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FEAR VOICED IN ISRAEL FOR SAFETY OF LEBANESE JEWS AS RIOTS SPREAD

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- Gravely concerned for the safety of more than 5,000 Jews in Beirut, the Israel Association of Sephardic Jews called today on a number of governments and the Joint Distribution Committee to give immediate aid to Jews threatened by both mob violence and a possible coup d'etat which would put pro-Nasser forces in control of the Lebanese Government.

In a cable to the JDC, the Sephardic organization urged that the Lebanese Jews be evacuated as soon as possible. Other messages, to the American, British and French Embassies in Beirut, appealed to them to act, if necessary, to protect the lives and property of Lebanese Jews.

The Lebanese Jews have enjoyed the best conditions of a Jewish community in any of the Middle East Arab states and there was little reason to fear for their safety until the rioting spread to Beirut today.

With Nasser-controlled elements sparking the bloody rioting--casualties are reported to have mounted into the hundreds in the past three days--there is a possibility that a sudden revolt will toss Lebanon into the United Arab Republic camp as a third province of the Nile empire. In that event, Lebanese Jews may find themselves facing a 24-hour evacuation ultimatum--as did the Jews of Egypt during the Sinai-Suez crisis.

As news reached here of the sacking and burning of a second American library in Lebanon in three days and the blowing up of an Iraq Petroleum Company pipeline at Mansour, new reports were received that Syrian terrorists had crossed the border to aid the mobs held at bay by armed troops and police. One attempt at a revolution--a mob demand for President Camille Chamoun's resignation--was suppressed today by the army.

State Department Concerned over Lebanese Rioting

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- The State Department expressed grave concern today over the spreading violence in Lebanon where the second American building in three days was sacked and burned by Arab rioters.

While United States diplomatic posts throughout the Middle East were alerted for trouble, William Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, conferred with the Lebanese Ambassador in Washington, Nadim Dimech.

Today's anti-American violence was directed at the United States Information Agency library in Beirut, the Lebanese capital. The first American building razed by Arab mobs Saturday was the USIA library in the Lebanese oil port of Tripoli. Adding to the confusion and danger was a general strike called by opposition parties in Lebanon and reportedly completely effective in paralyzing the capital city as well as the port.

BUNCHE CONFERS WITH ISRAELIS, JORDANIANS IN EFFORT TO EASE TENSION

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Ralph Bunche, Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, met today with Jordan and Israel leaders in their respective capitals and with the chiefs of his own truce organization here in a determined UN effort to check growing Jordan-Israel tension.

Dr. Bunche conferred in Amman with the Jordanian Foreign Minister, Samir el Rifai. He flew back to Jerusalem for consultations with the UN truce observance staff and tonight, had a 90-minute meeting with Premier David Ben Gurion.

Israeli officials described this meeting as a "courtesy visit" but Dr. Bunche later termed it "a most interesting and helpful exchange of views." A communique issued in Amman indicated that the meeting there had been largely devoted to the Mt. Scopus situation and that Dr. Bunche had agreed to convey the Jordanian views to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld.

Dr. Bunche said that his sudden visit to the Middle East had been at the request of Mr. Hammarskjöld after Major General Carl Carls von Horn, the UN truce chief, had asked for directives in dealing with the situation resulting when Jordan last week blocked

an Israel convoy to Mt. Scopus. Since Gen. Horn was unable to leave his post, Dr. Bunche flew in from Geneva to meet him, he said. He arrived here yesterday and will leave for Brussels after a few days.

Israel sources denied reports published in the Jordanian press today that Dr. Bunche had transmitted to Premier Ben Gurion a letter from Mr. Hammarskjold requesting Israel to resume participation in the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

Israel has not attended meetings of that commission since 1956 on the grounds that the commission had not been able to convince Jordan to prevent armed infiltration of Israel territory.

Israel sources had predicted that the occasion of Dr. Bunche's visit would be used to press Israel's demands for full implementation of Article Eight of the Israel-Jordan armistice. This provided, among other things, for free access to Mt. Scopus and to religious places like the Wailing Wall in the Old City.

U.S. MUST PRESS FOR ARAB-ISRAEL TREATIES, FINLETTER DECLARES

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- Former Air Force Secretary Thomas K. Finletter told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today that the United States should demand Arab peace treaties with Israel because "the most damaging fact in the Near East is the continued assertion of a state belligerency by the Arab states against the State of Israel."

Above all, he said, "our policy toward the Near East should give up all attempts to appease any country of the area at the cost of principles in which we ourselves believe." He warned that "continuation of the economic blockade or any other form of war against the State of Israel "by the Arab powers" is a violation of the United Nations Charter and should not be accepted by any member of the United Nations.

The former Air Force Secretary said the United States should insist "primarily within the United Nations" that the Arab states sign peace treaties with Israel. He expressed a view that stability is impossible in the Near East until the virtual state of war between the Arabs and Israel is terminated.

He called for American initiative in proposing an embargo on arms shipments to the Near East and "an inspection and control system by the United Nations which should regulate and reduce the existing arms of the area to levels needed for domestic policing." However, he said, no such arrangements were possible without peace treaties.

TRUMAN SAYS ECONOMIC WEAPONS CAN HALT SOVIET IN MIDDLE EAST

CHICAGO, May 12. (JTA) -- President Harry S. Truman apologized to an audience of 22,000 persons at Chicago Stadium last night for being unable to attend, as scheduled, the midwestern celebration of Israel's tenth anniversary. The function was sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization in cooperation with all the major Jewish groups in Chicago.

Mr. Truman, whose travel plans were vetoed by his physician, declared in a filmed interview with Col. Jacob Arvey, honorary chairman of the Chicago Israel Bond Committee, that no peace settlement between the Arabs and Israel can be based on "whittling down Israel's territory or on undermining her chances of stability and survival."

He asserted, too, that Soviet influence in the Middle East could be checked "not by the instruments of war, but by a bold and large-scale use of economic weapons." He cited the Israel bond drive as a "good example of how investment funds can be channeled into economic development."

ISRAEL CHARTERS NATIONAL OIL EXPLORATION COMPANY

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Government will spur the search for oil in Israel by setting up a government-sponsored oil prospecting company.

The Cabinet voted yesterday to establish an oil prospecting company under its sponsorship and with a Government grant of 2,500,000 pounds (\$1,390,000). Participation in the new company is open to the public and the company will become a public corporation as soon as five million pounds of its 20 million pounds capital is subscribed.

Dr. Y. Foerder, president of the Bank Leumi L'Israel, was named chairman of the board of the new enterprise.

DEMONSTRATION HELD WHILE COURT REVIEWS ARREST OF COMMUNISTS

TEL AVIV, May 12. (JTA) -- A number of Israeli Communists demonstrated outside the District Court here today where a special appeals committee heard arguments for the release of 22 Arab Communists who had been arrested during May Day riots in Nazareth.

The appeals committee, headed by Supreme Court Justice M. Vitkon, approved the military government administrative arrests under which the Communists will be held for three months. The Tel Aviv police dispersed the demonstrating crowd outside the courthouse.

BRITISH FASCISTS THREATEN SPONSOR OF ANTI-BIAS BILL

LONDON, May 12. (JTA) -- Swastikas and hostile slogans were smeared this week-end on the home of Fenner Brockway, Laborite member of the House of Commons who recently introduced a bill in Parliament to outlaw racial discrimination in public places.

Mr. Brockway received a telegram today signed by the "National Socialist Alliance" threatening further action against him "if a new race-mixing law is introduced."

The M. P. said that he had never heard of this organization but noted that he received many threatening letters every week in connection with his anti-discrimination bill.

BERLIN OFFICIAL DISPUTES BONN FINANCE MINISTER ON REPARATIONS

BERLIN, May 12. (JTA) -- The 185,000 victims of the Nazi regime who filed restitution claims before the deadline of last March 31 will receive at least \$1,250,000,000 from the city of Berlin by 1963, it was estimated today by Sen. Joachim Lipschitz, in charge of the interior department of the municipal administration. Two-thirds of all applicants who filed in Berlin live abroad, while the remainder are scattered throughout Germany, including this city.

Sen. Lipschitz quarreled with the estimates of the cost of compensation to the German economy offered some months ago by Federal Justice Minister Fritz Schaeffer. Herr Schaeffer believes that Germany will have to pay the Jews something in the vicinity of \$6,000,000,000. Sen. Lipschitz figures are about half that.

Additionally, Sen. Lipschitz pointed out that since restitution and compensation legislation covers political as well as religious persecutees, many of the claimants included in the estimates are non-Jewish. Drawing on his experiences during recent visits to Israel and the United States, he asserted that many Jews had refused to file applications for restitution to which they were legally entitled.

NAZI OFFICER GOES ON TRIAL FOR 1938 MURDER ATTEMPT

BAYREUTH, Germany, May 12. (JTA) -- A 59-year-old former Nazi district leader of Upper Franconia went on trial here today, charged with the attempted murder of Rabbi Moshe Rosenau of Muelhausen, Thuringen, during the night of November 9, 1938 when Nazi stormtroopers throughout Germany went on a wild pogrom during which Jews were injured and killed and Jewish homes, businesses and communal institutions were destroyed.

The prosecution charged that the district leader, Paul Vollrath, lined the rabbi, his wife and 14-year-old daughter against a wall of the rabbi's synagogue in Stadtsteinach and shouted that he had sworn to "finish" the first Jew he met. Vollrath fired two shots from a revolver, one of which hit Rabbi Rosenau in the chest. Ten witnesses have been called by the state, including the now grown daughter who has been living in Israel.

SOUTHERN PRESS REPRINTS J. T. A. COLUMN ON REJECTION OF DYNAMITERS

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- Scores of newspapers and radio stations throughout the South reprinted or quoted this week-end a column released to its client newspapers by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reporting the anger of millions of Southerners at the misuse of the Confederate name by hoodlums dynamiting synagogues.

The column, written by Milton Friedman, JTA Washington Bureau Chief, described Southern resentment over the fact that the synagogue bombers called themselves the "Confederate Underground." The column also recalled many Jews prominently associated with the Confederacy and described the roles these patriots had played in the history of the South.

A national news magazine, The U.S. News and World Report, quotes the column in its current issue under the heading, "Front Page of the Week," describing anti-Semitism as "alien to Southern tradition."

The Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal published the full text of the article to tell how "Jews had close link with Confederacy." The Tampa (Fla.) Daily Times published the full text of the article on its front page under a bold headline. In Norfolk, Va., the Ledger-Dispatch and Star, serving eastern Virginia and nearby North Carolina communities, reprinted the entire column in a headline context repudiating the synagogue bombers.

Similar use of the JTA column was made by newspapers throughout the South and in regional radio news commentaries. Several papers voiced agreement with an assertion in the column that millions of Southerners linked with the Confederacy were arranged by exploitation of the name of the Confederacy by anti-Semitic hoodlums.

The newspapers widely quoted the column's conclusion that "the history-conscious South is not ready to permit hoodlums to attack the places of worship of a group that participated in the Confederacy. Nor will the South allow its dream of past glory to be shattered by individuals with a Nazi mentality who hide behind the name 'Confederate.'"

STATE, ALBANY POLICE SEEK DESECRATORS OF FIVE JEWISH CEMETERIES

ALBANY, N. Y., May 12. (JTA) -- State troopers and Albany police pressed a hunt today for two or more men who raided five small Jewish cemeteries in the outskirts of the city over the week-end, damaged three burial chapels and overturned at least 40 tombstone

State police said at least two and possibly three men spent more than three hours on the rampage of destruction. Headstones were split and overturned, stained-glass windows in the chapels were smashed, drapes torn down and religious objects shattered.

An official of the Albany Hebrew Tailors Association said that damages to his organization's chapel amounted to from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The cemeteries are located on Route 20, west of the Albany city line. Hundreds of people who visited them yesterday on the occasion of Mothers' Day were shocked and horrified by the results of the wanton vandalism.

GUSTAVE L. LEVY REELECTED PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK FEDERATION

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- Gustave L. Levy, New York banker, was reelected president tonight of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, the world's largest philanthropic network of institutions serving local health and welfare needs. Samuel D. Leidesdorf, a past president of Federation, was reelected chairman of the board. Dr. Maurice B. Hexter and Joseph Willen were reelected executive vice-presidents.

Federation comprises 116 member hospitals and social service agencies and currently provides care for more than 700,000 persons of all races and faiths.

On accepting the presidency, Mr. Levy said that "medical and welfare institutions like the ones linked with the Federation network face enormous problems and new challenges to keep pace with the increasing demands. They must be on the alert and be given the financial resources needed to keep step with scientific advances and to create the new techniques needed to cope with illness and suffering. Only in this way can they continue to be the truly creative forces needed in the world of today and tomorrow.

"The people who support philanthropy and the people who serve as philanthropic leadership have an obligation to see that funds for this gigantic endeavor are placed at the disposal of the community's institutions," he declared.

MRS. MEIR ENTERS HOSPITAL FOR MEDICAL CHECK-UP

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister of Israel, entered Beilinson Hospital yesterday for a medical check-up. Her physicians will decide, on the basis of the results of this examination, whether she will be discharged in a few days or ordered hospitalized for several weeks.

DEDICATE MOSHE DICKSTEIN MEDICAL CENTER IN EILAT

TEL AVIV, May 12. (JTA) -- A distinguished group of Canadians and Israelis, including the Canadian Ambassador, E.D. McGreer, attended ceremonies in Eilat yesterday dedicating the Moshe Dickstein Medical Centre. The centre is named after the late president of the Labor Zionist movement in Canada and is the first institution to be constructed in Israel with funds raised exclusively by the Canadian Histadrut Campaign.

The 14-room clinic will be a unit of the Kupat Holim, the Histadrut's health service, and will serve Eilat's 4,000 residents as well as the population of a wide area south of Beersheba. The center was officially declared open by Mrs. M. Dickstein.

ISRAEL GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS, SENDS AIDES TO ADVISE GHANAIANS

ACCRA, Ghana, May 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Government announced here today that it will award two graduate level scholarships to Ghanaian students to come to Israel to study sciences, medicine, soil conservation or road construction at the Hebrew University or other institutions of higher learning in Israel.

In another evidence of Israeli cooperation with Ghana, two Israeli experts arrived here today to help revive the consumers' cooperative movement in this country. A third Israeli, a civil engineer, will join the Ghana National Construction Company as a technical adviser.

IRANIAN IMMIGRANTS COMPLAIN OF VILLAGE LIFE, WANT CITIES

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- Fifteen Iranian Jewish families who had been settled in Abdulam less than a month ago, staged a sitdown strike in front of the Jewish Agency offices yesterday because they did not want to live in a village and sought transfer to the city.

Officials of the settlement department received a delegation of the strikers and pointed out that they were enjoying the best accommodations hitherto provided settlers, along with guaranteed employment at full pay. The demonstrators agreed to submit a memorandum and ended their strike.