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VATICAN NEWSPAPER CONDEMNS FASCIST ATTACKS ON ROME JEWISH QUARTER

ROME, May 27. (JTA) -- Osservatore Romano, organ of the Vatican, sharply condemned today week-end attacks on the Jewish quarter of Rome attempted by fascist youth following a political rally, declaring that "they are offensive to the civil and Christian conscience of Rome and Italy."

The journal recalled the Vatican's denunciation of racial intolerance in America in September, 1956 and renewed its advocacy of suspension of civil and political rights for those found guilty of such crimes.

"The common law is inadequate in cleansing this moral stain," Osservatore Romano declared. "Since they pretend to act for political reasons, they should be removed from political and public life, having demonstrated their unworthiness of it."

The Movimento Sociale Italiano, the neo-fascist party whose members were accused of the attack on the Jewish quarter and of desecration of the memorial to the Jewish dead in the Ardeatine Caves massacre, has denied responsibility for the vandalism, asserting that "we are faced with an act committed for election purposes by instigators."

Despite the statement, Jewish leaders here continued today to consider the fascists alone responsible for the outrages. A statement condemning them as "fascist aggression" was issued by the Italian Jewish Youth Center here.

JORDAN BALKS AT JOINT PROBE OF MT. SCOPUS CLASH WHERE FIVE DIED

JERUSALEM, May 27. (JTA) -- The United Nations truce organization began separate investigations on the Israel and Jordan sides of the demarcation line today into the Mt. Scopus shooting affray which yesterday cost the lives of Lt. Col. George A. Flint, chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, and four Israeli policemen.

The separate investigations began after UN truce chief Maj. General Carl G. von Horn failed to secure Jordanian agreement to a joint investigation on the spot by the UN, Jordan and Israel and to an alternative proposal that all witnesses be questioned at UN headquarters in the presence of Jordanian and Israeli representatives. Gen. Horn met the Jordan and Israeli representatives at UN headquarters this morning.

The UN had to abandon a plan to interrogate witnesses in Shulamit's Garden, a section of the Hebrew University's Botanical Gardens where Col. Flint and the four policemen were killed yesterday. Jordan refused to guarantee that fire would not be opened on the UN investigators and the Israeli witnesses. Israeli witnesses will consequently be questioned inside the Hadassah Hospital building on Mt. Scopus.

The Jordan radio officially admitted today that Jordanian forces had first opened fire yesterday. It asserted that an Israel patrol had crossed the demarcation line in the direction of Issawia village, whereupon the Jordanians opened fire. The bodies of the slain Israelis and of Col. Flint were all found on Israel territory.

(Memorial services for Col. Flint were held this afternoon in St. Andrews Church, Jerusalem. The slain UN official was eulogized at the opening of the United Nations Security Council this afternoon. In Ottawa, Premier John Diefenbaker and former External Affairs Minister Lester B. Pearson paid tribute to the late Canadian officer who "died in the service of peace." The Israel delegation to the United Nations expressed a "profound sense of shock and grief" over Col. Flint's death. At Washington, the State Department expressed its grief, stating that Col. Flint died "in performance of his duty during an exchange of gunfire between Israelis and Jordanians on Mt. Scopus near Jerusalem.")

United Nations sources disclosed today that Col. Flint had been in touch by walkie-talkie with UN headquarters in Jerusalem's no-man's land almost to the moment he was struck down by gunfire. However, they refused to disclose the content of Col. Flint's walkie-talkie reports, contending that information was a basic part of the official investigation. Jordan newspapers asserted that the UN official's last statement, via the walkie-talkie equipment, was that he was being fired upon from the Israel side.

United Nations sources did deny a Jordanian claim that the entire incident took place near Issawia village which the Jordanians claim was attacked by Israel. The UN confirmed

that Col. Flint and the four police fell in the area known as Shulamit's Garden.

According to the 1948 Scopus demilitarization agreement signed by both Jordan and Israel, the area is in the Israel sector but Jordan, in recent weeks, has renewed claims to the area.

When an Israel patrol entered the disputed area yesterday, an area patrolled by Israel since 1948, the Jordanians apparently decided to assert their claim by force and opened fire on the patrol. Today, however, Israel police carried out two routine patrols in the area without interference from Jordan.

SYRIAN SNIPERS RESUME FIRING AT ISRAELIS IN LAKE HULEH AREA

TEL AVIV, May 27. (JTA) -- For the first time in several weeks, Syrian snipers opened fire today on workers in the Lake Huleh area. Israel escorts for the two surveyors who were the targets returned the fire. No casualties were reported on the Israel side.

EVENTS IN ARAB STATES BAR LIFTING MILITARY REGIME ON ARABS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 27. (JTA) -- Recent political and security developments in the neighboring Arab countries have precluded lifting military government from Arab areas of this country, Premier David Ben Gurion reported today to the Knesset Security and Foreign Affairs Committee.

The Premier also presented a detailed picture of yesterday's clash between Israeli police and Jordanian troops on Mt. Scopus in which Col. George A. Flint, Canadian chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission, and four Israeli policemen lost their lives.

COMMUNISTS EXPELLED FROM HISTADRUT EXECUTIVE IN MAY DAY RIOT REPRISAL

TEL AVIV, May 27. (JTA) -- A decision to expel all Communist members of the executive committee bureau of the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, for having "incited Israel's Arab minority to organized resistance against the authority of the State of Israel" was approved last night by the executive.

The expulsion was a reply to the Communist-led rioting in Nazareth and other Arab cities on May Day against efforts of Israel police to prevent unauthorized demonstrations.

Reuven Barkatt, head of the Histadrut's International and Arab Departments, said the Communists "themselves are against the State. They incited the Israel Arab population against the State and encouraged hostile Arab nationalism."

He emphasized that the Israel Communists "made the first attempt since Israel was founded to organize a forcible resistance with the State" against the authority of the Government. He added that the expulsion of the four Communist members from the 95-member executive committee was as far as the executive committee bureau could go "without constitutional changes."

The executive bureau decided against formally outlawing the Communist Party within the Histadrut so that workers should not suffer for their political views and to prevent putting the Communists in the position of "martyrs."

Mapai members voted for the expulsion. Mapam, Achdut Avodah and the Progressive party's Oved Zion faction voted against the expulsion although all members condemned the activities of the Communists. The executive bureau's decision required approval by the full executive committee but this was considered certain.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN LEBANON ENDANGERED BY NASSER, NEUMANN WARNS

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- The Christian community of Lebanon is in "serious danger" and is "threatened with extinction," Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, warned here tonight at a meeting of metropolitan area Zionist leaders.

The ZOA leader, linking Lebanon and Israel as the only two Middle East states truly committed to the West through the Eisenhower Doctrine, cautioned that the silence of the West in the face of the "Nasserist-Communist assault on Lebanon" will only increase the peril to that Arab state. "We must act firmly and speak bluntly in the only language that totalitarians like Khrushchev and Nasser understand," Dr. Neumann said, "and fulfill our commitments to our friends in the Middle East."

BRITISH GROVE DEDICATED IN WIZO FOREST IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 27. (JTA) -- A British grove within the projected forest of the Women's International Zionist Organization was initiated in the Lachish development area today by officials of the British section of the WIZO and the British Ambassador to Israel, Sir Francis Randall. The British grove will eventually number 20,000 trees within a 250,000-tree forest.

ISRAEL ATTORNEY GENERAL HITS U.S.S.R. ON TRADE ARBITRATION PROCEDURES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 27. (JTA) -- Attorney General Chaim Cohn of Israel indirectly accused the Soviet Union here of "refusing" to submit trade disputes to arbitration tribunals which do not include citizens of the U.S.S.R. Without mentioning the suit which Israeli oil companies are now pressing against the Soviet Government in a Moscow arbitration court, for unilateral cancellation of a citrus-for-oil contract in 1956, Mr. Cohn insisted that arbitral procedures must be international, and not controlled by one of the countries involved in a dispute.

The Israeli directed his remarks at K. K. Bakhtov, head of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations Conference on International Commercial Arbitration, which is in session here to work out an international treaty for peaceful settlement of trade disputes. Mr. Cohn reminded the delegates that "there are still some mighty powers which refuse to submit to international arbitration."

SENATE UNIT APPROVES U.S. FUNDS TO AID NAZI VICTIMS FROM AUSTRIA

WASHINGTON, May 27. (JTA) -- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has approved an amendment to the Mutual Security Bill authorizing the use of U.S. counter-part funds to enable Austria to loan 100 million schillings to the "Hilfsfond" to compensate Jews and other victims of the Nazis. The amendment was introduced by Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican.

The counterpart fund would enable Austria to compensate persecutees now residing outside of Austria.

7,000 JEWS REMAIN IN YUGOSLAVIA, JEWISH COMMUNITY HEAD REPORTS

VIENNA, May 27. (JTA) -- Out of 80,000 Jews who lived before World War II in present-day Yugoslavia, only 7,000 remain, according to Dr. Jacques Confino, chairman of the Jewish community in Belgrade and prominent Yugoslav writer, who is visiting Warsaw.

Only 10,000 of the pre-war Yugoslav Jews remained living after World War II, Dr. Confino said in an interview with the Yiddish daily, Die Folkshtimme. Many of these were saved from annihilation by the Nazis when Yugoslav partisans liberated them from an island in the Adriatic Sea where they were guarded by Italian fascists. Later, about 3,000 of them left Yugoslavia, most of them going to Israel.

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Albert Weiss, a professor at the Belgrade University, the Jewish community of the country is well organized, said Dr. Confino. He reported that a vigorous cultural program, with great emphasis on Yiddish literature, is conducted throughout the country under the auspices of the Federation of Jewish Communities.

One of the features of the Federation program is a special series of schools, vacation camps and publications for the youth. For the general Jewish population, the Federation publishes annually a Jewish almanac which, according to Dr. Confino, includes the pick of Yiddish literature, poetry and art from Jewish authors and artists. Recently, a Jewish history was published, written by Dr. Solomon Calderon, secretary of the Federation.

There is very little anti-Semitism in Yugoslavia, Dr. Confino declared, and the government enforces strictly laws which forbid anti-Semitism. A few years ago, he reported, a Yugoslav who was convicted of insulting Jews drew a heavy penalty from the court at Subatitsa.

Jews in the country who are in need receive government aid. The Joint Distribution Committee also conducts a program in Yugoslavia for the aid of the aged, ill and orphans.

As an illustration of official attitude toward the Jewish community, Dr. Confino reported that, recently, the Yugoslav army turned over to the Jewish community in Zagreb a fine building which is now used as a home for the Jewish aged. Buildings for use for activities on behalf of Jewish children, he said, have been given to the Jewish communities in Belgrade, Sarajevo and Zagreb by the municipalities of those cities.

ATTORNEY GENERAL STANDS PAT AGAINST FEDERAL ACTION ON BOMBINGS

WASHINGTON, May 27. (JTA) -- Attorney General William P. Rogers told a press conference today that the bombing of synagogues in the South was primarily a matter for local authorities and that he did not think it a good idea to get the Federal Government involved in investigations where the government could not prosecute.

He indicated that further Federal action than assistance presently afforded local police might shift the responsibility for prosecution away from local authorities.

Asked if the Justice Department favored legislation that would expand FBI authority to deal with the dynamiters, Rogers did not express a desire for such legislation.

He thought the bombings "atrocious," but said the Justice Department wants to take action only in the "right way." Mr. Rogers stressed that it is the Justice Department view that primary responsibility to deal with the bombings rests with municipal and state authorities.

SEN. KENNEDY OFFERS BILL TO UNLEASH F. B. I. AGAINST SYNAGOGUE BOMBERS

WASHINGTON, May 27. (JTA) -- Sen. John F. Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, introduced a bill in the Senate today that would empower the FBI to take action against the perpetrators of dynamite attacks on synagogues and schools.

The Kennedy Bill prohibits the transportation of explosives in interstate commerce or the possession of explosives for use in violation of Federal or State law. He expressed hope that such legislation would permit the FBI to take quick action.

Citing 47 recent bomb outrages, Sen. Kennedy said "the boldness of the conspirators is particularly shocking." He said there was evidence that the bombings were "part of an interstate conspiracy in which the crime is conceived and planned in one state and carried out in another."

He said that "if the local authorities are unable to take effective action, the Federal Government should do so."

USE OF YIDDISH LANGUAGE DECLINES AMONG CANADIAN JEWS, C. J. C. REPORTS

MONTREAL, May 27. (JTA) -- The percentage of Canadian Jews claiming Yiddish as their mother tongue declined by nearly half between 1931 and 1951, according to a study just made public by the Canadian Jewish Congress. The decline of Yiddish was also mirrored in the 18-fold increase in the number of Jews who reported English as their mother tongue.

In the two decades, Canadian Jews who reported Yiddish as their basic language dropped from 95.4 percent of the Jewish population to 50.6 percent, while those who had been brought up from early childhood to speak English increased from 2.4 percent to 42.8. The CJC study projected the rate of decline of Yiddish and concluded that by 1991--33 years hence--less than one-quarter of the Jews of Canada would have learned Yiddish as their first language.

In explanation of the decline of Yiddish, the report said: "It is evident that while the mother tongue and the languages spoken by Jews in Canada are dependent to a very large extent upon the country of birth, period of immigration, and age structure of the Jewish population, the will to survive as an ethnic and cultural entity, and the degree of the efforts exerted by individuals and groups within each community to make that survival and continual development possible despite all difficulties also play an important part in the results achieved."

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OFFERS COURSE TO TRAIN TEACHERS OF HEBREW

MADISON, Wis., May 27. (JTA) -- The first course in the midwest in a non-sectarian university for training instructors in Hebrew is underway at the University of Wisconsin.

The course is being conducted in the University of Wisconsin Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies of which Prof. Menahem Mansoor is chairman.

Prof. Mansoor said Hebrew will be taught in Milwaukee secondary schools as soon as the new training course can provide qualified teachers. Other Wisconsin high schools will subsequently offer Hebrew, the rate of such additions depending on the availability of teachers graduated in the new language major, he said.

He said teachers ultimately will be sent to synagogue classes and Christian seminaries, explaining that "competent Hebrew teachers are needed for classes in Jewish communities in Wisconsin, and all theologians of all denominations feel they can interpret the Bible better if they know the original language."

University students enrolling in the new section will study for two years and earn 24 credits beyond the first year course in Hebrew for work in Hebrew grammar, Biblical Hebrew, modern Hebrew literature and conversational Hebrew.

SWIG NAMED CHAIRMAN OF DRIVE FOR LEHMAN INSTITUTE OF ETHICS

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Benjamin H. Swig, prominent San Francisco civic and philanthropic leader, has accepted the national chairmanship of a campaign to establish the Herbert H. Lehman Institute of Ethics of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, according to Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Seminary Chancellor.

Accepting the assignment, Mr. Swig said "I am deeply honored to be charged with a campaign that will lead to the study of such an important area of freedom and human rights. The ethics of the Talmud is Judaism's contribution to peace, and its study is invaluable to us now and for our descendants."

GOVERNORS, SENATORS, JOIN U.S. COMMITTEE FOR SPORTS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Five Governors and six United States Senators have joined the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, the organization's chairman, Marvin Kratter, announced here today. The Governors are: G. Mennen Williams of Michigan; Theodore McKeldin of Maryland; W. Averell Harriman of New York; James T. Blair, Jr., of Missouri, and Dennis J. Roberts of Rhode Island.