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EISENHOWER CONDEMNS BOMBERS OF SYNAGOGUES AS "GANGSTERS"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today deplored the use of the name "Confederate Underground" by attackers of synagogues, saying that they had nothing in common with the true Confederacy. They should be compared with gangsters Al Capone and "Baby Face" Nelson and "that kind of hoodlum," he said.

The President was asked at his press conference this morning the following question: "Mr. President, over a period of months there have been bombings, explosions in the South and the Middle East directed against Jewish churches and Jewish community centers. Some of these have been attributed to people who describe themselves as a Confederate Underground. Do you feel there is anything you can do to halt or discourage these incidents, and do you relate them in any way, sir, to the school integration issue?"

President Eisenhower's reply was:

"Well, that is a pretty broad question. I went out of my way on Sunday afternoon when I heard about the bombing in Atlanta to speak extemporaneously about my feeling about these bombings. Now you had certain phrases in your question to which I want to advert. You said these people described themselves as part of the Confederate Underground. From babyhood I was raised to respect the word 'Confederate' very highly, I might add, and for hoodlums such as these to describe themselves as any part or any relation to the Confederacy of the mid-19th Century is, to my mind, a complete insult to the word. Indeed, they should be described as nothing but Al Capones and Baby Face Nelsons and that kind of hoodlum."

"Now what I have done and what I will do is to continue to speak out against this, well knowing that the police power is centered primarily in the state, but still doing what we can and making certain, as already indeed, has been done, that the facilities of the Federal Government that are asked for by local police agencies and governors and so on, proper officials, will always be available."

"And I add one more word. From my own people, the Justice Department, I had a report that the efficiency of the Atlanta police force was of the highest order, and under Chief Jenkins was doing the finest kind of work that they could possibly conceive of."

The President also told his press conference he deplored the "hate-mongering" of Joseph Kamp, reactionary and anti-Semitic pamphleteer supporting the Republicans in the current election campaign. Kamp has been repudiated by Sen. William F. Knowland running for Governor of California. Kamp's writings have backed Knowland and attacked the Democrats.

The National Jewish War Veterans Organization today asked the House Committee on Un-American Activities to investigate a "sudden upsurge in financial backing" of anti-Semitic propaganda. The JWV told the committee that in the past six months anti-Jewish hate sheets have increased "fantastically."

Eisenhower Asks F. B. I. to Act on Peoria Synagogue Bombing

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower last night asked the FBI to enter the synagogue bombing in Peoria, Ill., in addition to the Atlanta bombing. He again characterized the bombing of synagogues as "shocking and deplorable."

White House press spokesman James Hagerty told newsmen that the President has received written reports from FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover on the week-end bombing of an Atlanta synagogue and yesterday's bombing in Peoria. After the Peoria report was received by the White House, Mr. Hagerty told reporters, "the President just thinks these bombings of places of worship are shocking and deplorable things."

In Peoria, police ruled out anti-Semitism as a motive in the bombing of the Anshe Emet synagogue yesterday. They said the blast was the work of a "crackpot" or a "screwball." No arrests have been made in the Peoria attack, which caused relatively little damage. Peoria Police Chief Bernard Kennedy called it "the lowest, rottenest thing a mortal can do" and promised unrelenting efforts to bring those guilty to justice.

Bishop William Cousins of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peoria termed the act "an attack upon the freedom of worship which people of all faiths must protect." A similar statement was issued by the Rev. H. C. Bradshaw of the Peoria Area Council of Churches.

TWO PARTICIPANTS IN SYNAGOGUE BOMBING PLOT ARRESTED IN ATLANTA

ATLANTA, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Atlanta police have arrested five men in connection with the \$200,000 dynamiting bombing of the Reform Temple here last Sunday. It was disclosed today. Two of the men were believed to have participated in the plot to dynamite the synagogue, which police said was conceived last May by an anti-Semitic and anti-Negro group which has branches in several states.

Atlanta police pointed out today that the synagogue dynamiters could, if apprehended and convicted, face the death sentence. Georgia state law provides up to 20 years' imprisonment or execution for dynamiting a building within city limits.

Police officers hinted that if they could solve this case, they believed they could provide leads to the individuals responsible for an earlier series of bombings of synagogues in southern cities last Spring. FBI agents were reported to be engaged in an intensive campaign to find the perpetrators both of recent bombings of integrated schools in the South and of the synagogue blastings.

Police also reported that they had seized, during raids on homes of two of the five suspects, a penciled draft of an unsigned letter which threatened Atlanta Jews with "a terrifying experience." Detective Captain R.E. Little said the letter, additional contents of which were not disclosed, had been written before the dynamite blast Sunday morning. He said it was not certain whether any copies of the letter had been mailed.

The police officer said another letter taken in the raids indicated that an Atlanta organization involved in the case was "directly connected, probably financed and directed from out of state." The second letter was mailed from Arlington, Va. The raids late yesterday were made at the homes of Wallace H. Allen and George Bright. The others in custody were Robert A. Browning, Luther Corley and Kenneth C. Griffin. All are of Atlanta.

CONFERENCE OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS SEEKS RIGHTS FOR SOVIET JEWRY

LONDON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The Conference of Jewish Organizations concluded a two-day meeting here last night after stressing the need to obtain for Soviet Jewry rights equal to those given other nationalities in the USSR.

The conference also expressed concern over the Moroccan Government's failure to allow Israel-bound emigration to resume. In a resolution, the meeting condemned the bombing of two synagogues this week in the United States, but voiced confidence that President Eisenhower and the American people "would not tolerate a repetition of such incidents."

More than 30 delegates, representing nine Jewish national and international organizations, participated in the closed session at the Mayfair Hotel. The meeting was convened by a three-man presidium consisting of Rabbi Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, Barnett Janner, chairman of the Board of Deputies of Great Britain, and Philip Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith. Dr. Nahum Goldmann presented a concise political report.

The informal conference of organizations which have common programs was founded by Dr. Goldmann in 1957. Participating in the meeting here were B'nai B'rith, the Board of Deputies of Great Britain, the Board of Deputies of South Africa, the American Jewish Congress, the World Jewish Congress, the Council of Australian Jewry, DAIA, the Jewish Labor Committee and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE MEETS; ISRAEL IMMIGRATION QUOTA DOUBLED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- A two-day meeting of the Small Zionist Actions Committee, 33-member policy-making body of the World Zionist movement between congresses, opened here tonight. Joseph Sprinzah, chairman of the presidium of the World Zionist Organization, presided at the opening session.

It was preceded by a meeting of the joint Jewish Agency-Israel Government Coordinating Board, under the chairmanship of Premier David Ben Gurion. This meeting approved a doubling of the immigration quota for the next six months--20,000 between October, 1958 and March, 1959, instead of the 10,000 originally planned for.

Three major questions are on the Actions Committee's agenda: Discussion of plans for increased immigration to Israel; approval of an agreement between the Israel Government and the Jewish National Fund for the creation of a joint "land authority," and consideration of the new investment fund project approved by the world Zionist movement recently. The structure and method of operation of the new Zionist project have not been set yet.

ISRAEL DELEGATION STARTS TALKS WITH FRANCE ON NEW TRADE AGREEMENT

PARIS, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- A four-man delegation of the Israel Finance Ministry began negotiations today for a new trade agreement with France with a goal of a 30 percent increase in Israel-French trade. Y. Ben Dor, Israel economic counselor, said that the delegation was headed by A. Shlush, deputy director of the Economic Division of the Finance Ministry.

HAMMARSKJOLD SUBMITS PLAN FOR CREATION OF PERMANENT U. N. PEACE FORCE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold proposed today to the General Assembly the creation of a permanent, stand-by United Nations peace force which would operate, in many respects, along the lines of the United Nations Emergency Force.

Under the proposal, the Secretary General would be empowered to "sound out" member states on the number and types of military men and materiel which they would be willing to contribute to the UN force. The UN Secretariat would have stand-by plans drawn up to fit many contingencies, and might if it found such a step necessary, set up a military command unit from among member states. However, no actual force in permanent encampment would exist unless and until it was needed.

UNEF has, for almost two years, acted as a UN guard between Egypt and Israel in the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula. Today Mr. Hammarskjold filed with the Assembly his long-awaited "summary study of the experiences of UNEF" in which, in accordance with a previous promise, he spelled out his ideas for a permanent, stand-by peace force. Under Mr. Hammarskjold's plan the following four "basic principles" would guide the force:

1. No troops are to be stationed by the UN on the territory of any member state without the consent of the government concerned.
2. The UN and the country where troops may be stationed are to enter an agreement pledging to each other their "good faith." Such an agreement exists now regarding UNEF between the UN and Egypt.
3. Not only is the force to exclude military men from "permanent members," but it is also to exclude military units from states whose geographical position or special interests might have a bearing on the dispute in question.
4. However, the United Nations itself will ultimately decide the exact composition of military units in the force. An important principle proposed is that the UN itself will decide when to withdraw its force from a country once a force had been sent into that country.

Mr. Hammarskjold formulated also a set of "basic rules" for the proposed force. A UN force, in his opinion, must confine its activities to actions that are "separate and distinct" from whatever issues concern the authorities of the country where the force is stationed. The force must not participate in any situation of a purely internal nature. The force should not be used to enforce any specific political solution.

DULLES SAYS ARAB LEAGUE COULD FACILITATE PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said last night that a revival of the Arab League could facilitate regional peace.

He pointed out that the United Nations Charter calls for solution of differences by regional organizations if practicable. The Arab League has a potential of being constructive and helpful, he said. But whatever it will be, is always a question, he added.

FOUR ISRAELI ARABS ARRESTED FOR SHELTERING INFILTRATORS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Four Arabs from the village Majd el Krum, in the Galilee, were arrested today on suspicion that they had given shelter last week to a group of seven armed Arab infiltrators from Lebanon.

The arrests followed the discovery of several small groups of armed infiltrators from Lebanon during the last three nights. Border police intensified its searches for possible further groups of armed infiltrators.

ISRAELI JOURNALISTS PROTEST RESTRICTIONS INTRODUCED IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- A new half-inch bullet proof glass shield has been installed between the Knesset floor and the newspapermen's gallery in the Israel Parliament. This was one of a number of measures taken during the autumn recess to protect members against attacks such as last year's bomb throwing episode when five Ministers were wounded.

The Parliamentary Correspondents Association, in a meeting today, decided to cease covering the meetings of the Knesset if a number of security measures, which newsmen consider restrictive, are implemented. Among the objectionable regulations is one barring newspapermen from a new restaurant for members of Parliament which is scheduled to be opened in the building next week.

EXTRADITION PACT SIGNED FORMALLY BETWEEN ENGLAND AND ISRAEL

LONDON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- An extradition agreement was signed here yesterday between Britain and Israel. The ceremony, concluding negotiations held here between the legal division of the Foreign Office and Israeli experts, was attended by the delegations of the two governments.

AMERICAN-ISRAEL GROUP DECLARES \$400, 000 IN DIVIDENDS TO SHAREHOLDERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The board of directors of Israel Development Corporation, a related corporation of Ampal, today voted to declare a dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock of that corporation. The total dividends to be paid out will amount to \$400, 000. President Abraham Dickenstein expressed the hope that Ampal would be able to declare its 17th consecutive dividend--this time of 25 cents per share on \$5 par value.

The Ampal group, composed of Ampal-American Israel Corporation, Israel Development Corporation and Israel-American Industrial Development Bank Ltd. would pay out close to \$700, 000 in dividends for the current fiscal year, Mr. Dickenstein said. Total gross assets of the Ampal group had risen from less than \$2, 000, 000 in 1948 to nearly \$40, 000, 000 in 1958, he reported. Capital and surplus had been increased from \$1, 600, 000 to over \$16, 000, 000, during that period. Almost \$23, 000, 000 worth of securities had been marketed during these ten years.

The outstanding balances of the Ampal group long-term credits and equity investments in Israel had risen from less than \$1, 800, 000 in 1948 to nearly \$35, 000, 000 in 1958. The group's credit lines with American banks and manufacturers had risen from \$270, 000 to over \$12, 500, 000 in ten years. The net profits of the corporations before taxes derived from interest, dividends and commissions had amounted to close to \$7, 000, 000 during the decade, of which about \$2, 500, 000 had been paid out in dividends to the stockholders of the Ampal group.

AMERICAN, SOVIET, OTHER DIPLOMATS ATTEND ISRAEL RECEPTION AT U. N.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Several hundred members of the United Nations delegation, leading American Jewish personalities and journalists attended last night the Israel delegation's annual reception here.

In the receiving line were Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister who had recovered from a slight indisposition, and Ambassador and Mrs. Abba Eban. Except for the Arabs, it appeared that all delegations were represented, some by their chairmen. Among the top-ranking diplomats present were Henry Cabot Lodge of the United States delegation; Arkady A. Sobolev of the USSR, and V. K. Krishna Menon of India.

HABIMAH IS GIVEN STATUS OF NATIONAL THEATRE BY ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The Habimah, Israel's leading troupe which is currently celebrating its 40th birthday, was given last night the status of a national theatre.

The announcement was made at a gala performance last night by Zalman Arrane, Minister of Education, who also revealed that the government had decided to recommend an annual subsidy of 100, 000 pounds for the institution. Present at the ceremonies last night were Premier and Mrs. David Ben Gurion, members of the Cabinet and their wives and other Israeli notables.

MEIR GROSSMAN HONORED ON 70TH BIRTHDAY; LAUDS J. T. A. NEWS SERVICE

LONDON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- "The news service of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency is today the "most valuable service for editors of the Jewish press the world over," Meir Grossman, member of the Jewish Agency executive and one of the founders of the JTA, declared here today at a celebration in honor of his 70th birthday, tendered by the Association of Jewish Journalists.

Mr. Grossman recalled how he and the late Jacob Landau established the JTA more than 40 years ago. A message from Dr. Nahum Goldmann, world president of the Jewish Agency, lauding Mr. Grossman's service to Israel and the Jewish people was read at the function, which was addressed by a number of people prominent in Jewish life in England.

ISRAEL CONSUL GENERAL PRATT HONORS TWO ISRAELI EDUCATORS IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Two Israeli educators were honored here today at a reception given by Israel Consul General Simcha Pratt, and attended by community leaders active in Jewish education. The two are Dr. Israel Mehlman, director of the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, and Dr. Mordecai Kamrat, visiting consultant of the Jewish Agency's Department of Education in New York.

Dr. Kamrat developed what has become known as the Israel Ulpan method of language teaching. During his one-year stay in the United States, Dr. Kamrat will establish a network of American Ulpanim for the study of Hebrew, of which the first is scheduled to open in New York on November 30.