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## LEBANESE GUERRILLAS CAPTURED IN ISRAEL TURNED OVER TO LEBANON

TEL AVIV, June 9. (JTA) -- The Lebanese guerrillas captured by Israeli police and troops crossing from Syria to Lebanon this week-end were turned over to the Lebanese authorities today, following a meeting of the Israel-Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commission. Several of the 16 guerrillas were wounded.

Israeli authorities brought to the meeting samples of arms and ammunition found on the captured Lebanese and other evidence including depositions of what Syrian officers had instructed them to do in the way of guerrilla activities. Present at the session, in addition to the Israeli and Lebanese delegates, were the United Nations chairmen of the Israel-Lebanese MAC and the Israel-Syrian MAC.

## 30,000 ISRAEL WAR VETERANS, INCLUDING BEN GURION, GET HAGANAH DECORATION

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA) -- The Haganah Ribbon, a decoration which will be awarded to some 30,000 veterans of Israel's War of Independence, was presented today to President Itzhak Ben Zvi and to Prime Minister David Ben Gurion at ceremonies at the President's office. The ribbons were presented to the two Israel leaders by Brig. Yaakov Dori, former commander of the Haganah, the Jewish underground army, and first chief of staff of the Israel Army of Defense.

The presentation this morning was a forerunner of ceremonies here at Jerusalem Stadium this afternoon and throughout the country at which the former underground fighters will be honored. Mrs. Ben Zvi, who was to have received her ribbon this morning, deferred its acceptance until the afternoon ceremony when she could receive it among the ranks of her colleagues who participated in the defense of Jerusalem. Premier Ben Gurion will pin the decorations on 75 Haganah commanders and survivors of those who fell in action.

Moshe Sneh, one-time Haganah commander who is now a Communist member of the Knesset, was not invited to attend the ceremony today since Mr. Ben Gurion had refused to pin the ribbon on him. He will receive his award by mail. The Herut Knesset faction rejected an invitation to attend today's ceremonies, charging "blood discrimination" between the Haganah on one side and the Irgun Zvai Leumi and Stern groups on the other.

## Herut Objects to Haganah Being Singled Out for Decorations

In a letter to the Ministry of Defense, the Herut group said that it was proper for members of the Haganah to receive decorations from the Haganah organization, but it warned that if the Defense Ministry singled out the Haganah as one of the three underground organizations which fought for Israel's independence, it created questions about service with the two other groups.

The Herut deputies said they could not approve the fact that a State body granted decorations to the members of only one of the organizations and no decorations to the members of the others who had also shed blood for the liberation of the State.

Prof. Eri Jabotinsky, son of the late Vladimir Jabotinsky, the famed Zionist leader, rejected an invitation to accept the posthumous award to his father. He cited grounds similar to those of the Herut and added another reason that "the Government has not found it necessary to transfer his father's remains to Israel as requested in his will."

Meanwhile, it was learned, that following a Bnai B'rith decision in this respect, a special delegation was received by President Ben Zvi, requesting the President to use his good offices to induce the Government to act to transfer Jabotinsky's remains to Israel.

## AMBASSADOR EBAN CONFERS WITH U. N. CHIEF ON MT. SCOPUS, LEBANESE ISSUES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 9. (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba S. Eban, head of the Israel delegation, today conferred for an hour with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld. While neither of the conferees would reveal the subject of their discussion, it was understood that Mr. Eban took up with the UN chief the Jordanian attacks against Israelis atop Mt. Scopus and the situation in Lebanon.

U.S. GROUP PUBLISHES VERBATIM REPORT OF KHRUSHCHEV'S VIEWS ON JEWS, ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- A group of American businessmen, physicians, lawyers and teachers, who spent 28 days in the Soviet Union last summer today released a verbatim report of their talk with Nikita Khrushchev, head of the Soviet Government, during which he expressed his view on the status of the Jews in the USSR and on the possibility of Jewish emigration from Russia to Israel. The report is in the form of questions put to Khrushchev and his answers. The portion referring to the Jews follows:

Question: We have heard in America that Jews are not permitted to go freely to Israel.

Answer: It is true to some extent and to some extent not true. We don't allow just anyone to leave the Soviet Union. We issue passports only to those whose visits are expedient. We recently, though, allowed a great number of Jews to go to Poland and we knew that many of them would go on to Israel from there. I am sure the time will come when all Jews, or Russians, for that matter, who want to go to Israel will be able to do so. I know there are many Jews who have gone to Israel who want to come back here as life is not very sweet for them there.

Question: Is it possible for a Jew with relatives in Israel to go there?

Answer: Yes, I think this is possible. Recently the Prime Minister of Denmark asked us to grant permission for three Jews to leave the Soviet Union and we granted his request. Of course, we think that Israel is taking too hostile an attitude towards the Egyptians. They recently attacked Egypt and they often make raids against them. The Intelligence units of the U. S. often use Jews who have fled, for their purposes and this is not good for our security. We do not want an honest man who goes to visit relatives to be turned into a traitor to his country. But these are only temporary difficulties which will be removed with the improvement of relations.

Question: But Egypt refuses to permit Israel boats to pass through the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba and often raids Israel territory, and is there not blame on both sides?

Answer: Yes, it is a complicated question. You must understand the situation of the Arabs who lived on their own land and were forced out by Israel. They are suffering and cannot have good feeling towards Israel. Also there was the UN decision on the boundaries of Israel, but she violated these boundaries and grabbed territory. There needs to be cooperation on both sides to solve the problem.

Question: Can any minority group such as the Jews open a theatre anywhere in Russia? Would you encourage this?

Answer: This is a very old question. There used to be many Yiddish theatres in many cities, Moscow, Odessa, Kiev, Lvov. During the war we lost many Jews. It was a tragedy. In Western Ukraine for example, which came over from Poland, large numbers of Jews paid money to the Nazis to escape and fell into the hands of the executioners. They were executed when they got to Poland. You have seen in your travels the culture and customs of many different republics: Georgia, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan and Tajakistan. But the Jews are dispersed throughout the Soviet Union. We wanted to unite them and established Birobijan for this purpose. All that is left now in Birobijan are signs in Yiddish at the railroad stations but there are no Jews there.

There are many Jews in the government and even in the Central Committee of the Party. They are assimilated into the Russian culture and language. If we had seven year schools for Jews in the Jewish language where could the graduates go? We would have to establish ten year schools, special universities for them. Other Republics have their own territory and their own language and we encourage this but the Jews are dispersed and engulfed in the culture where they live. They enjoy all the benefits of the Republics where they live and complete equality in economic and political respects. What other freedoms can there be? They can live and work freely and there can be no greater freedom.

Our position is that it all depends upon the will of the Jews. If they want to create a state within our borders like Birobidjan nobody is against this and it exists to this day but the initiative must come from the Jews there. They could have their own language, school and traditions. The state language would be Jewish and they would have the benefits of anything they wanted. But to set up separate schools all over Russia would be too expensive.

CENTRAL REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN TUNISIA DISSOLVED

PARIS, June 9. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Communities of Tunis, central representative body of 70,000 members of Jewish communities in Tunisia, has been disbanded, it was reported here today. The Council has been replaced by a "Central Jewish Consistoire" which is empowered to deal only with religious affairs.

The authorities have named Rabbi M. Cohen, a little known member of the Jewish community, as Chief Rabbi to succeed the late Chief Rabbi David Dombaron. His appointment and the very limited powers to which the Consistoire is restricted is considered in Paris Jewish circles an indication that the Tunisian Government has embarked on a policy of limiting the Jewish communities to religious activities.

J. D. C. AIDING 12,000 JEWS IN POLAND; REPORTS ON SIX MONTHS' ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- A total of 12,082 Jewish men, women and children in Poland are receiving social welfare assistance this month from the Joint Distribution Committee, it was reported here today by Charles H. Jordan, JDC director-general for overseas operations. He told a meeting of the JDC executive committee that the total number assisted in the six months since the renewal of the JDC program in Poland was well over 15,000.

"Not included in the 12,000 figure are newly-arrived families repatriated from Russia who received cash grants earlier this year, nor the individual artisans and groups who received loans to enable them to purchase needed supplies and equipment," he said.

"The size our program has attained in the first six months of operation is evidence of the great need that existed for special services that the Polish government was not in a position to meet unaided," Mr. Jordan reported. "Although designed largely to serve the repatriates from Russia, the program also helps the sick, the aged and the handicapped persons among the settled population."

Repatriates continue to return from Russia, Mr. Jordan stated, and during the past month 544 families, numbering 1,600 people, received one-time grants to establish themselves in their new homes. In addition, 251 new social welfare cases, representing 750 persons, were registered.

Assistance to the 12,082 listed on the Polish JDC rolls for May included one-time grants for new arrivals, monthly grants to the physically handicapped, care of the aged in their own homes and in institutions, medical care, monthly grants to needy students, child-feeding programs in 12 cities and vocational training programs. JDC has also made special grants for the restoration of ruined or neglected Jewish cemeteries and for the observance of Jewish holidays, and has set up medical supply centers in three cities.

Mr. Jordan called special attention to the vocational training program operated by ORT with the financial participation of JDC. "The ORT courses are now operating in 14 cities and are teaching trades to 1,241 adults in schools and 155 in established factories, plus 221 minors in schools," he said. "In addition to paying for the instruction, we make monthly grants to students who are heads of families, so that they can take care of their wives and children. In addition we are financing kindergarten programs in two cities, Wroclaw and Legnica, to take care of the children of mothers who are enrolled in the ORT vocational courses."

MRS. HALPRIN LEAVES FOR LATIN AMERICA TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL PROJECT

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the New York executive of the Jewish Agency, left today by air for a ten-day visit of major Jewish communities in Brazil and Argentina. She is accompanied by Gedaliah Zakiff, secretary general of the Jewish Agency, Jerusalem.

Mrs. Halprin stated that the purpose of her visit was to discuss with the Zionist leadership in those countries various proposals for the establishment of a new Zionist financial instrument. The decision to establish such a project which is designed to speed the integration of Israel's more than 1,000,000 post-statehood immigrants was embodied in a resolution adopted at the recent session of the Zionist Actions Committee in March of this year. The resolution made it clear that the new Zionist financial instrumentality would in no way interfere with the regular Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal campaigns and the Israel bond drive, but seek to mobilize funds above and beyond proceeds from these sources.

Pointing to the urgent need for additional funds to avert the dangers and hardships of 'partial absorption' of Israel's newcomers, Mrs. Halprin declared: "I realize that Zionists in the United States and South America are already playing an important role in the United Jewish Appeal and the Keren Hayesod campaigns as well as in the Israel bond drive. However, I am confident that when plans for the new project are ready for implementation they will respond to the call for this supplementary fund as a fitting expression of our continued dedication to the cause of Israel and Zionism during the second decade of Israel's independence."

KU KLUX KLAN IN CHILE CHARGED WITH ANTI-JEWISH TERRORISTIC ACTIVITIES

SANTIAGO, Chile, June 9. (JTA) -- Radio Presidente Balmaceda reported today that four members of the Ku Klux Klan in Chile accused of anti-Semitic activities, appeared before an Appeals Court judge in Santiago.

The four have been under arrest for some time because of a suit brought against them by the Jewish Community. At the same time, a writ was presented on behalf of Franz Schweitzer, Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan. The court postponed decision until further study of the case is made.

The four are charged with attempting to bomb a synagogue in Santiago and with sending threatening letters to Jews here demanding that they send funds to a certain Horace Sherman, Ku Klux Klan, Post Office Box 5062, Waco Texas. The Jews were threatened that their business enterprises would be bombed if they did not pay the blackmail.