CLASHES BETWEEN JEWS AND MOSLEMS IN ORAN RENEWED; ONE JEW KILLED

PARIS, Sept. 18; (JTA) -- One Jew was killed, and a 15-year-old Jewish boy was wounded, when fresh rioting broke out yesterday between Jews and Moslems in the Mellah, the Jewish quarter, of Oran, Algeria.

Serious riots occurred at Oran last week when fighting broke out on Rosh Hashanah, resulting in the death of three Moslem terrorists, the wounding of 26 persons including nine Jews, and the arrest of 76 persons. After a few days of strained quiet in the Mellah, the fighting broke out again Sunday.

Terrorists belonging to the FLN, the Moslem independence movement in Algeria, struck down Emile Medina, a Jew, as he walked along one of the city's principal streets. He had been stabbed fatally in the back. A few minutes later, the 15-year-old boy, Dada Douaty, was shot in the head in the very center of the Mellah. He was seriously wounded.

As soon as word spread of the death of Mr. Medina and the wounding of the boy, Jewish youths started after the man who had killed Mr. Medina. They caught the man, a Moslem, and beat him badly. Two of this man's accomplices, both allegedly armed with revolvers, were also caught by the youthful Jewish self-defense corps.

French security forces moved in as they rescued the three Moslems, who were being threatened with death by a crowd of Jews. By Sunday evening, after the French sent in security reinforcements, the Mellah seemed to have quieted down, but there was great tension among both Jews in the Mellah and among Arabs in the nearby Casbah.

U.N. ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED TO OPEN TODAY; WILL DISCUSS ARAB REFUGEE ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 18; (JTA) -- With an agenda consisting of almost 100 items, including two affecting the Israeli-Arab conflict directly, the 16th General Assembly was scheduled to open here tomorrow under the shadow of the tragic, untimely death of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold.

One of the agenda items affecting Israel and the Arab states is the report which the director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees is to submit to the Assembly. The Agency, whose operations are financed by voluntary contributions given by various countries--70 percent of which come from the U.S., Government--provides relief and other services to the Palestine refugees in Arab countries. Discussions on this report are expected to precipitate attacks on Israel by Arab delegations at the UN Assembly.

The second item is a report on the United Nations Emergency Force which has been on guard, since 1956, on the borders of the Gaza Strip, opposite the Gaza-Israel frontier; and at Sharm El Sheikh, on the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula, overlooking the Straits of Tiran. The latter international waterway is the connection between the Red Sea and the Gulf of Akaba, where Israel's flourishing Port of Eilat is located. The UNEF item is expected to be routine, involving only the adoption of a general policy of continuing the UNEF operation and establishing its 1962 budget, calling for expenditures of nearly $20,000,000.

Palestine Conciliation Commission to Report on Refugee Situation

Part of the refugee debate this year will be a report--requested by the Assembly last spring--from the Palestine Conciliation Commission which was ordered to inform this year's Assembly, not later than October 15, what progress, if any, had been made toward "repatriation" of the Arab refugees or their compensation by Israel.

The PCC has sent to the Middle East a special representative to discuss the refugee problem with the Arab governments directly concerned--the United Arab Republic, Jordan and Lebanon--as well as with Israeli officials. The special envoy, Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, has spent two weeks in the Middle East, during which he held talks in Jerusalem with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Foreign Minister Golda Meir, and other Israeli officials dealing with the refugee problem.

Today, Dr. Johnson was en route to New York.

It is expected that the Arab delegations will raise at the Assembly the issue of self-determination in connection with the refugee debate, insisting that the "Arab people of Palestine" be given the right of determining whether they want to "return" to the land now under Israeli Government. The cry of "self-determination!" for the Arabs is counted upon by the Arab delegations to gain sympathy among many of the new nations of Africa.
GOLDA MEIR APPEALS AGAINST ANTI-ISRAEL SPEECHES AT U.N. ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, Sept. 18; (JTA) -- Obviously anticipating the usual anti-Israel speeches by Arab delegates at the United Nations General Assembly which is scheduled to open here tomorrow, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, said here today that "the United Nations must not be a platform for speeches against the existence of any member state."

"The day must come," she said, "when peace must reign between our neighbors and ourselves; this must be done not by compromising the existence of Israel, but making it grow." She spoke at an Israel bond luncheon tendered in honor of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt for her support of the Israel bond campaign.

Mrs. Meir, who arrived here yesterday to head the Israeli delegation at the UN Assembly, joined in lauding Mrs. Roosevelt's efforts in behalf of Israel; she presented Mrs. Roosevelt with a plaque consisting of Israeli postage stamps depicting the 12 tribes of Israel. Both Mrs. Meir and Mrs. Roosevelt emphasized the importance of Israel bonds for the economic development of the Jewish State.

Arriving with Mrs. Meir to participate in the UN Assembly were also Gideon Rafael, assistant director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry; and Shabtai Rosenne, legal adviser to the Ministry. The other principal members of the Israeli delegation to the Assembly are: Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, who will take over the delegation chairmanship after Mrs. Meir's departure; Ambassador Arieh Eshel, Mr. Comay's deputy as permanent representative here; and Ehud Avriel, who is also an assistant director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

Alternate representatives of Israel's Assembly delegation are: Gershon Avner, director of the United States department in the Foreign Ministry; Arthur C. Liveran, head of the Ministry's international organizations department; Mrs. Shulamit Nardi, a lecturer on the faculty of humanities at Hebrew University; and Shimshon Arad and Miss Hava Harel, both members of Israel's permanent mission here.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT MOURNS THE TRAGIC DEATH OF DAG HAMMARSKJOLD

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 18; (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, here to head her country's delegation to the General Assembly, which is scheduled to open its sessions tomorrow, expressed her Government's and her personal 'great shock' this morning, when she heard of the death of Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold in a plane crash in Northern Rhodesia. Mrs. Meir declared:

"The news of the tragic and untimely death of the Secretary General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, has come as a great shock to my Government and myself. He was a dedicated and tireless servant of humanity who gave his life in the course of duty."

"I have called the Foreign Minister of Sweden to convey our sympathy to the bereaved family and to his Government at the loss of a most distinguished son of Sweden," Mrs. Meir also sent a letter to Frederick H. Boland, of Ireland, outgoing president of the Assembly, expressing the same sentiments.

SPECIAL KNESSET SESSION TO VOTE COMPULSORY LOAN DECISION INTO LAW

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18; (JTA) -- A special session of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, may be called to vote into law the first Cabinet decision on the imposition of compulsory 25,000,000-pound ($14,000,000) loan on all Israeli wage and salary earners to help finance housing for immigrants.

The question of whether to recall the Knesset, which is now recessed until October 9, will depend on imminent negotiations to determine how quickly the measure can pass. Should the negotiations point to the likelihood of a lengthy debate, a special session will be called at an earlier date.

As approved by the Cabinet, the loan will amount to an additional 12 percent of the income taxes paid by Israelis, to be deducted from October of this year to next April from all earnings of not less than 320 pounds ($179) per months.

Government sources today indicated that all the 80,000,000 pounds of Government funds approved for immigrant housing the present fiscal year have been used up. Unless new funds are found, it was said, there will soon be no alternative but to start building temporary blocks of huts with tiled floors and semi-temporary huts of asbestos. The Government is determined not to resume building of masbarot, temporary dwellings, and the 25,000,000-pound compulsory loan— to be collected over a six-month period— will help to solve the problem.

ISRAEL NAMES NEW AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW; HELD POST OF ENVOY IN NORWAY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19; (JTA) -- Reuven Barkatt, Israel's Ambassador to Norway, was today appointed Ambassador to the Soviet Union, according to an official announcement by Foreign Ministry. He replaces Dr. Arieh Harel, who is returning to Israel to resume his medical profession.

Mr. Barkatt was born in Lithuania in 1906 and was head of the political department of the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, before joining the foreign service last year as Israel's envoy to Norway.
JESUIT ORGAN REPORTS ON EFFORTS MADE BY VATICAN TO SAVE JEWS IN RUMANIA

ROME, Sept. 18; (JTA) -- Efforts by Pope Pius XII and papal diplomats did much to save the Jews of Rumania from extermination during World War II, according to an article written by Father Angelo Martini, S.J., in Civiltà Cattolica, official organ of the Jesuits.

Father Martini writes that although half of the Jews in Rumania were victims of persecution because of Nazi racial laws, it cannot be doubted that "the continuous, disinterested and universal" action of the Vatican brought to them assistance. He notes that the Apostolic Nuncio in Rumania during the war years, Archbishop Andrea Cassulo, was in constant communication with Rumanian authorities in trying to protect the rights of Catholics of Jewish origin.

While his post required him primarily to work in the interests of Catholics, Archbishop Cassulo exercised his influence repeatedly in behalf of other Jews as well, urging the Rumanian Government against transporting Jews to concentration camps and to respect the rights and dignity of man, Father Martini reports. In 1941-42, Rumanian officials became suspicious of the number of Jews becoming Catholics and ruled that while they changed their religion they did not change their legal status as Jews. The Vatican Secretariat of State and the Nuncio protested this policy and were able to have its application held off, although they were unsuccessful in having the law changed, the Jesuit priest stresses.

From 1942 through 1944 the plight of the Jews of Rumania worsened, Father Martini states, and at least 300,000 or half of the entire Jewish population suffered under the persecution. Throughout this period Archbishop Cassulo worked to alleviate their plight. In February, 1943, he wrote to the Secretary of State that the president of the Rumanian Jewish community had visited him to thank him for the efforts of the Vatican, and to ask him to convey to Pius XII the thanks of the Jewish people.

Father Martini says that the Nuncio, at the urging of the Pope, visited the concentration camps beyond the Dnieper River, where most of the Jews were being held. The effect of these visits was to improve the conditions in them. The Nuncio worked particularly hard to win the permission of government authorities to send Jewish orphans to Palestine, despite efforts of the German secret police to block this.

In April 1944, the Grand Rabbi of Bucharest, Dr. A. Saffran, paid tribute to the efforts made in behalf of Rumanian Jews by writing to the Nuncio as follows: "In the most difficult hours which we, the Jews of Rumania, have undergone, the generous assistance of the Holy See, carried out by means of your high person, was decisive and saving. It is not easy for us to find the right words to express the tenderness and consolation which the august concern of the Supreme Pontiff has meant to us. The Jews of Rumania will not ever forget these facts of historical importance."

GERMAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE COUNTERACTS ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

BONN, Sept. 18; (JTA) -- The Ministry of Defense today republished a book of letters written by Jewish-German soldiers who had served Germany in World War I. The book was originally published in 1935, in answer to anti-Semitic propaganda, but was banned by the Nazis.

Defense Minister Franz Joseph Strauss has written a preface to the book, giving three reasons for its reissuance. He stated that the book should 1. Contribute toward the effort to correct the "Jewish image" distorted by the Nazis; 2. Illustrate through individual examples "the disastrous consequences of modern totalitarianism; and 3. Present before today's young German soldiers the picture of "patriotism, loyalty and military bravery" shown by Jewish soldiers as "an ideal for imitation."

Among the letters is one by the brother of a young Jewish army lieutenant killed "serving the German Fatherland." The mother of that lieutenant, it is pointed out, was later murdered by the Nazis at the age of 81.

ISRAEL SHIPPING LINE PLACES ORDER IN GERMANY FOR TWO CARGO VESSELS

NEW YORK, Sept. 18; (JTA) -- El-Yam, Ltd., Israel's second largest shipping firm, has placed an order for the construction in West Germany of two 30,000-ton bulk cargo vessels, to be completed in 1963, it was announced here today by Raphael Recanati, president of the steamship line.

The two new freighters, which will be built by Deutsche Werft A.G., of Hamburg, will bring the line's total tonnage to the 200,000 ton-mark, and are part of a general expansion program of the Israeli merchant marine, which is expected to reach the 1,000,000-ton mark by 1963.

The bulk transports which will have a speed of 15-and-one-half knots, will carry a crew of 40 in fully air conditioned quarters which will feature permanent swimming pools for the crew. Next month, the shipping line will put into service the Har Rimon, one of two fast refrigerator ships now being completed in West Germany. The other refrigerator ship will be ready for service later this year.
NEW YORK, Sept. 18, (JTA) -- The first teams of specialists assigned by the American ORT Federation to make surveys of vocational education in Africa left yesterday, it was announced here today. The surveys have been organized under terms of a contract between ORT and the International Cooperation Administration in Washington, D.C.

The project, a pioneering one, assigned to ORT the task of studying existing facilities in the field of vocational education in eight African countries, most of them newly independent, and to prepare recommendations for such educational development in the light of economic and manpower needs. The teams of specialists are composed of regular members of the staff of the ORT international system of vocational schools and of personnel from the New York City and Chicago schools.

The first groups will proceed to Mali, Guinea and Nigeria. Other groups will go to Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, Togo and Cameroon for studies in these countries. All these areas suffer from a severe inadequacy of skilled people. The survey is designed to lay down the principles for the establishment of national systems of vocational schools to provide instruction in much needed trades and industrial, agricultural and construction techniques.

DISTRIBUTION OF NAZI EMBLEMS BANNED IN MEXICO CITY BY MUNICIPAL ORDER

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 18; (JTA) -- The sale and distribution of flags and banners bearing the swastika and other Nazi emblems, has been banned here by a decree issued by Ernesto P. Uruchurtu, head of the municipal government.

The ban on the distribution of Nazi insignia, which anticipated an increase in the sale of such emblems in preparation for independence celebrations, followed the publication of an editorial in the influential daily Diario de la Tarde, which expressed distress and astonishment at the fact that the government was permitting the distribution of insignia of a regime which had been at war with Mexico and which was "mankind's greatest enemy."

JEWSH COUNCIL QUESTIONS RULING ON RELIGIOUS SONGS IN N.J. SCHOOLS

NEWARK, N.J., Sept. 18; (JTA) -- Strong exception to a ruling last week by New Jersey Commissioner of Education Frederick M. Raubinger upholding the reciting of grace and the singing of Christmas carols and Chanukah songs in New Jersey's public schools was expressed here today by Philip E. Hoffman, chairman of the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Essex County.

While acknowledging Commissioner Raubinger's "good faith in this situation," Mr. Hoffman charged the Commissioner's right to interpret the intent of the legislative leaders who enacted the statute barring religious practice in the public schools. Such interpretation, Mr. Hoffman declared, "is one that would have to be made by the courts since intent is always a very debatable question."

Referring to Commissioner Raubinger's analogy of the situation to the teaching of the works of Wagner, Mendelssohn, Bach, Beethoven and Brahms, Mr. Hoffman asserted: "The singing of Christmas carols and Chanukah songs in celebration of sectarian holidays has no relevance to the teaching of music, literature or history."

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCLUDES IN ISRAEL WITH SPECIAL CONCERT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 18; (JTA) -- Israel's first international music festival concluded here tonight with a concert by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Pablo Casals. The highlight of the festival was a performance last night by the world-famous cellist in the recently excavated 2,000-year-old Roman theater at Caesarea in the presence of some 1,500 persons who occupied almost every inch of space on the ancient stone terraces, in the center of which a musician's platform was built for the occasion.

The special concert last night also featured, Isaac Stern, Leonard Rose and Eugene Istomin as well as the Budapest Quartet. The Roman theater at Caesarea will be transformed by the Israel Government Tourist Corporation into a suitable center for future music festivals to be held every second year.

A.F.L.-C.I.O GRANTS JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE FUNDS TO FIGHT BIAS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18; (JTA) -- The AFL-CIO has given the Jewish Labor Committee a grant of $7,500 for 1961 and will grant the same amount next year, Adolf Hild, national chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, announced today.

The contribution was made by the executive committee of the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO. George Meany, AFL president, informed the JLC that the funds are to be used for the anti-discrimination activities of the Jewish Labor Committee.

1,700 BERLIN YOUTHS ATTENDED ANNE FRANK CAMP IN HOLLAND LAST MONTH

BERLIN, Sept. 18; (JTA) -- More than 1,700 Berlin youths attended the Anne Frank Camp in Callantssoog, the Netherlands, during the month of August, it was reported here today. The camp project was financed by the Berlin Senate;