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REFORM TEMPLE BOMBED IN ATLANTA; EISENHOWER EXPRESSES GRAVE CONCERN

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 12. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today expressed grave concern over the bombing early this morning of the Temple of the Hebrew Benevolent Congregation of this city, a Reform congregation about 90 years old.

The expression of concern was voiced in the President's behalf by James Hagerty, White House press secretary, who also announced that the FBI will cooperate with the local authorities investigating the outrage.

Shortly after the blast, which occurred about 4 A.M., an anonymous caller telephoned a news association in this city and said: "This is Captain Gordon of the Confederate Underground. This is the last time we will bomb a vacant building. More (explosions) are coming."

No one was injured. Several hundred children and their teachers were scheduled to enter the building for Sunday School classes at 9 A.M. Sunday School classes were cancelled today. In this case and in the bombing of the Clinton, Tenn., High School at about 3:30 A.M. last Sunday morning, the timing was evidently chosen to insure vacant buildings. This timing raised the question whether, despite the threat of "Captain Gordon," there would be another bombing next Sunday morning.

Terrorists Used Large Quantity of Dynamite; Damages Heavy

Damage, termed "massive" by one expert sifting the wreckage for evidence, was the worst suffered by any school or synagogue in the South since violence erupted last Spring. The charges, estimated at 40 to 60 sticks of dynamite, blew down the back of the Temple. It demolished windows and ceilings and tore apart walls. Damage was estimated at \$20,000.

The blast was felt for a considerable distance. Windows in the front of the Temple were shattered, as were windows in an insurance company 600 yards away and in a Jewish center five minutes walk distant.

Police and fire officials, who combed the scene of the dynamiting for hours, were convinced that the planting of the charges were the work of an expert, possibly someone who had been trained in military demolition. An official report of the incident was not ready late today as the authorities attempted to evaluate the evidence they had acquired. No arrests have been made yet.

Governor Condemns Bombing Jews Voice Confidence in Police

Gov. Marvin Griffin, in an early reaction, called the bombing part of an attempt to discredit the South. He demanded that the culprits be ferreted out.

Rabbi Jacob Rothschild, spiritual leader, and William B. Schwartz, Jr., president, respectively, of the Temple, expressed shock and horror at the deed, called it the work of Godless men and expressed their certainty that the entire community would join them in rejection of these violent and lawless deeds. They also expressed confidence that the police and local officials were doing everything possible to apprehend the dynamiters.

The Jewish community reaction today was that the bombing was not an attack on Jews alone, but on law and order and the democratic values of the entire community.

Eisenhower Condemns Atlanta Bombing of Synagogue in N. Y. Speech

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower, in a public address delivered here today at the laying of a cornerstone at the Interchurch Center, national headquarters of 37 Protestant, Anglican and Eastern Orthodox Church bodies, deviated from his speech to condemn the bombing of the synagogue in Atlanta. Terming the terrorist act "deplorable," the President said: "We must think of our self-respect."

Leaders of Jewish organizations in New York took a grave view of the bombing of the synagogue in Atlanta. Hope was expressed that the FBI would this time not refuse to join the local police authorities in tracing the terrorists, as was the case in the earlier bombings of synagogues in other Southern cities.

EIGHT ISRAELI POLICEMEN CONVICTED FOR KILLING OF KAFR KASSEM ARABS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- A military tribunal in this city today found eight border patrolmen guilty of murder and acquitted three others of charges growing out of the killing of 47 Arab residents of Kafr Kassem, an Arab village inside Israel, on the night of October 29, 1956, when Israeli troops jumped off in their penetration of the Sinai desert and the Gaza Strip.

Among the eight convicted Israeli policemen were three officers, one of whom, Major Shmuel Malinki, gave instructions that day to "implement without mercy," a curfew which had been imposed by military government on Arab border villages. The slain villagers were returning from their fields at dark, ignorant that a curfew had been imposed.

The presiding judge, Dr. Benjamin Halevi, announced the verdict before reading the judgment, which is expected to take two days. He noted that in accordance with Talmudic precepts, the court was impelled to end "torture" of the defendants and to lower the suspense. The convicted defendants, in addition to Maj. Malinki, are:

Capt. Gabriel Dehan, who led the patrol and who ordered the firing; Cpl. Shalom Offer; Gabriel Olial; Maklouf Kharuh; Eliahu Abraham; Albert Fakhima and Edmund Nachmani. The acquitted were Daniel Samnitz, a recent arrival from Yugoslavia when the incident occurred, and two Circassians, members of a non-Jewish minority community near Nazareth.

Shortly after the killings occurred in the North Galilee village the 11 members of the patrol were arrested and charged. Their trial began in January 1957. Sentences are expected to be announced at the conclusion of the reading of the judgment.

U.S. MILITARY EXPERT SEES JORDAN LOSING TERRITORY IN ARAB-ISRAEL WAR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The outlook for Jordan is discussed by Brig. Gen. S. L. A. Marshall in the current issue of "Register," U.S. military review, while a United States military team is en route to Jordan to study possible reorganization and re-equipment of the army to prevent Jordan's falling under the control of Col. Nasser, Egypt's dictator.

Gen. Marshall describes Jordan's military situation as precarious. He envisages developments that might occur in event of an Israel-Arab war. He stresses that if the Jordanian oasis outpost of Safi is wiped out, possibly by an air drop, any threat to Israel from south of Jerusalem would die, provided Jericho could be handled in much the same way.

"From the Jezreel Valley South of Galilee, Israel's armored forces striking south along River Jordan and reaching Jericho would seal off all Jordanian forces West of Transjordan," he writes. Despite terrain features, he sees it as a "feasible and not too complex operation."

According to Gen. Marshall's analysis, West Jordan cannot be used by the Jordan Army as a springboard against Israel because it is "a power keg of treason and malice which may explode only against itself. He said the Arab refugees and other civilians "hate King Hussein more than they hate Israel but they could not unite to strike against either."

The two Jordanian brigades deployed west of the river between Nablus and Hebron are barely sufficient to exercise police control over "this mob-like population," Gen. Marshall believes. If encircled, says the General, this civilian element would attempt to sift across the river rather than unite to resist. He described Jericho as a weak link between the western bulge of Jordan which "could hardly be held if Israel moved against it."

BEN GURION COMPLETES HIS VACATION; KNESSET TO RESUME TODAY

TEL AVIV, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, refreshed and fit for a return to political action after the holidays, completed today a three-week vacation in his hideaway at Sde Boker. The Knesset is scheduled to resume tomorrow.

The Prime Minister celebrated his 72nd birthday during his vacation with ten-mile walks and the addition of a half-hour of extra calisthenics to his physical fitness routine. Other leisure hours were spent in reading, mainly Spinoza, the Greek classics and the Bible.

The absence of Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, now in New York for the General Assembly of the United Nations, forced the Prime Minister to break up his vacation for two days of attention to urgent security and foreign policy matters.

CHILDREN IN ISRAEL MARK COLUMBUS DAY; PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL PROGRAM

TEL AVIV, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Several thousand Israeli schoolchildren participated today in a Columbus Day program presented at ZOA House here. The event was part of the general educational program pertaining to America which is offered by ZOA House.

JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE SAYS GERMANY LAGS IN INDEMNIFICATION PAYMENTS

LONDON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The Conference on Jewish Material Claims expressed for the first time last night--at its two-day session here--its concern over the "growing gap" between funds available to the West German Federal and state governments for the payment of individual indemnification claims and the amount actually disbursed.

The board of directors of the Conference, representing 23 national and world Jewish organizations, passed a resolution urging "the German Federal and state governments to take steps wherever necessary to insure the disbursement of the full sums" available for this purpose. Else, the resolution, underlined, "the declared objective of the German Government to accelerate payments cannot be achieved."

Adoption of the resolution followed presentation of a report, by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Conference president, on "German indemnification legislation and its implementation." The session today considered a report by a committee appointed earlier this year to study the conference's operations in the past five years and to recommend future allocations.

Under the terms of the reparations agreement with Germany, the conference has responsibility for the disbursement of more than \$120,000,000. Seventy-five percent of all expenditures in the past went for relief and rehabilitation purposes and 12 percent for cultural activities.

In his report, Dr. Goldmann said that the amounts available to different German governmental agencies for indemnification purposes were not being paid out in full. However, he expressed appreciation of the fact that the amount allocated for indemnification had been increased from 1,900,000,000 marks last year to 2,600,000,000 marks this year. Actually, only 560,000,000 marks had been paid out this year.

The conference head told the meeting that "we are in closest contact with them to overcome the present obstacles and to clear the way for full implementation of indemnification legislation adopted in Germany. At the same time Dr. Goldmann insisted on the necessity for the "observance of the highest standards of ethics on the part of the claimants and their representatives."

\$50,000,000 Distributed by Claims Conference in Reparations Money

More than \$50,000,000 in reparations money received from West Germany has been distributed to needy Jewish victims of Nazism in 34 countries in the past five years by the Claims Conference, according to a report presented today by Dr. Goldmann and by Jacob Blaustein, senior vice president of the Conference.

Opening with a review of the first five years of the Conference's operations, the report expressed the conviction that "Conference funds have become a major force in the rehabilitation of human life and of Jewish communal and spiritual life which suffered at the hands of the Nazis."

In addition, the report pointed out that the claims conference "is making a significant contribution in developing wide ranging programs for culture and educational reconstruction on a global basis, by conducting comprehensive programs for capital investment projects."

The highlights of the study committee's report and the accomplishments of the past five years are "the provision of welfare services to more than 125,000 needy Nazi victims per year; creation or expansion, with the aid of capital grants, of 313 community Jewish day schools, 31 synagogues and other religious institutions, 28 children and youth schools, 23 summer camps and 19 elementary schools and kindergartens, yeshivas, hospitals and clinics and homes for the aged.

The conclusions presented by the study committee at today's session were: The principle governing the allocation of the Conference's funds should be retained without any change; 2. The basic pattern of the Conference's allocations is valid; 3. The Jewish communities in the countries that fell under Nazi occupation, and those which are disproportionately burdened by heavy influx of Nazi victims, must remain areas of primary concern of the Conference; 4. The present levels of support for cultural and educational programs represent a commitment commensurate with the basic Conference responsibility.

U.S. COMMUNISTS ATTACK PUBLICATION ON SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Publication of a pamphlet attacking Soviet anti-Semitism has brought sharp criticism of the publishing house, formerly close to the American Communist Party, by the Worker, Communist Party newspaper in this city.

The pamphlet, "Jews and the National Question," by Prof. Hyman Levy, noted British mathematician and philosopher, created a stir in Britain and this country. As a result of the original publication of the pamphlet, Prof. Levy was ousted from the British Communist Party.

U.S. SCIENTISTS EVALUATE ISRAEL AS "PILOT AREA FOR MIDDLE EAST"

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, internationally-recognized soil conservation authority, today told a two-day conference of scientists and engineers here that "Israel has become a pilot area for the entire Middle East, and for much of the less developed areas of the world."

Addressing the session of the Conference on Science and Technology for the Peaceful Development of Israel and the Middle East, which opened at the Hotel Statler here, Dr. Lowdermilk pointed out that Israel was compelled in the past decade "to create a new and modern agriculture in a picturesque land, much of which was little more than a man-made desert."

Dr. Lowdermilk enumerated the large-scale reclamation and conservation programs that have been undertaken in Israel. "These," he said, "include the drainage of marshes in lowlands, drainage of water-logged soil, irrigation of dry lands, design and application of contour farming, clearing deep soils encumbered by stones, control and storage of flood waters, and improvement and production of crops and livestock."

Dr. Philip Sporn, president of the American Electric Power Company, and one of the foremost experts on the peaceful uses of atomic energy, presented a paper entitled "Israel and the Atom." In his report, Dr. Sporn reviewed the economic and technical problems involved in providing Israel with nuclear power, pointing out that this source of energy could be a major determinant in fructifying the arid desert in the southern half of Israel.

A paper devoted to "The Influence of Atomic Energy on the Technical Development of Israel and the Middle East" was presented by Dr. Henry J. Gomberg, of the Michigan Memorial Phoenix Project, attached to the University of Michigan.

Negev Cannot Yield Substantial Agriculture, Expert Tells Conference

In addition to Dr. Lowdermilk, speakers in the soil conservation and water session included Jacob R. Sensibar, president of Construction Aggregates Corporation, Chicago, and Prof. Shragga Irmay, of the Division of Hydraulic Engineering of the Technion, who is now visiting in the United States on a research grant.

Mr. Sensibar, recognized as one of the world's outstanding earth engineers, said that the planners of Israel are incorrect in believing that "substantial agricultural production in the Negev desert" can be achieved. He stressed, however, that "several varieties of cellulose plants have been found growing native in soils with large contents of salt.

"If a substantial cellulose plant production can be established in the Negev," he asserted, "it would form the basis for a paper and synthetic textile industry. This could be a large and very important industry for Israel and an important source of foreign currency."

Mr. Sensibar, whose company recently completed the restoration to productivity of 15,000 acres of Israel swampland, stressed the urgent need to conserve water both in Israel proper and in all countries of the Middle East. Prof. Irmay summarized the past 10 years of hydraulic engineering research conducted in Israel, under the sponsorship of Technion, Israel's only technological university.

David Rose, president of the American Technion Society, which sponsored the conference, voiced the hope that the parley "would link all the peoples of the Middle East in a common effort to find peace and plenty under the aegis of science and technology."

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN ITALY, CHIEF RABBIS, MOURN DEATH OF POPE

ROME, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The Italian Jewish community, in public statement and in a message of condolence sent to the Vatican, expressed Italian Jewry's sense of loss and mourning over the death of Pope Pius XII. The Israeli flag over the Israeli Embassy here was lowered to half-mast.

Both the community and Rome Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff took the occasion to underline the Pontiff's numerous messages condemning racism during the Nazi-Fascist regimes and World War II, his contribution to a Nazi ransom for the Rome Jewish community and his call to Roman Catholic institutions to open their doors to Jews to provide sanctuary from persecution. "More than anyone else, the Jews have experienced the great piety and immense generosity of Pius XII during the infamous years of persecution and terror," Rabbi Toaff declared.

(Jewish communities throughout the world sent messages of condolence to the Vatican and stressed Pope Pius' humanitarian virtues. Messages were sent by Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie of Britain, Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan of France and Grand Rabbi Guillermo Schlesinger of Argentina, as well as the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry.)

DR. MAX FRIEDLANDER, NOTED JEWISH ART HISTORIAN, DEAD; WAS 90

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Max Friedlander, noted Jewish art historian and internationally consulted art expert, died here yesterday at the age of 90.