in a Polish ghetto and survived the holocaust, lit the candles. Cabled messages from the State of Israel were received from President Itzhak Ben Zvi, Foreign Minister Golda Meir, and Minister of Labor Mordecai Namir. Israel Consul-General Simcha Pratt extended greetings on behalf of the Israel Government.

PROTESTANT LEADER URGES CHRISTIANS TO END MISSIONARY WORK AMONG JEWS

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- The Christian church should not conduct missionary activities among Jews because "they are futile" and also because Christianity and Judaism are enough alike "for the Jew to find God more easily in terms of his own religious heritage" rather than in undergoing "the hazards" of conversion.

These views were advanced by Rev. Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, a leading Protestant theologian, in the April issue of The C. C. A. R. Journal, quarterly magazine of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The conference is the major body of American Reform rabbis. Dr. Niebuhr's article is entitled "The Relations of Christians and Jews in Western Civilization."

KU KLUX KLAN MEMBERSHIP SHARPLY DECLINING; HOSTILITY GREET'S REVIVAL

NEW YORK, April 6, (JTA) -- A detailed report on the current status of the Ku Klux Klan declared today that it has exhibited a strong capacity for "breeding violence" but has shown "little effectiveness socially or politically" since its re-emergence in 1955 as a result of the tensions over school desegregation in the South. The report, published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, describes the Klan as "operating in a piecemeal fashion without any real leadership."

According to the best informed estimates, the ADL report said, "the U.S. Klan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, headed by Eldon Edwards of Atlanta, has somewhere between 12,000 and 15,000 members, while the North Carolina Klan has 2,000 to 5,000 members. Edwards is said to be a 'loner' and is estranged from other Klan organizations because of his refusal to give an accounting of the money which he has collected. Two years ago Edwards was reported to have had 24 Klan units in South Carolina. Today, he is said to have six of the 24." None of the seven other Klan organizations in the South, according to the League, "is believed to have more than 1,500 members."

In presenting the report, Henry Edward Schultz, the League's national chairman, emphasized that although the Klan as a tool of violence has magnified the problem of law enforcement in the South, "the recent recurrence of bombings in Nashville and Miami will only aid in hastening the KKK's ultimate doom."

"It is not known what, if any, links the bombings of the Jewish Community Center in Nashville and the Temple Beth-El annex in Miami have to the KKK," the report said. "But the Klan has played a strong contributing role in the creation of a climate of violence. These recurrent outrages, if KKK members are not involved, are indirectly aided and abetted by the Klan, which has posed a challenge which is not being ignored by law enforcement authorities in the South."

The ADL report stresses that "the South has greeted the Klan's revival with intense hostility and aversion." In virtually every Southern community the Klan has been identified as a tool of violence and lawlessness and as a movement that constitutes more of a police problem than anything else, the report states.

JEWS CONSTITUTE 10 PERCENT AMONG EMPLOYEES OF NEW YORK CITY HOTELS

NEW YORK, April 6, (JTA) -- Jews are finding it easier to obtain jobs in the hotel industry in New York City and hold about 10 percent of the more than 45,000 positions in that industry, the State Commission Against Discrimination revealed this week-end at the conclusion of a two-year study of bias in the hotel field.

As with other minority groups, a smaller percentage of the Jewish employees were in contact with the public as desk clerks or reservation clerks. The commission said this situation was not conclusive, but "suggestive" of discrimination. It made no recommendations for reducing bias, but said that such proposals would be worked out in "a continuing relationship between the commission and the hotel industry" which covers over 500 hotels in the city.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON YIDDISH OPENS TODAY AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, April 6, (JTA) -- Yiddish language, literature, and folklore will be the topics of a three-day international Conference on Yiddish Studies opening tomorrow at Columbia University's Earl Hall. Scholars from Israel, England, Holland, Switzerland, and Argentina as well as from the United States will present papers on various aspects of Yiddish studies during the eight sessions of the Conference, which is sponsored by Columbia, the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research, the College of the City of New York, and the Hebrew University at Jerusalem.

Purpose of the conference, in preparation for two years, is to enable scholars to share the results of their recent work and jointly to map plans for their future research. Dr. John A. Krout, vice president and provost of Columbia University, will deliver greetings from the University. Representatives of the other sponsors who will greet the conference are: Dr. Sol Liptzin, chairman, Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages, College of the City of New York; Dr. S. D. Goitein, professor of Islamics, Hebrew University; and Leibush Lehrer, chairman, Commission on Research, Yivo Institute for Jewish Research.

DR. KALLEN TO RECEIVE J. W. B. AWARD; TWO OTHERS CITED FOR DISTINCTION

NEW YORK, April 6, (JTA) -- The 1958 Frank L. Weil Awards of the National Jewish Welfare Board have been voted to Mrs. Irving J. Sands, only woman member of the New York City Board of Education; Dr. Horace M. Kallen, eminent philosopher and educator, and Chaplain Joshua L. Goldberg, district chaplain of the Third Naval District. All are residents of New York.

Presentation of the awards--bronze medallions and engrossed citations--will be made Saturday evening, April 19, at the banquet session of JWB's biennial national convention at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. The Frank L. Weil awards have been given annually for JWB since 1951 for distinguished leadership and creativity in the organization's three areas of service. The awards are named for Frank L. Weil, late JWB president.