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SYRIAN MILITARY BASE WIPED OUT; THREE ISRAELIS DEAD, SEVEN WOUNDED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Three Israelis were dead, seven were injured, and a number of settlements suffered damage from Syrian shelling after a night during which Israeli forces wiped out a Syrian military base.

In the morning, hours after a cease-fire had been arranged by the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, sporadic shelling continued from the Syrian side. At the same time, Israeli jet fighters chased from the skies four Syrian Russian-made MIG-17 fighter planes attempting to invade Israeli air space. The Syrian planes, intercepted above Israel's northernmost settlement of Metullah, were chased back across their own territory.

Syrian casualties and damage were estimated to be "much higher" than Israel's. Fifty houses were leveled by the Israelis in the abandoned Syrian village of Tawafik, which the Syrian Army had turned into a garrison overlooking the Israeli settlements in and near the demilitarized zone, southeast of Lake Tiberias. A quantity of Syrian machineguns and small arms was captured by the Israelis in the raid on Tawafik--the largest military action undertaken by Israel since the period preceding the Sinai campaign of 1956.

The damage, on the Israeli side, was suffered in the settlements of Maagan, Deganya, Haon and Shaar Hagolan, where Syrian shells landed during the intense fighting in the early hours this morning. None was injured in any of the settlements, all civilians having taken cover in bomb-proof shelters.

Life in Damaged Israeli Settlements Restored to Normalcy

Life went on as usual in the Israeli settlements this morning. On the Syrian side, Israeli observers saw military ambulances carrying away the casualties who had fallen at Tawafik. The raid into Tawafik was launched shortly after midnight, following four days of fighting in the demilitarized zone near Beit Katzir. The four days of fighting were climaxed yesterday with mortar fire from the Syrian side, costing the Israelis one dead and two injured.

An Israeli army communique issued at dawn today stated: "As a direct result of Syrian provocations and violence in the last few days in the southern demilitarized zone, east of Lake Tiberias, in which one Israeli was killed and two injured, Israeli forces during the night wiped out positions constructed by the Syrians, which disturbed peaceful life in the area. In the operation, houses in the deserted village of Tawafik, which the Syrians had turned into a military base, were destroyed."

The heavy fighting started just after midnight, after Syrian artillery had opened fire on the fields adjoining the Beit Katzir settlement. Returning the fire, the Israelis then advanced toward the Syrian gun positions at Tawafik and the area immediately surrounding that abandoned village.

Gen. Carl C. Van Horn, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, called upon both sides to cease fire, and the cease-fire order went officially into effect a few minutes after 4 a. m. However, Syrian positions continued lobbing occasional shells across the border.

The dispute concerns a narrow, 10-acre area in the demilitarized zone on Israel's side of a drainage canal dug there with the consent of the UNTSO. The Syrians have been sending in groups of soldiers disguised as farmers to cultivate the land and, according to Israel, change the status quo by establishing "new facts." Israel had previously notified the UNTSO that it was willing to discuss Syria's claims to the "right" to cultivate land in the disputed area, but that it would not do so under military pressure.

United Arab Republic Announces State of Emergency for Armed Forces

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The Cairo radio today announced a state of emergency within the armed forces of the United Arab Republic. A proclamation was broadcast of an army alert arising from another day of firing on the Israel-Syrian frontier.

Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman today called on Secretary of State Christian Herter for a discussion described by the Ambassador as a "routine call" and "general review." The Ambassador indicated that the call did not pertain especially to the fighting on the Syrian frontier. He was accompanied by Yaacov Herszog, Minister of the Embassy, who has just returned from Israel.

BEN-GURION SAYS ISRAEL MUST USE FORCE BECAUSE OF U.N. INACTIVITY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion told the Knesset (Parliament) this morning that, as long as the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization finds itself unable to "chase" the Syrians out of Israeli territory, Israel will have no choice but to use force.

Mr. Ben-Gurion made the statement after the Communist and Herut party members in the Knesset filed resolutions calling for a debate on the latest outbreaks of fighting along the Syrian border. "If we have no other choice for the safeguarding of the lives of our watchmen and workers," said the Prime Minister, "we shall have to resort to the use of force--as long as the United Nations is unable to chase the Syrians off."

The Prime Minister added that Israel will continue, in the future, to permit the rightful Arab owners of land in the demilitarized zone to cultivate such land. But, he affirmed, "under no conditions will we allow the Syrian police, officials or military to enter" that zone. Asserting that Syrian soldiers, disguised as farmers, were entering Israeli lands not belonging to Arab owners, the Prime Minister said:

"We are making every effort to preserve tranquility along the borders. We do not want to exacerbate relations with our neighbors. But since the United Nations did not ask them to cease their activities, and incursions continued, and one of our men was killed, we found it essential to do away with the Syrian military posts."

Reviewing the situation concerning the disputed area in the demilitarized zone, Mr. Ben-Gurion stated that the irrigation canal near Beit Katzir was dug six years ago, and separates Arab lands from Jewish-owned lands. Israel, he said, recognized the right of the Arabs to work their own lands.

"After we had requested the United Nations to end the incursions by disguised Syrian soldiers," he went on, "and when nothing was done, Israel found it necessary to eliminate this so-called village which, actually, consisted of bunkers and fortified positions."

Even as Mr. Ben-Gurion was making his explanation in the Knesset, observers here pointed out that, since the Israeli-Syrian Armistice Agreement was signed in 1949, Israel had filed with the United Nations a total of 750 complaints against Syrian military positions inside the demilitarized zone. The UN, however, has not succeeded in dislodging any of the Syrians from those illegally held positions.

Tonight, Israel submitted to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization still another complaint, the second grievance presented today. Earlier, Israel had voiced its complaint orally. In tonight's written complaint, Israel alleged that, late in the afternoon, Syrians attempted again to cross the irrigation canal between Beit Katzir and Tewafik, but withdrew when challenged.

Hammaraskjold Confers with Arabs on Israel-Syrian Flare-Up

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, who returned here only yesterday from a six-week tour of Africa, during which he had conferred with United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser at Cairo, plunged immediately today into the UN's role in the latest flare-up of hostilities between Syria and Israel.

Mr. Hammarskjold was in close touch during the day with the UAR delegation and with the United Truce Supervision Organization headquarters at Jerusalem. Arab sources said that the UAR delegation was awaiting instructions from Cairo on whether to request a Council meeting. The Israel delegation this morning requested an early meeting with Mr. Hammarskjold.

POLAND ORDERS MEMBER OF ISRAEL LEGATION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY

LONDON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The Polish Government has ordered Israeli diplomat Israel Sohar to leave Poland at once. The report came from reliable diplomatic sources. However, neither the Polish Foreign Ministry nor the Israel Legation in Warsaw would confirm or deny the report. Mr. Sohar has been in Poland for more than two years.

TWO ARRESTED IN NORWALK FOR PAINTING SWASTIKAS ON A SYNAGOGUE

NORWALK, Conn., Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Two black-shirted self-styled "S. S. Troopers," both 22 years of age, were arrested here after they painted swastikas on a synagogue. One of them was a German who is now seeking American citizenship.

The two, Harold Fahy and William Arnold, were listed as students at the University of Virginia. Police held the two in lieu of \$2,000 bail on charges of injury to property, defacing a building, breach of peace, and conspiracy.

(At Fair Lawn, N. J., a three-story brick elementary school structure was damaged by fire. Police believed the fire had been set by vandals who first smeared swastikas, Stars of David and obscenities on classroom walls.)

JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE VOTES \$10,081,000 IN ALLOCATIONS FOR 1960

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- A budget of \$10,081,000 for 1960 disbursements was approved here today at the closing session of the board of directors of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

The budget, as proposed by Jacob Blaustein, senior vice-president, and approved by the board, includes an allocation of \$7,781,241 for relief and rehabilitation of victims of Nazism; and \$1,852,350 for reconstruction of cultural and educational institutions destroyed during the Nazi regime.

In the relief and rehabilitation portion of the budget are included grants to organizations aiding needy victims of Nazism in South America and Australia; and allocations to organizations in 30 countries aiding about 125,000 beneficiaries. The cultural and educational grants will aid the reconstruction of Jewish schools, talmudic seminaries and academies, including also appropriations for scholarships, research, fellowships, documentation centers, and events commemorating the catastrophes for which the Nazis were responsible.

Mr. Blaustein warned the Conference that Jewish communities throughout the world must plan to shoulder their own welfare needs entirely in the near future, since the monies allocated to the Conference from West German reparation funds will terminate in 1963.

This year, as in the past, Mr. Blaustein reported, there were about 400 applications for funds, totaling requests from Jewish organizations in 30 countries for more than \$20,000,000. "Confronting these great demands," he declared, "is the inescapable fact that Conference funds are fixed at about \$10,000,000 year after year."

Only about \$50,000,000 more remains to be paid to the Conference in the next five years, Mr. Blaustein pointed out. He expressed the hope that the Jewish organizations around the world, serving the needy victims of Nazism "will manage, during the coming half-decade, to bridge the gap between local income and expenditures."

Leavitt Reports on Disbursements of Conference Funds in 1959

Moses A. Leavitt, treasurer of the Claims Conference, reported that the Conference disbursed \$10,122,239 in 1959. Of the total, he said, \$5,850,000 went toward a program of capital investments for buildings in Jewish communities around the world, which contributed equal amounts for their local community centers, welfare headquarters, homes for the aged, and other permanent institutions, which were needed to replace those institutions destroyed by the Nazis.

The Conference also distributed \$1,795,000 for cultural and educational reconstruction, including \$124,000 for research and commemoration projects. Most of this money, said the treasurer, went to advance Jewish education in schools and talmudic activities. A special grant of \$150,000 was given for scholarships and fellowships.

Included among the capital investment projects on which Mr. Leavitt reported was a community center in Brussels, Belgium; a community center, synagogue and home for the aged in Denmark; community centers in Grenoble, Lyons and Strasbourg, France; a mental hospital, synagogue and community center in Holland; a home for the aged in Florence, Italy; and a community center and synagogue in Madrid, Spain.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE AND GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AGREE ON ACTION

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- A program for intensifying West German public school educational activities, so that the German youth may understand "the historical truth about the horrors which the Nazi racist policies brought to the world," was proposed here today in a joint statement issued by the Jewish Labor Committee of the United States and the Social Democratic Party of West Germany.

The program was agreed upon after a conference here between Adolph Held, chairman of the JLC, and Dr. Adolf Arndt, who represented the executive board of the Social Democratic Party in Germany. After discussing the recent outbreaks of anti-Semitic manifestations in Germany, Mr. Held and Dr. Arndt agreed on a program, calling for:

1. The stepping up of anti-Nazi educational activities in West Germany's elementary and high schools;
2. Removal from posts of "important political responsibility" in West Germany--especially from positions as "members or advisers" to the Bonn Government--such individuals as may have been "the intellectual initiators" of the anti-Semitic manifestations "and have led the way and supported Nazi ideology."

The two leaders also pledged continuance of joint efforts by the Jewish Labor Committee and the West German labor movement toward eradication of "every vestige of racism and neo-Nazism from the West German Republic."

JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST CONTRIBUTES \$980,000 TO LONDON COLLEGE

LONDON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The British-Jewish philanthropist Isaac Wolfson has made a grant of 350,000 pounds sterling (\$980,000) for the construction and equipping of a laboratory for biochemistry and microbiology at the Imperial College of Science and Technology of London University. The new unit will be called the Wolfson Laboratory.

JEWISH LEADERS GATHER AT MIAMI BEACH TO INITIATE 1960 U.J.A. DRIVE

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The 1960 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal will be initiated at the three-day National Inaugural Conference of the UJA which will open here on Friday. Principal speaker at the conference will be Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman. Many delegates have already arrived here to participate in the parley.

In a statement issued here today, Morris W. Berinstein, UJA general chairman, noted that the 1960 campaign opens "when American Jews must take the opportunity that exists to fulfill the promise of a new start in life to immigrants to Israel which was implied in bringing them there. We must keep that promise by speeding the processes of absorption, so that those immigrants not yet integrated into Israel's life, and not yet self-sufficient, may achieve these ends."

Pointing out that some 600,000 Jewish men, women and children in Israel and 25 other countries will be dependent on UJA programs in 1960, Mr. Berinstein declared that "the largest group of this total number are some 345,000 Jews out of the one million brought to Israel since 1948 who are not yet completely absorbed into Israel's social, economic and political life. It staggers the imagination to discover that this group represents one out of every three persons brought to Israel since its establishment."

Mr. Berinstein also called attention to the fact that this year the United Jewish Appeal must maintain life-saving welfare and rehabilitation services to some 205,000 people in 25 other countries outside of Israel, including the United States.

DETROIT'S JEWISH CAMPAIGN RECEIVES \$1,867,890 TOWARD 1960 DRIVE

DETROIT, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Detroit's Allied Jewish Campaign--the community's major fund-raising effort on behalf of leading overseas, national and local Jewish causes--has already received contributions toward the 1960 drive totaling \$1,867,890, from a group of "big givers," who has exceeded their 1959 contributions by 15 percent.

Including advance gifts from the Women's Division, the campaign, which will not start its drive officially until March 21, has already recorded contributions aggregating \$2,100,000.

The auspicious start, announced at the traditional, annual meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. William Sucher, has led campaign leaders to the belief that this year's drive will exceed last year's total of \$5,000,000--and may attain the record 1957 total of \$6,000,000.

Max M. Fisher, president of the Jewish Welfare Federation, and C. William Sucher announced the largest gift, totaling \$160,000, marking a \$10,000 increase over their contribution last year. It is the largest contribution ever given to the Allied Jewish Campaign here.

EL AL INTRODUCES RADIO-TELEPHONE CALLS FOR PASSENGERS ON PLANES

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The El Al Israel Airlines announced today that beginning from tomorrow, El Al passengers will be able to make radio-telephone calls from almost any part of the world while in flight along the airline's international routes.

Cost of a three-minute telephone call from over the Atlantic to New York City ranges from about \$3.00 to \$9.00 depending upon the location of the aircraft at the time of the call. Calls may be made only from plane to shore and as yet are not available from ground to air. El Al's new service is the first such commercial telephone service available to trans-oceanic passengers.

A change in management of El Al Israel Airlines in this country was announced by the airline today. Y.L. Koppel, who has been the airline's American manager for ten years, was replaced last week by Dror Galezer, an associate and friend. Mr. Koppel, at the recommendation of the Israeli Government, has been granted a two-year leave of absence from the company to represent a group of major Israel hotel and industrial interests in the United States, the airline said.

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN DELIVERS PRAYER IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein of New York read the opening prayer at today's session of the House of Representatives. The occasion marked the hundredth anniversary of the first prayer read by a Jewish minister in the halls of Congress.

Dr. Goldstein is spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, New York, the same congregation of which Dr. Morris J. Raphall was rabbi when he opened the session of the House of Representatives February 1, 1860. Dr. Raphall's prayer of 100 years ago, which Dr. Goldstein quoted today, reflected the tension of the times as the United States approached Civil War. In his prayer today, Dr. Goldstein contrasted the ominous tensions of 1860 with the unity the country enjoys today.