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HAMMARSKJOLD TO VISIT ISRAEL; WILL SEEK TO BREAK MT. SCOPUS DEADLOCK

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold is coming to Israel this week-end or early next week in an attempt to break the deadlock over the Mt. Scopus situation. The UN chief, who is now in Beirut dealing with problems arising from the Lebanese rebellion and Arab states interference in it, will confer with Premier David Ben Gurion in Jerusalem.

Despite a statement by Andrew Cordier, Mr. Hammarskjold's executive assistant, to the press here today that some progress had been made in his two walks with Mr. Ben Gurion Monday and today, it is known that the Premier has been unmoving in his insistence on Jordan's living up to Article VIII of the armistice pact in which Jordan undertook to permit the complete resumption of cultural and humanitarian activities on the height.

Mr. Cordier visited Mt. Scopus this afternoon in the company of Maj. Gen. Carl C. von Horn, UN truce chief here. They inspected the areas shortly after a regular fortnightly Israeli convoy had passed through the Jordan lines to the height without incident.

Asked by newsmen whether he had brought any proposals to his two meetings with Mr. Ben Gurion, and one yesterday with Jordan Premier Samir el Riffai, Mr. Cordier responded that he had brought "some useful ideas." He denied a Jordan report to the effect that he had asked Israel to agree to UN control over Mt. Scopus and installation of the UN truce staff in the buildings of the Hadassah Hospital and Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus.

U. N. ATTRIBUTES KILLING OF TRUCE CHIEF DURING MT. SCOPUS BATTLE TO JORDAN

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 18. (JTA) -- Lt. Col. George A. Flint, chairman of the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission, who was killed during fighting between Israelis and Jordanians atop Mt. Scopus on May 26, was "probably shot by a bullet fired from Jordanian controlled territory," according to a formal report from Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold to the United Nations Security Council today.

The report, sent to Mr. Hammarskjold by Maj. Gen. Carl C. von Horn, UN truce chief in Palestine, implies, however, that the Israelis may have been responsible for starting the shooting which resulted not only in the death of Col. Flint but also in the death of four Israelis and the wounding of two other Israelis.

According to Gen. von Horn's report, the bullet that killed Col. Flint was fired by a sniper on the Jordanian side who continued shooting long after the Jordanians had accepted the United Nations request for a cease-fire. Gen. von Horn reported that the first complaint about firing was received from the Jordanian side, which accused the Israelis of opening fire on the afternoon of May 26. However, the report makes it clear that there was contradictory testimony from the Israelis and Jordanians "as to who fired first."

In the section dealing with the procedures surrounding the investigation of Col. Flint's death, Gen. von Horn accuses the Israelis of insufficient cooperation with the investigating team. The report does not mention that the Jordanians had refused to guarantee the safety of Israelis who might be called to give on-the-spot testimony. One of the sources of the difficulty involving the Mt. Scopus disagreement between Israel and Jordan is the fact that each side uses a different map, and each side insists that its map is the accurate one.

In a brief summary of his report Gen. von Horn declares "peaceful co-existence between the Arab villagers and police on Mt. Scopus is possible as long as contacts and conflict are avoided." However, the Chief of UNTSO declared, "patrolling by the Israeli police in areas inhabited or cultivated by the Arabs has resulted in contacts and conflicts. Such patrolling is not ordered by the 'UN commander.'"

(Israeli circles at the UN said that full comment on the report should come from the Government in Jerusalem. However, they pointed out that there are two "striking and uncontested facts" in the report. One of these facts is the "clear" finding that Jordanian bullets ended the life of Lt. Col. Flint and four Israeli policemen. The other is mention in the report of a Jordanian broadcast--which was reported to UNTSO by Israel--boasting that "Jordanian forces opened fire on the Israeli force from a Jordanian observation post.")

JEWSH COMMUNISTS FROM MANY LANDS CRITICIZE SOVIET POLICY ON JEWS

VIENNA, June 18. (JTA) -- The Soviet policy toward Russian Jewry and their culture came in for severe criticism at a top secret meeting of Jewish Communists from many lands assembled in Warsaw last April to mark the 15th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, according to a reliable report received here today.

The meeting, called April 20 by the Polish Jewish Communist leadership, involved Jews from the Communist parties of at least Poland, USSR, United States, Israel, Argentina, Rumania, Hungary, France, Britain and Austria. Some 30 persons were present, including Gen. M. Dragunsky and Eugene Dolmatovsky, both Jews and two of the three members of the Soviet delegation to the anniversary observance.

The topic under discussion was "general Jewish questions and the problem of Soviet Jews." The problem of Soviet Jewry became the paramount issue after Dr. I. Nagler, a member of the central committee of the Austrian Communist Party, expressed his party's criticism of the handling of Russian Jews. He was supported by American and British Communists, who took Soviet Communist chief Nikita Khrushchev to task for his attitude toward the Jewish question.

The Russian representatives attempted to mitigate some of the criticism. Gen. Dragunsky, a conscientious Jew who spoke with great heat and a keen awareness and real interest in the Jewish situation, asserted that the errors, inasmuch as they had already been committed, were a heritage of the past.

Mr. Dolmatovsky, an author and poet, concentrated on the question of the Yiddish language, arguing that there was no need to attack undue importance to the question of the lack of Yiddish publications. "Language," he said, "is of no importance and all that counts is the content of the writing, which must be devoted to the cause of peace and disarmament."

Mr. Dolmatovsky further insisted that the entire idea of nationality was of minor importance and that Soviet Jews were not "interested in what was a minor detail in their passports." When they had concluded their speeches, the Russian delegates left the meeting.

Israeli Communist Avoids Participation in Discussion of Issue

The Israeli Communist Party representative avoided discussion of the entire matter and was taken to task for his attitude by the Polish Communists who accused their Israeli fellow party colleagues of "isolationism among their own people."

Among the Poles, two exponents of the Stalinist group within the party, Zacharias and Mersky, held out against critical comments in Communist publications regarding Soviet treatment of the Jews, asserting that such comment would serve the aims of the "imperialists." They were also critical of their own government's allowing Jews to emigrate to Israel.

M. Koenig, editor of the Paris Yiddish publication "Naie Presse," also felt that revelations about the USSR and its Jews would serve the purposes of "international reactionary forces in their attack on the Soviet Union." He admitted the existence of the problem, but asked that it be handled "with restraint."

The Argentinian representatives refused to be drawn into the debate, holding the Polish Communists to be "revisionists." Likewise, the delegates from Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia and several other countries refused to speak. This was generally attributed to fear. A complete report of the meeting was sent to the Soviet Communist Party and to most of the Communist parties of Western Europe.

SENATE BODY VOTES TO POSTPONE ACTION ON SLAUGHTER BILL FOR TWO YEARS

WASHINGTON, June 18. (JTA) -- Special provision for religious representation on an advisory committee to guide a department of agriculture study of humane slaughter methods was made in a bill approved today by the Senate Agriculture Committee.

The bill, passed by a vote of 10 to 5, called for a two-year study of humane slaughter methods and subsequent introduction of compulsory legislation to be recommended by the Secretary of Agriculture as a result of the study. Congress would then consider the proposal. The vote came after intensive consideration by the committee of the humane slaughter issue, including testimony against proposed legislation by Orthodox Jewish groups.

The Senate committee failed to accept the bill passed by the House which would have required mandatory enforcement of humane slaughter methods after December 31, 1959. Committee chairman Allen J. Ellender said the bill approved today was more practical than the House measure. It would make humane slaughter compulsory after intensive study of humane slaughter by Federal scientists and private experts.

BAN ON "AIR FRANCE" LIFTED BY ARABS; WAS IMPOSED FOR SERVICE TO ISRAEL

PARIS, June 18. (JTA) -- Air France, the French national airline, announced that the Arab League states had lifted their ban against the line's flights to Damascus and other Arab League centers. The ban was imposed in January, 1957, in retaliation for Air France's refusal to drop its service to Israel, which is continuing.

JEWISH GROUPS SEEK CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO CHECK BOMBINGS OF SYNAGOGUES

WASHINGTON, June 18. (JTA) -- Six major national Jewish organizations and 42 local, state and regional Jewish community relations agencies today called for the enactment at this session of the Congress of a bill to establish a "jurisdictional basis" for action by the FBI in cases of bombings, by prohibiting the illegal transportation or use of explosives.

Will Maslow, counsel for the American Jewish Congress, testified at hearings on three identical bills being held by a Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives. He appeared at the hearing on behalf of his own organization and of the Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, United Synagogue of America and 42 Jewish community relations agencies in cities throughout the United States. All the organizations are affiliated in the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

"The issue of law and order is not a sectional problem," the Jewish organizations declared. Referring to the dynamiting and attempts to dynamite Jewish Community Centers, synagogues and public schools in Chattanooga, Jacksonville, Miami and Nashville, their testimony said "there are strong indications that the outrages are linked and are the work of one or more criminal gangs." They urged as "an urgent necessity enactment of legislation empowering federal law enforcement officials to take effective action against an apparently interstate conspiracy of violence and terror."

The bills under consideration would add a new section to the United States Criminal Code making it a federal crime punishable by imprisonment by not more than one year or by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by both: (1) To import into the United States or to transport in interstate commerce any explosive "with the knowledge or intent" that it will be used in violation of Federal or State law; and (2) To possess, in violation of any Federal or state law, any explosive imported into the United States or transported in interstate commerce.

Thus, any persons who carried dynamite across a state line in order to detonate it in violation of a state law would also be violating a Federal law. Similarly, any person found in possession of dynamite within a state in violation of its law would likewise be guilty of a Federal crime if the explosive was carried across state lines.

C. J. F. W. F. LAUNCHES A STUDY OF NATIONAL JEWISH CULTURAL PROGRAMS

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the central body of 800 Jewish communities in the United States and Canada, today announced the launching of a study of national Jewish cultural programs. The announcement was made by Herbert R. Abeles, president of the organization.

The CJFWF will seek to establish an inventory of existing cultural programs, evaluate the impact of these programs, analyze sources and adequacy of financing to achieve their objectives, uncover unmet needs, and evaluate the outlook for realization of existing priorities. The Council hopes to utilize the material as the basis for sound planning for the future.

Cost of the study has been met by special grants from foundations and individual gifts. The study will concentrate on four major areas: research, libraries, and archives, Jewish scholarship and publications. It will also probe into creative Jewish expression and channels of information on Jewish affairs. It will bring together plans and priorities of cultural agencies and examine the possibilities of realizing those plans. It will also analyze the fund raising resources of the agencies, appraise the availability of leadership and list unmet needs in the field.

Council leaders hope to complete the study within a year and to find answers to such questions as: What cultural activities should receive priority? What organizations are in a position to develop various cultural activities? What significant programs are lacking and how can they be initiated? What are the possibilities for strengthening, planning and coordination? Which projects should be supported by federations and welfare funds, totally or partially, and which should be supported by other means?

Sidney Z. Vincent, assistant director of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, has been appointed professional consultant of the study. He will conduct the study on a part-time leave from the Cleveland Federation. The study will be carried out under the guidance of a special committee, with Julian Freeman of Indianapolis, former president of the Council, as chairman, and Arthur Gelber of Toronto as vice-chairman; and with the assistance of a Technical Advisory Committee with Dr. Judah Shapiro, national director of Hillel Foundations, as chairman.

JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR TO VETO SUNDAY BILL

NEWARK, N. J., June 18. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today urged Governor Meyner to conditionally veto the Sunday Closing Bill passed by the Assembly on the grounds that "It impairs the freedom of conscience of a large segment of the New Jersey religious community and operates to prefer one religious view over others."

B'NAI B'RITH PARLEY VOTES TO DRAFT KLUTZNICK FOR 3RD TERM AS PRESIDENT

CLEVELAND, June 18. (JTA) -- Philip M. Klutznick today said "no" to a resolution at a B'nai B'rith District 2 convention here proposing to draft him for a third term as national president of the B'nai B'rith organization. The resolution, which was adopted by acclamation, urged all B'nai B'rith districts to join in "a genuine draft" for Mr. Klutznick.

Addressing a banquet which concluded the convention, Mr. Klutznick also told the delegates he would express "no personal preference" for a successor who will be elected at the B'nai B'rith national convention which will be held in Jerusalem May, 1959. "The decision will be the delegates', not mine," he said.

The B'nai B'rith president had personally urged a two-term limitation at the organization's last triennial national convention in 1956. The convention then adopted the proposal, but voted down his request that it be made retroactive to include his first term. B'nai B'rith by-laws, therefore, make him eligible for another three-year term.

In telling the delegates that he intends to abide by his own 1956 decision to limit his presidency to two terms, Mr. Klutznick gave the following reasons: "After six years, the president of an active, major organization who has been working at it ought to be tired and ready for replacement. If he isn't tired, chances are he hasn't been putting in the required effort and doesn't deserve to be retained. A leadership that constantly perpetuates itself tends to become master of, rather than servant to, the membership. This has been a common tragedy in Jewish organizational life."

STUDENT ZIONIST ORGANIZATION HOLDS CONVENTION; 60 COLLEGES REPRESENTED

BARRYVILLE, N. Y., June 18. (JTA) -- The annual convention of the Student Zionist Organization opened at Camp Tel Yehudah here today with more than 20 college students from 60 colleges in this country and Canada in attendance.

The organization interprets Israel and Israeli developments to students on American campuses and encourages creative, cultural and educational exchanges between students of North America and Israel. One of the high points of the opening session was the honoring of 150 student members on the eve of their departure for study-work programs in Israel.

The Rev. Karl Baehr, executive director of the American Christian Palestine Committee, principal speaker at the opening session, declared that the existence of Israel and her accomplishments is making an "increasingly positive impression on Asian-African lands."

COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL IN BOSTON TO REACH \$5,426,000 THIS YEAR

BOSTON, June 18. (JTA) -- The 1958 Combined Jewish Appeal of Greater Boston will reach an estimated \$5,426,000 when all solicitations are completed, according to chairman Joseph M. Linsey.

Louis Pi Smith, president of the Combined Jewish Appeal, and Dewey D. Stone, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, called the campaign results "an inspiration to the Jewish communities of the rest of the country." They added that when final contributions were tallied, "we will have maintained our enviable reputation as leaders in philanthropy."

AMERICAN J. N. F. URGES U.S. JEWS TO PLANT MORE TREES IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund today urged every American Jew to subscribe to the planting of at least ten trees in Israel as a personal tribute to her first ten years of independence and as a means of helping the Jewish State to rehabilitate large areas of barren or eroded soil for agriculture and immigrant settlement.

The call to plant "Ten Trees for Ten Years of Israel" was issued by the JNF's board of directors from the land agency's headquarters here. The Jewish National Fund said that every person who plants at least "Ten Trees for Ten Years of Israel" will have his or her name and the amount of the subscription inscribed on a Scroll of Honor to be presented to President Itzhak Ben Zvi of Israel later this year.

AVRAHAM BIRAN, ISRAEL CONSUL GENERAL ON WEST COAST, RETURNING HOME

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18. (JTA) -- More than \$100,000 in Israel bonds was sold here last night at the second of a series of "bon voyage" functions tendered in honor of Avraham Biran, Israel's Consul General on the West Coast who is returning home after three years of service.

San Francisco Mayor George Christopher, a guest speaker at the function, stressed that "as long as Israel can sustain herself as a free state then the world will be free. Should she not be economically secure, we in America would also be in danger." Dr. Biran told the 300 diners that the future of Jewry rests in the "link between Israel and America." He called Israel bonds "an unbreakable link in the chain of Jewish existence."