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SYRIAN TROOPS PENETRATE INTO ISRAEL; OPEN HEAVY FIRE IN HULEH AREA

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- An Israel border police officer was seriously wounded yesterday when his unit sought to reinforce a group of Israeli field workers pinned down by Syrian gunfire in a new attack on Huleh reclamation work, Israel officials reported today.

They said that Syrian troops, penetrating deeply into Israel territory, opened fire on two tractors and their drivers. The border police unit came under extremely heavy fire. The wounded officer was extricated only after smoke screens were used to cover his removal.

The area became quiet toward nightfall. The Syrians imposed a blackout on all villages facing the Israel border in apparent fear of Israel retaliation. The affected area had been prepared two days previously by Jewish National Fund workers for agricultural cultivation. The wounded officer was reported today as still in serious condition. Field work was resumed this morning in the area.

ISRAEL OFFERS RE-ADMISSION OF BEDUINS; MUST PROVE ISRAELI RESIDENCE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission today accepted an Israel proposal to screen for possible re-admission to Israel more than 100 Beduin who claim they were expelled.

The Israel delegation to the MAC made the offer on condition the Beduin could prove they were Israel citizens and residents. Leading sheikhs of the Azazme tribe, to which the alleged expellees belong, will come to Israel, with United Nations observers, in an effort to show where the Beduin resided and to find ways to prove their citizenship.

The Israel offer re-emphasized the fact that Israel views Jordan's complaints differently from those of Egypt. That country also complained several weeks ago that Beduin were expelled from Israel into Egyptian territory. Israel, which no longer recognizes the Israel-Egypt Armistice agreement, did not attend the meeting at which the Egyptian charge was made. Israel also did not take notice of the MAC decision asking re-admission of the Beduin beyond letting it be known that leaders of the tribe failed in promises to produce the killers of an Israel army officer.

(At the United Nations, Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold today circulated among all members of the Security Council a letter presented to him yesterday by Yosef Tekoah, acting head of the Israel delegation, denying that the Beduin in the Egyptian territory are Israeli citizens, as Egypt asserted. Mr. Tekoah said that these Beduin normally move about in the Sinai desert and "are not Israeli citizens." He also pointed out that they have attacked Israeli patrols and killed an Israeli officer.)

First Joint Arab-Israel Bank Opened; 75% of Capital Is Arab

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Israel's first joint Arab-Jewish bank was formally established today with the signing of an agreement by Faris Hamdan, an Arab member of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, and representatives of the Israel Foreign Trade Bank, a Swiss-Israel concern.

Seventy-five percent of the 1,000,000-pound initial capital was supplied by Arab investors headed by the Arab Knesset member and the remainder by the Israel Foreign Trade Bank which will provide training for the new bank's personnel.

Mr. Hamdan last year established an Arab-Jewish canning factory which was the first major joint Jewish-Arab industrial enterprise in Israel.

RENAULT ADMITS YIELDING TO ARAB PRESSURE IN LEAVING ISRAEL

PARIS, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The Renault auto firm today issued a statement which in effect admitted that it had cancelled its contract with the Kaiser-Frazer assembly plant in Haifa as a result of Arab boycott pressures.

The statement said that for the past several years "several" countries, contrary to "the rules and practices of international law," have refused admission of goods from

companies which have contracts with Israel firms. The countries were not identified, in the statement.

The French auto firm, which is partly owned by the French Government and which has insisted until now that the cancellation was for such economic reasons as high Israel taxes and high production costs, said today that after many efforts to by-pass such restrictions, it found itself "forced to make a choice on strictly business grounds of the outlet which furnished the greatest number of orders and hence the most work to French workers."

The company added that although it had been "fully aware of the problems," it signed a contract with Kaiser-Frazer in Israel in 1955 and that in September 1958, it offered to renew the contract subject to a guarantee of a certain number of sales annually. While it proved impossible to renew the contract on this basis, the company declared, Renault offered to supply parts to the Haifa firm for several months to avoid an abrupt cessation of work there.

The statement added that Renault would continue to supply as many of its cars to Israel as the Israel Government would permit and would continue to supply parts for Renault cars already sold in Israel. Israel sources in Paris declined to comment on the Renault statement.

ISRAEL EXPORT GAINS; MARKS FIRST DROP IN TRADE DEFICIT SINCE 1955

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The first drop in Israel's international trade deficit since 1955 occurred during the first half of 1959, the Bureau of Statistics reported today. The Bureau said that the six-month deficit was \$134,000,000 compared to \$150,000,000 in the same period in 1958.

Exports increased substantially and imports decreased slightly during that period, the Bureau reported. The value of exports increased by 17 percent to \$100,000,000 despite an average five percent drop in prices on world markets of Israel products.

Israel's citrus exports this year will amount to 10,000,000 cases, an increase of 400,000 cases over last year's total, according to an estimate released here today by the Citrus Marketing Board. Britain will continue to be the best customer for Israeli citrus fruit, while West German purchases are expected to increase by 15 percent, to a total of 1,000,000 cases.

A record total of 72,608 tourists visited Israel from January to September of this year, it was reported today. This is 10,000 more than the number of tourists visiting the country in the same period last year.

ISRAEL CABINET GETS FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR 160,000 NEW APARTMENTS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A five-year plan for the construction of 160,000 apartments which is expected to take care of most housing needs of new immigrants, was submitted formally today to the Israel Cabinet by Mordechai Namir, Israel's Labor Minister.

The construction would be a joint effort of Government and private builders and would involve expenditure of 1,050,000,000 pounds. The new housing would be for immigrants still in transit camps and in substandard housing. The plan is based on the assumption of 40,000 new immigrants arriving annually.

PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL GETS ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME IN MANDALAY

MANDALAY, Burma, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- President Ben-Zvi of Israel was given an enthusiastic welcome today in upper Burma when he arrived accompanied by the President of Burma, Ne Win.

The Israel President was presented with flowers and a performance by Burmese youth who danced the Horah and sang Israel songs. President Ben-Zvi later made a short cruise on the Irraway River to see the Sagaing hills which are the sites of many pagodas and monasteries. During the visit to Northern Burma, Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Zvi will stay in the summer palace of the Burmese President.

ISRAEL ADVOCATES INCREASED U.N. TECHNICAL AID; CITES ACHIEVEMENTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Increased United Nations appropriations for technical assistance were advocated here today by Israel. Miss Hava Hareli, Israel representative on the General Assembly's Economic and Financial committee, declared that higher allocations would be justified "in view of the real need which had been shown by requests for aid."

"The UN technical assistance projects in Israel," Miss Hareli declared, "have been carried out successfully, with Israeli personnel taking over from experts previously provided by the United Nations." The Israeli delegate pointed out that in recent years, Israel has contributed an increasing number of experts to aid technical assistance programs in other countries.

WORLD HIAS CONFERENCE IN PARIS ASKS U.S. TO RELAX IMMIGRATION LAWS

PARIS, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The United Hias Service concluded its sixth annual migration conference here today with an "urgent plea" to the United States Government "to effectively take the lead on behalf of the uprooted during the World Refugee Year." Reports by Hias field representatives from five continents indicated that more than 12,000 persons were currently registered with the organization for migration help.

James Rice, United Hias executive director, stressed the plight of 1,100 Jewish victims of persecution who had registered with Hias for immigration to the United States for whom no visas were available. He said that during the past 18 months more than 1,500 such refugees from Egypt had been able to come into the United States, thanks to special legislation.

Mr. Rice said that "every effort must be made, when the United States Congress reconvenes in January, to persuade Congress to adopt migration liberalization measures consonant with American leadership in the free world, and consonant with the magnitude of refugee and migration hardships."

"This unfortunately was not the case during the last session of Congress," he added, "although one law was passed which did increase the possibilities for reunion of broken families and some other measures of positive value were adopted."

United Hias leadership is urging, as a minimum program, the adoption by the United States of the recommendations of the U.S. Committee for Refugees. These recommendations include: approval of new legislation permitting the entry annually of 20,000 refugees beyond present United States quotas and appropriation of \$10,000,000 over and above present United States expenditures for refugee programs.

LARGE NUMBER OF RESTITUTION CLAIMS STILL NOT EXAMINED IN GERMANY

BONN, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Out of the total restitution claims against West Germany, aggregating \$4,093,600,000, only \$1,363,600,000 have been paid out as of the end of last June, an official of the Federal Republic's Ministry of Finance declared today.

The official said that, under the Restitution Law, settlement of the outstanding claims need not be completed until 1962. He declared that "a very large number" of the claims, not only from Jews but also from Germans abroad, and from others, "need careful examination which require much time."

WEST GERMAN PRINTERS DECIDE NOT TO WORK ON ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLICATIONS

BONN, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A conference of the West German Printing Trade Union passed a resolution today calling on all members to refuse to work for fascist and anti-Semitic publications. In announcing the decision here, Heinrich Hansen, chairman of the union, declared that printers occupied an essential position in the political life of the country and "we do not want to repeat the mistakes of 1933."

Delegates to the conference found that the West German laws designed to insure free and equal rights for all, and outlawing anti-democratic activities, were not enforced "strongly enough" by the Federal Government. "For this reason, the trade union movement and other social organizations must take action on their own," the resolution reads.

MORE THAN 30,000 JEWS REPORTED RESIDING IN WEST GERMANY

HAMBURG, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- There are between 30,000 and 40,000 Jews in West Germany, but the actual count of Jews registered as members of the Jewish community currently is 21,449, according to the revised edition of a handbook, "The Jews in Germany," published here today. In the last four years, the handbook shows, the number of Jews registered as such has increased by 5,865.

The increased number of registered Jews, according to Heinz Gantlier, editor of the work, is due to the fact that Jews immigrating to or re-entering Germany have registered, rather than to natural increase among the German-Jewish population.

During the four-year period, 1955-59, the figures show, 239 Jewish children were born in Germany, 1,466 Jews died, and 1,885 emigrated. In the same period, approximately 6,000 Jews immigrated to Germany from abroad, while about 3,000 came to the German communities from displaced persons camps that have been dissolved.

JEWSH JUDGE NAMED ATTORNEY GENERAL OF SURINAM BY DUTCH GOV'T

THE HAGUE, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Hugo Pos, judge of the Court of Justice in Paramaribo, capital of Surinam, Netherlands Guiana, has been appointed attorney general of the South American Dutch territory, it was announced here today.

Dr. Pos is the first Jew to be named to this post. His brother, Dr. Raymond Pos, has been Minister of Surinam at The Hague for the last seven years and, in this capacity, is a member of the Cabinet.

PLAQUE MARKS 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN CANADA

THREE RIVERS, Canada, Oct. 22, (JTA) -- A plaque to mark the 200th anniversary of Jewish settlement in Canada was unveiled here today. The plaque commemorates the life of Ezekiel Hart who was elected a member of the Legislative Assembly of Lower Canada in 1807 and 1808.

The Province of Quebec was represented at the ceremony by J. Paul Beaulieu, Minister of Trade and Commerce. Others who took part in the ceremony were Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress; Levy M. Becker, chairman of the National Bicentenary of Canadian Jewry, Mayor Laurent Paradis of Three Rivers and descendants of the Hart family, which settled in Three Rivers in 1759.

Another aspect of the observance is a unique program of education in Canadian Jewish history. A number of stores in Montreal have placed large display windows at the disposal of the Bicentenary Committee which is arranging large-scale displays of Canadian Jewish historical events for showing during November. In a typical display, a store window will be devoted to Canadian Jewish literature, another to the Hart family and another to Canadian war heroes of Jewish origin.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN STARTS \$500,000 DRIVE FOR HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Oct. 22, (JTA) -- The National Council of Jewish Women has launched a half-million dollar fund drive to house the Hebrew University's Model High School. Announcement of the campaign for the Israeli school was made today by Mrs. Charles Hymes of Minneapolis, NCJW national president.

Mrs. Hymes explained that the model high school, which is the practice-teaching laboratory used by 100 student-teachers at the University's John Dewey School of Education, is being forced to evacuate its present borrowed quarters. Overcrowded classrooms with 700 pupils are now situated in two separate parts of the city. She noted that Council has supported the School of Education since 1948 with contributions totalling more than \$500,000.

U. S. NATIONAL HEALTH INSTITUTE GRANTS \$125,000 TO ISRAELI SCIENTISTS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22, (JTA) -- A five-year \$125,000 grant was made today by the United States National Health Institute to three Weizmann Institute scientists for continued study on the basic protein components of cells of living tissue.

Recipients of the grant are Prof. Ephraim Katchalski, chairman of the Institute Biophysics department, and Dr. Michael Sela and Dr. Arieh Berger of the same department to continue and expand their work on Polyamino Acids as protein models. Their study also covers research on the chemical properties and biological activity of the acids.

The Hadassah School of Nursing here will be expanded into a university-level institution to meet the demands of Israel's growing nursing profession, it was announced here today by the director general of the Hadassah Medical Organization, Dr. Kalman Mann, at the 41st graduation exercises of the institution. Twenty-seven nurses were awarded diplomas at the graduation ceremonies.

FESTIVE CEREMONIES MARK DEDICATION OF LARGEST HOSPITAL IN NEGEV

BEERSHEBA, Oct. 22, (JTA) -- The biggest hospital in the Negev, a project of the Kupat Holim, the medical welfare program of the Histadrut, was dedicated today in festive ceremonies. Participants included David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, which contributed \$1,000,000 to build and equip the 300-bed hospital.

The guests also included Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, Israel Barzilai, Minister of Health, officials of the Beersheba Municipality and others. Speakers hailed the work of Kupat Holim and expressed satisfaction at the fact that American workers were helping to advance medical treatment for Israelis.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE APPOINTS WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE

NEW YORK, Oct. 22, (JTA) -- The appointment of Roy H. Millenson of Bethesda, Md., as the Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee was announced yesterday by Herbert B. Ehrmann, president of the Committee. Mr. Millenson served as an alternate United States delegate to the Atlantic Congress in London. He will act as liaison between the Committee and agencies of the government, as well as with Washington representatives of religious, civic and human relations agencies.

76 AMERICAN CATHOLIC CLERGYMEN ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; INCLUDE 4 BISHOPS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22, (JTA) -- Seventy-six Catholic clergymen from the United States, including four bishops, arrived in Israel today for a four-day visit. They represent the largest group of American Catholics to visit Israel since its establishment.