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### ATTEMPTS FOR NEW DEMONSTRATIONS BY NO. AFRICANS CHECKED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Tension continued to prevail today in various parts of the country as a result of attempts at repeated demonstrations by North African immigrants. The efforts were checked by the police, who are now on the alert ready to handle firmly any possible disturbances.

Police last night moved swiftly to break up plans for demonstrations in Beersheba, in the village of Pardess Hanna, in Lydda and at Ramleh. At Beersheba, six leaders of a planned demonstration were arrested before they could stage the disturbances. In their homes, police found pamphlets calling for a demonstration under the slogan: "We are hungry and discriminated against." Police said that a youth who is the leader of the Beersheba group has a long criminal record.

At Pardess Hanna, where the population consists predominantly of North African immigrants, there has been anger over the dismissal of a North African from his job at a brick factory. Authorities said today, however, that the firing of the man had nothing to do with his origin, being due to the fact that he has repeatedly clashed with the foreman on the job.

In the labor exchanges at Ramleh and Lydda, police intervened to halt demonstrations by unemployed, but quiet was maintained on the whole through firm preventive action.

Haifa's Mayor Aba Houshi, testifying today before a governmental committee probing the first of the Haifa riots in the North African immigrant quarter of Wadi Salib, declared that "criminal elements" are responsible for the disturbances, saying there was an "underground" directing the clashes.

### 70 Arrested in Haifa; 59 Remanded to Jail to Await Trial

Arrests in Haifa alone have totalled 70 persons, it was revealed today. Of these, 59 have been remanded to jail for 15 days each, to await trial. Investigations are being centered on efforts to find out who the "outside sources" are that are backing the rioters. David Ben Haroush, self-proclaimed leader of the Wadi Salib immigrant group, who is under arrest, told the government committee at Haifa last week he was receiving financial aid, and boasted "you'd be surprised if you knew who is helping us."

There is a general feeling here now, following yesterday's Cabinet meeting, that the government is handling the situation satisfactorily. Several members of the Cabinet pointed out that, while some of the new villages erected for the North African immigrants have vacant homes, immigrants are flocking into Wadi Salib, making an overcrowded slum of the area.

The Mapai Party, whose Wadi Salib election rally Friday night was used as a pretext for the latest Haifa riot, announced today it will hold another election rally in Wadi Salib. "We will not yield to force," said the Haifa leaders of Mapai.

A hint that political motivation may be behind the rioting appeared today in the newspaper Davar, organ of the Israel Federation of Labor. Davar, supporting the "firm" action taken by the police, pointed out that the political affiliations of Mr. Ben Haroush "are well known." Mr. Ben Haroush stated recently before a governmental committee that he "favors" the program of the right-wing Herut Party.

Spokesmen for Herut, on the other hand, are blaming the police for the disturbances, alleging that police authorities "pre-arranged the riot in order to squelch Ben Haroush." There are 250,000 immigrants from North Africa in Israel, and, as the election campaign develops, there is keen competition among the various political parties for the good-will of these citizens.

Menahem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party, opened this week-end his party's election with a speech at Ramat Gan, charging the government with "the use of arms in internal difficulties," which was a reference to police actions against rioters in Haifa and other cities. He indicated in his address that this will be one of the major issues in the November elections. Another major issue which the Herut Party intends to exploit during the election campaign is the recent arms deal with Germany. Mr. Beigin said that the General Zionists did not "sincerely" oppose the sale of arms to West Germany.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- A demand that all governments in all countries recognize the right of Jews to maintain their communal life and institutions was voiced at the Assembly of the World Jewish Congress here in a report on the situation of Jews in various lands presented to the more than 300 delegates attending the parley.

The report cited official efforts made by the World Jewish Congress to contact Soviet Jewry. "We are unhappily not in a position to report any progress in the attempts to establish such contact," the document said. It revealed that a sustained effort was made to secure the interest of the Soviet authorities to permit a number of Jewish congregations in the Soviet Union to send observers to the Stockholm conference.

"We were assured repeatedly and emphatically by Soviet representatives that the congregations and individuals we had in mind were free to accept our invitation if they wished, and that the Soviet Government as a matter of policy did not intervene in such matters," the report stated, adding that after many months of silence, the Soviet Jewish congregations have declined the WJC invitation just on the eve of the Assembly's opening here this week.

Jewish Leader from Poland Addresses W.J.C. Assembly; Attacks Israel

Active Jewish support in favor of a summit conference which would resolve world problems was urged here today by Hersh Smoliar, chairman of the five-man team of observers which the Communist-controlled Union of Jewish Cultural Organizations in Poland sent to the Assembly of the World Jewish Congress, now in session here. At the same time, he also attacked Israel for its "link-up with the Western world."

Delivering his first address at the WJC Assembly, the leader of the observer group from Poland said that a summit conference would relax world tension and possibly bring about a settlement between Israel and its neighboring Arab countries. He strongly criticized Israel's arms deal with Western Germany. "What is Israel, what is the World Jewish Congress, doing to help put an end to world tensions which have become a special tragedy for the Jewish people?" he asked.

"Some members of our small Jewish community," he continued, "have left our country for what they thought to be a better life. Many have gone to Israel. Now they bitterly regret it." By contrast, he pointed out that "despite their small numbers and lack of material facilities, the Jews in Poland strive with all their hearts and souls for the fulfillment of Judaism within the framework of the political and social structure of their country."

United Nations, Nehru, President of Germany Greet W.J.C. Assembly

Many world leaders, including West German President Theodor Heuss, Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, and an Undersecretary of the United Nations representing Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold today greeted the Assembly of the World Jewish Congress here by cable or in person.

U.N. Undersecretary Philippe de Seynes, bringing greetings from Mr. Hammarskjold, praised the World Jewish Congress, which has full non-governmental status at the United Nations, for "interpreting its relations with the United Nations in the true spirit of the United Nations character."

Mr. Nehru pointed out in his message that it was "not usual" for him to send greetings to congresses held outside his own country. "Nevertheless," he declared, "I must send my best wishes to this all-Jewish Assembly."

Dr. Heuss, recalling "the tragic fate of European Jewry under Nazi domination," asked Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, "not to let this unhappy shadow cast gloom among the two nations." He expressed the hope that there will be a continuance of "the will to love which characterizes" the present relations between Jews and West Germany.

Just before the opening of the session last night, a number of Israeli delegates, as well as some from Latin America, notified Dr. Goldmann that they would not attend the session in protest against the attendance of the German Ambassador. They also objected to the fact that the German flag, among the flags of other nations, flew in front of the building where the session was held.

GERMAN POLICE CHIEF SUSPENDED FROM POST AND ARRESTED; KILLED JEWS

MAINZ, Germany, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. George Haueser, head of the criminal police section of the State of Rheinland-Pfalz, was suspended from his post today on charges of directing the Nazi extermination of Jews in the Minsk area during World War II.

The suspension was announced by the State Ministry of the Interior. Dr. Haueser was placed in the Hohenberg prison, near Stuttgart, on charges filed by the Central Commission for the Investigation of Nazi Crimes.

# ISRAELIS FIND HAMMARSKJOLD'S REPORT ON MT. SCOPUS ISSUE INADEQUATE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Israel delegation sources here took issue with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold today in regard to a portion of the UN Chief's annual report to the General Assembly.

In his report, Mr. Hammarskjold devoted several paragraphs to the Mt. Scopus dispute between Israel and Jordan. The report blamed Jordan largely for the fatal Mt. Scopus affray in which four Israeli policemen were killed, as well as Col. George Flint, the United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission chairman. The report stated that Jordanian bullets had killed Col. Flint and at least one of the Israeli policemen. However, the report went on, Israel should not close the Mt. Scopus road used by Arab villagers, holding that the closing of that road has led and continues to lead to tensions.

"In reply to the observations regarding Mt. Scopus," said Israel delegation sources "the real issue is Jordan's continued refusal to implement Article VIII of the Israel-Jordan Armistice Agreement under which Israel would be free to resume functioning at Hadassah Hospital and at the Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus and under which Israel would have free access to the Mountain."

"It is regrettable," the delegation sources continued, "that no mention of this salient fact is made in the report." The delegation sources pointed out, however, that the Secretary General "has made attempts to bring about a change in Jordan's attitude" during the last year.

The Secretary General's annual report covered a 12-month period ending last June 15. In addition to reporting on the Mt. Scopus issue, it also reported on the agreement reached between Israel and the United Arab Republic, through Mr. Hammarskjold, for demarcation of the Israeli-Syrian border.

## MAJORITY OF JEWISH SCHOLARS BACK ORTHODOX VIEW ON "WHO IS A JEW"

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Ninety percent of the 61 world-famous Jewish scholars around the world, polled by a special Israeli Cabinet committee on the touchy problem of who should be acknowledged as a Jew in Israel, have ruled that strict Jewish religious law should be the rule.

That would mean that a child must be registered in accordance with the religion of the mother. Thus, children of mixed marriages, where the mother is not Jewish, could not be registered as Jewish without ritual conversion to Judaism.

Those in favor of the strict interpretation of Jewish religious law on this question include a famous professor at Harvard, and other famous scholars and rabbis, including some who are not Orthodox Jews. The view was underwritten by the entire five-man board of the London Rabbinical Court. A few of the scholars polled would impose a rule even more strict than that required by traditional Judaism, while a small minority is opposed to strict interpretation.

Prime Minister David Ben Gurion circulated the replies of those who were polled to the members of the Cabinet here today. Summaries of the replies are expected to be made public this week.

## AVRAHAM HARMAN, NEW ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO U.S., FETED BY EDITORS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Israeli journalists and editors today feted Abraham Harman, this country's new Ambassador to the United States, who is leaving for Washington this month to assume his new post. Representatives of the Jewish Agency executive, on which Mr. Harman has served, were also present at the send-off party which took place in the Journalists' Club.

The appointment of Yehezkiel Sahar, former Israel Police Inspector General, as ambassador to Austria, was announced today following approval of an Israel-Austrian agreement to raise their respective legations to embassies.

## KNESSET HOLDS LAST SESSION THIS WEEK; DEPUTIES TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The final regular weekly session of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, began today before the House adjourns to enable its members to campaign for re-election in the November elections. The Knesset, however, can be convened for special sessions until the newly-elected Parliament assembles after the elections.

The Knesset is expected to pass this week several bills in final readings. These will include an amendment of the Civil Service Law, restricting political and fund-raising activities of government employees, as well as an amendment broadening the privileges of foreign investors.

## JACOB BLAUSTEIN CONFERS WITH U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL ON SUEZ ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, American Jewish leader, met here with United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and discussed with him the Suez issue. Mr. Blaustein also reported to Mr. Hammarskjold his impressions from Poland and Germany which he visited recently.

### NIXON IMPLIES HE TALKED WITH KHRUSHCHEV ON THE SITUATION OF SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Vice President Richard Nixon implied that, during his talks in Moscow with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, he discussed with the Soviet leader also the suppression of Jewish communal life in the Soviet Union, a cable from Moscow said today.

At a press conference held prior to his departure yesterday from the Soviet Union, Mr. Nixon was asked by Alexander Parkson, of the Jewish Daily Forward of New York, whether, in his talks with Khrushchev and other Soviet leaders he had a chance "to touch on the reported discrimination against Jews in the Soviet Union." Mr. Nixon replied:

"I recognize that there is a legitimate interest among members of the press in the subjects that I did discuss with Mr. Khrushchev and the other leaders, but I have always followed the practice of not disclosing the substance of such talks or indicating the subjects covered. I think this is the only proper course to follow and this way we encourage a very frank exchange of views when talks of this type do take place."

### TURKISH AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATE PUBLICATION OF TWO ANTI-SEMITIC BOOKS

ISTANBUL, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Istanbul authorities were investigating today the publication of two books of anti-Semitic character, after protests were made by the Jewish community here.

One book, "Turks, Here Is Your Enemy," was written by Cevat Rifat Atilhan, a notorious anti-Semite. The cover illustration portrays Turkish soldiers pointing their bayonets at a Mogen David. The other, "Ideas on the Education of Turkish Boys," was written by Suleyman Oz, an official of the Istanbul Education Department. It contains anti-Semitic propaganda.

At the same time local newspapers came out today with critical comments against the use of Ladino and French in resort places by Turkish Jews. The articles, by writers who are not anti-Semitic, complained that Jews continued to refuse to speak Turkish.

One newspaper also claimed that Jews were heavily patronizing the best hotels and clubs at summer resorts. Another newspaper asserted that Jews were showing off their wealth, while the rest of the nation faced economic difficulties.

### 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN CANADA OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMED

MONTREAL, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress today officially proclaimed the bicentenary of Canadian Jewry, marking the 200th anniversary of the settlement of the first Jews in the colony of Lower Canada in 1759.

A bicentenary proclamation signed by Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, called for a year of "thanksgiving prayer and celebrations to commemorate the national bicentenary of Canadian Jewry." The statement recalls that Jews from many lands "have come to these hospitable shores in search of religious and political freedom and economic opportunity" and stresses that "the blessings of a free country have made possible a flourishing Jewish community living in harmony with its fellow citizens."

"In this mosaic of Canada we have held fast to our ancient prophetic ideals, motivated by our steadfast belief in human dignity and human welfare," the proclamation continues. "In this hour of thanksgiving we recall that our generation was privileged to witness the creation of the State of Israel and we express our profound gratitude for the leadership Canada demonstrated in this historic achievement."

An honorary committee to patronize the bicentenary observances is headed by the Prime Minister of Canada and includes the Premiers of the ten Canadian provinces.

### JEWISH MEMBER IN DUTCH CABINET RESIGNS; WAS MINISTER OF DEFENSE

THE HAGUE, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Sydney J. van den Bergh, Minister of Defense and the only Jew in the Dutch Cabinet, sent his resignation to Queen Juliana here this weekend. The resignation was caused by personal reasons. Mr. van den Bergh's name figured last week in a divorce case in San Diego, Calif.

Mr. van den Bergh is a retired Major-General in the Dutch Army, and was formerly paymaster-general for the Army.

### FAMOUS RASHI SYNAGOGUE TO BE RECONSTRUCTED; WAS DESTROYED BY NAZIS

WORMS, Germany, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Announcement was made here today that the cornerstone will be laid this month for the reconstruction of the famous, old Rashi Synagogue, which was destroyed by Nazis during the Crystal Night in November of 1938, when Jewish houses of worship were burned down.

The Rashi synagogue, built by the same artisans who had erected the Worms Cathedral, dated back to the Twelfth Century. The reconstructed synagogue will be built in accordance with the style in which the original had been designed. This city now has only two Jews residing here. Prior to the Hitler era, the Jewish population of Worms totalled 1,100.