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ISRAEL POSTPONES RESUMPTION OF DIGGING IN DISPUTED HULEH AREA

JERUSALEM, April 7. (JTA) -- Resumption of excavation of drainage canals in the area south of Lake Huleh was put off again today. At the same time, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs held back all details of a United Nations report based on a third survey this week-end of the disputed area by UN observers. The UN report is being studied by Israeli experts.

This latest announcement of a work halt clashes with earlier announcements by the Foreign Ministry that the digging was being delayed only in spots and for brief periods to facilitate the work of the UN surveyors.

Meanwhile, Israeli farmers from the Dan settlement began today harvesting crops in the fields close to the disputed area where at least one Israeli life was lost last week. Harvesting was necessitated by the hot weather which threatens to burn up the crops unless they are gathered.

Lt. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander in chief of the UN Emergency Force, who came here from the Gaza Strip several days ago to confer with Maj. Gen. Carl C. von Horn, his successor as UNTSO chief of staff, extended his visit and is continuing talks with Gen. von Horn. It is believed he is briefing the Swedish general on his own experiences in handling previous Israel-Syrian disputes over the Lake Huleh project.

Gen. von Horn met today with Maj. Gen. Chaim Laskow, Israel Army Chief of Staff. The communique issued after the meeting described the session as "a courtesy" and "introductory in character."

U. S. Denies Assuring Cairo That Israel Would Discontinue Excavation

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 7. (JTA) -- United States sources at United Nations headquarters here today denied an announcement in Cairo by United Arab Republic Foreign Minister Minister Mahmoud Fawzi that the United States had officially assured Cairo that Israel would discontinue its excavations in the Lake Huleh region opposite the Syrian border.

These sources asserted that Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., the American delegate to the UN, had repeated to Mordecai Kidron, deputy permanent representative of Israel here, and Zaki Kenawi, the UAR alternate delegate, the same urgings of restraint and moderation which American diplomatic personnel in the Middle East had pressed on Jerusalem and Cairo. Other than that, these United States sources said, there had been no commitment.

In his announcement in Cairo today, Mr. Fawzi had stated that Mr. Lodge delivered "assurances" of an Israeli halt in drainage canal digging to Mr. Kenawi at the United Nations.

Arab Infiltrators Charged with Killing Two Israeli Civilians

TEL AVIV, April 7. (JTA) -- Two Israeli civilians murdered on a road in the Lachish development area on the eve of Passover by infiltrators from Jordan died because they halted their jeep to give the disguised Arabs a lift, it was announced here today.

An investigation into the incident revealed that the infiltrators, dressed in khaki, stood in the road and flagged down the Israelis. When the jeep, later found abandoned near the border, came to a halt, the Arabs shot the two Jews and made off with the vehicle. The same group is believed responsible for thefts and other criminal acts in the area.

Saudi-Arabian Envoy Discusses Israel-Arab Issues with State Dept.

WASHINGTON, April 7. (JTA) -- Saudi Arabian Ambassador Abdullah al Khayyat today conferred at the State Department with Assistant Secretary of State William Rountree. It is believed that he touched, among other things, on Arab-Israel issues, especially on the Akaba Gulf territorial water issue and friction on the Israel-Syrian frontier.

ITALIAN FINANCE MINISTER VISITS ISRAEL; EXPLORES TRADE POSSIBILITIES

JERUSALEM, April 7. (JTA) -- Italian Minister of Finance Medici, who is in Israel on a private visit, called today, in an unofficial visit, on Mordecai Bentov, Minister for Development. The two men explored the possibilities of Israeli-Italian trade and cooperation on the development of Israel's mineral resources in the Negev.

NEW NETUREI KARTA DEMONSTRATION RESULTS IN ARREST OF 10 MEMBERS

JERUSALEM, April 7. (JTA) -- Ten additional members of the ultra-Orthodox Neturei Karta sect were detained by police today in a demonstration which grew out of the Israeli authorities releasing leaders of the sect from jail for the Passover holiday.

On the recommendation of Premier David Ben Gurion, Rabbi Amram Blau and 16 of his supporters who had been convicted of disturbing the peace in connection with protests against the building of a pool for mixed bathing in Jerusalem were paroled from jail for the holidays. However, since the regulations provide that a prisoner may be paroled for only 48 hours at a time, the Neturei Karta leaders were required to return today for a brief period of detention before being paroled again.

The return was converted into a new demonstration when supporters of Rabbi Blau raised him on their shoulders and carried him through Jerusalem's streets to the police station tonight. By the time they reached Jaffa Road, the city's main thoroughfare, they had attracted a crowd which several times blocked traffic. Attempting to disperse the crowd, the police met with resistance from Neturei Karta members and detained ten.

"PILGRIMAGE YEAR" INAUGURATED IN JERUSALEM WITH PROCESSION TO MT. ZION

JERUSALEM, April 7. (JTA) -- The "year of the pilgrimage to Jerusalem" was formally inaugurated here today with a stately procession up the slope of Mt. Zion led by religious and political leaders of the State of Israel and representatives of the Jewish communities of the world.

The procession began from the central railroad station in this city, where special trains had brought hundreds of pilgrims from all parts of the Jewish State. The first rank of dignitaries included leading rabbis, members of the Cabinet and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization. They were preceded by a guard of honor composed of representatives of youth organizations.

As the procession began winding its way up the height, 12 ancient shofars were sounded and then the Psalms were read over loudspeakers. At the temple atop the mount, Jerusalem Mayor Gershon Agron formally received the procession to the city.

A "Pilgrimage Book," previously signed by President Ben Zvi was brought out for signature by the dignitaries and twelve tourists representing the communities outside Israel. Dr. Goldmann read aloud a pilgrimage scroll and then, as a representative of Jews living abroad, pledged support to the State of Israel.

Rabbi S. Z. Cahane, director general of the Ministry for Religion, who presided, closed the ceremony with a prayer for the welfare of the state, its defenders and its Minister-advisers. Then the flag of Israel was unfurled, the assemblage sang "Hatikvah" and thousands of Israelis and visitors from abroad filed past to sign the Pilgrimage Book.

A flag rescued from the carnage of the Warsaw Ghetto has been flying atop Mt. Zion since last Friday to mark the 15th anniversary of the uprising in the Polish capital on the eve of Passover 1943.

The Pilgrimage Year will continue until May 1959. Ever since the days of the Bible there have been three occasions during the year in which Jews have "gone up" to Jerusalem's Mt. Zion: the festivals of Passover, Shevuoth, and Succoth. Mt. Zion is the closest point to the site of the Temple, which was the original goal of the pilgrims. This is where the upper town of Jerusalem, including the fortress of King David, was situated. The upper town held out against the Romans one month after the destruction of the Temple.

BRITISH GOVT. GETS PLAN FOR OVERALL SOLUTION OF REFUGEE PROBLEM

LONDON, April 7. (JTA) -- A plan for an overall solution of the world refugee problem was placed before the British Government today by a group of Conservative Party members who blame their own party for much of Britain's "indifferent and makeshift approach to the refugee question."

The Conservative group estimated that there were some 2,000,000 refugees in camps and other temporary quarters in Europe, the Middle East and the Far East. Its plan called for solution through two means: relaxation of immigration laws which would aim some of the refugees and political settlements which would end the change of the others.

GHANA NAMES AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL; IS PRESIDENT OF MARITIME LINE

JERUSALEM, April 7. (JTA) -- William Marmon Que Halm has been named Ghana's first Ambassador to Israel and will arrive in this country in mid-Summer, it was announced here. Israel opened an embassy in Accra, capital of Ghana, ten months ago.

Mr. Halm, who is active in Ghana's civic life, is president of the Black Star Maritime Line, in which Israeli and Ghanaian capital is invested jointly.

GERMAN COURT TO RULE ON CLAIMS OF NAZI-PERSECUTED RUMANIAN JEWS

STUTTGART, April 7. (JTA) -- A decision of the Baden-Wurttemberg Compensation Court that Hitler's Reich had no responsibility for the persecution of Jews in Rumania set the stage today for a final determination of the issue in the Federal Court at Karlsruhe on April 23.

The compensation court acted on an appeal by the Bavarian state from a Munich court ruling that the Hitler regime was responsible for the persecution of Rumanian Jews. The compensation court ruling followed testimony, including the presentation of detailed documentary material, particularly reports of the German Foreign Office concerning Nazi instigation of native Rumanian anti-Semitic groups and the special role of Nazi authorities in Rumania.

Witnesses testified that on July 7, 1941, German SS troops pillaged and burned the synagogue of Czernowitz, one of Rumania's greatest Jewish communities. The widow of Chief Rabbi Mark recalled how her husband and other Jewish officials were held prisoner by the German secret police until they and 160 other victims were massacred near the Prut River.

GERMAN LEADER CASTIGATED FOR MALICIOUS RUMORS ON COMPENSATION CLAIMS

MAINZ, Germany, April 7. (JTA) -- Social Democratic leaders in this Rhineland city castigated today the provincial Finance Minister, Free Democratic Party leader Wilhelm Nowack, for trying to make "scapegoats" of claimants for compensation for damage and injuries suffered under the Nazis.

As the March 31 deadline for filing compensation claims neared, Nowack told the provincial legislature that the post office at Koblenz had been forced to assign special trucks to handle the allegedly vast volume of mail resulting from last minute claims filed just with the province of Rhineland-Pfalz. The Socialists insist he was trying to blame the victims of Nazism for a large deficit in his budget.

Days before the deadline radio stations and newspapers were publishing similar rumors. One such report had it that a special El Al plane was arriving from Israel loaded down with applications. When the regularly scheduled weekly plane arrived from Israel, it was found to be carrying just 198 application letters. Other rumors appeared to be based on as little hard evidence.

Meanwhile, Jewish officials have begun work on a preliminary estimate of the total number of applications filed since the law went into effect several years ago to last week's cut-off. Many of the applications are expected to be rejected and it will be along time before final figures are available on the number of Nazi victims compensated and the cost to the German treasury.

An agreement between IG Farben and the Conference on Material Jewish Claims Against Germany for the payment of some 27,000,000 marks in compensation for wages and damages to slave laborers supplied by the Nazis and exploited in IG Farben plants during the last war went into effect last week. The agreement followed decisions by the German courts granting the claims of Norbert Wollheim, postwar German Jewish leader and now an American resident, to wages and damages for the time he was forced to work for IG Farben.

JEWS CAN SUE FOR DEROGATORY USE OF WORD "JEW," GERMAN COURT RULES

KARLSRUHE, Germany, April 7. (JTA) -- The West German constitutional court here has ruled that any German Jew or Jewish organization may bring suit against a person who slanders the Jewish people as a group or uses the word "Jew" in a derogatory fashion.

The court ruling came in the case of a German who insulted the Jews as a people in a message on a postcard. He was prosecuted by the state of Hesse and the Association of Jewish Communities of Hesse and was convicted. On appeal, however, an intermediate court held he had not insulted the Jewish people as a whole, but subsequent legal steps led to the latest ruling.

The highest court in Germany said that: "Those human beings who were persecuted by National Socialism and now live in Germany form an unequivocally determinable group that is susceptible to insults."

CONFERENCE OF JEWISH LEADERS IN POLAND DISCUSSES VOCATIONAL TRAINING

VIENNA, April 7. (JTA) -- An appeal to Jews throughout the world to honor the memory of the Jewish heroes who fell during the uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto was issued in Warsaw by the Cultural Association of Jews in Poland following a conference attended by representatives of Jewish communities from various parts of the country.

The conference discussed primarily the problem of vocational training for Jews repatriated from the Soviet Union to Poland. Details of the problem were outlined by representatives of the ORT, which is training the repatriated Jews in new professions. The conference also heard reports on cultural problems faced by Jews in a number of cities in Poland.

PLANS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF JEWISH UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, April 7. (JTA) -- Plans for the launching of a Jewish University of America, the first educational institution of its kind west of New York, were announced in Chicago in a joint statement by Dr. Oscar Z. Fasman, president of the Hebrew Theological College and the new university, and Max Bressler, chairman of the Hebrew Theological College Building Fund Campaign.

The new university will be housed in the campus now under construction on a 16-acre tract in Skokie, a suburb of Chicago, with the first building ready for occupancy immediately after Passover, Rabbi Fasman said. "The Hebrew Theological College will remain the divinity school of the new university, and will continue the progress it has made in the last 36 years as the outstanding institution of its kind in the United States," he declared.

Mr. Bressler outlined plans for the new university which will include not only a regular liberal arts college but a Hebrew liberal arts college which will offer degrees in Hebrew Letters and Literature. In addition, he said, there will be the Rose Cohen College for Women, a graduate school in education, a research school in Talmudic law, a teachers' institute and preparatory academy.

Dr. Fasman, in outlining some of the courses to be taught in the Hebrew section of the liberal arts college, emphasized that "school administration, pedagogy, Hebrew philosophy and literature" would be among the subjects taught. The general liberal arts school will offer standard subjects and degrees in arts, sciences and education. Graduate work in education, leading to Masters' and Doctors' degrees, is included in the program of the new university.

TRUMAN AND BEN GURION TO EXCHANGE GREETINGS IN TWO-WAY BROADCAST

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- Former President Harry S. Truman and Israel's Prime Minister David Ben Gurion will exchange direct greetings with each other by way of a two-way radio hookup at opening ceremonies of the State of Israel's 10th anniversary celebration in Philadelphia's Independence Hall on April 24th, it was announced today by Senator Herbert H. Lehman, general chairman of the American Committee for Israel's 10th Anniversary Celebration.

"This exchange of views and greetings will underscore the community of interests which unite our great democracy with that of the State of Israel. It will also officially open our country's celebrations of Israel's birthday," Sen. Lehman stated.

A very large turn-out is expected in Philadelphia at the public meeting in Independence Square which is a part of the ceremonies. The City of Philadelphia will be official host at a luncheon in honor of former President Truman and the American Committee for Israel's 10th Anniversary Celebration preceding the Independence Square events.

FOUR-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON CHILDREN PROBLEMS CLOSES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 7. (JTA) -- The ninth congress of the International Federation of Children's Communities and the first held in Israel concluded here after four days of discussion devoted to the problems of children.

Among the 85 delegates from 15 countries at the parley were representatives from the United States, Britain, France, West Germany and other European, Asian, African and Latin American countries.

BELGIAN STUDENTS, MOSTLY CATHOLICS, TO HOLD CONVENTION IN ISRAEL

BRUSSELS, April 7. (JTA) -- An Association of Belgian university students, most of them Catholics, will hold its next convention in Israel next month.

The Conference Olivaint De Belgique, which is open to all students without regard to creed, also announced that in preparation for the Israel session and in consideration of the tenth anniversary of Israel celebration, a series of lectures had been organized on the Jewish State.

N. Y. BOARD OF EDUCATION TAKES POSITIVE STAND ON YIDDISH IN HIGH SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- The New York Board of Education has taken a positive attitude toward the introduction of Yiddish language study in the municipal high schools, it was announced here tonight at the opening session of the International Conference on Yiddish Studies, which is taking place at Columbia University.

A communication from the Board of Education was read at the session by Prof. M. Weinreich, of City College. It said that the Board of Education has no objection to organizing clubs for the study of Yiddish in junior and senior high schools, if there are students interested in such studies. The policy of the New York Board of Education has been to establish clubs of students seeking to study a foreign language. If the clubs prove successful, the foreign language is introduced in classroom instruction. The communication was addressed to S. Dingol, chairman of the Committee for Studying Yiddish in Municipal Schools.