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FIVE JEWS KILLED, 40 WOUNDED IN CLASHES IN ORAN; CURFEW IMPOSED

PARIS, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations were watching with concern today the situation of Jews in Oran after a weekend of violence in which at least five Jews were killed and some 40 wounded in clashes in that Algerian city. A curfew was imposed on Oran Friday night and remained in effect.

The organizations have so far been unable to reach their offices in Algeria in efforts to learn more about the fighting between Jews with French security forces and with Moslems in some of the bloodiest intercommunal battles in Oran in several months.

The clashes began, according to French official sources, when a small group of Jewish youth marched through the streets of Oran on Friday shouting the traditional European slogan of "French Algeria." Some reports said that the demonstration was sparked by a broadcast of the OAS, the French underground, directed to Oran's 30,000 Jews.

On the outskirts of the Jewish quarter, the marching Jews were met by security forces who tried to disperse them. No details were known of the exact circumstances in which the troops opened fire. Two Jewish youths were killed then. Synagogues were jammed that evening and on Saturday morning, the Jewish quarter was on strike. Shops were closed and workers absented themselves.

After synagogue services, some Jewish youth massed at various points of the city where they were soon joined by non-Jewish members of the European community. They clashed repeatedly with Moslem passersby and counter-demonstrators. At other points, the Jewish youth also battled with security police trying to disperse them.

By the end of the day, at least three additional Jewish victims were reported, as well as some 20 more wounded. Younger members of the Jewish community told French newsmen: "We will not leave. The demonstration should be seen as a gesture of determination on our part to defend our homes."

BEN-GURION 'UNPLEASANTLY SURPRISED' BY U NU'S VIEWS ON ARAB RIGHTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion told the Cabinet yesterday that he was "unpleasantly surprised" by the joint statement issued in Cairo by Burmese Premier U Nu and United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser declaring "support for the full restoration of all rights of the Arab people of Palestine in conformity with the Charter and United Nations resolutions."

The statement was issued by President Nasser and Premier U Nu at the end of the latter's five-day visit to Cairo and less than a week after Israeli Premier Ben-Gurion concluded a 16-day visit to the Burmese Premier in Rangoon.

Observers here noted that the Cairo statement is a verbatim repetition of the paragraph on Palestine adopted by the neutralist "summit conference" in Belgrade last September. At that conference, President Nasser had pressed for a sharp anti-Israel statement but his efforts were thwarted by Premier U Nu who secured the adoption of the milder version.

Premier Ben-Gurion, who was asked for his reaction to the Cairo statement after he reported to the Cabinet on his visit to Burma, said that his appreciation for Premier U Nu remained unchanged. In his report on the trip, Mr. Ben-Gurion stressed the political, economic and cultural importance of Israel's ties with Burma, which he described as a powerful factor in Asia and the spiritual center of Buddhism.

He expressed the hope that there would be an interchange between Burmese and Israeli scholars and students so that the Burmese people would know what Judaism and the Jewish people stand for and in order that Israelis would learn the tremendous force of Buddhism as a philosophy.

At the same Cabinet meeting, Foreign Minister Golda Meir reported on the deliberations at the United Nations concerning the Arab refugee debate. Interior Minister Moshe Shapira, who had attended a session of the UN Special Political Committee during his recent visit to the United States, lauded the work of the entire Israel delegation to the United Nations, particularly citing delegation chairman Michael Comay for praise during the session of the General Assembly.

EICHMANN'S LAWYER GETS EXTENSION FOR FILING APPEAL AGAINST SENTENCE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Supreme Court President Yitzhak Olshan yesterday granted a one-month extension to Adolf Eichmann's defense counsel Robert Servatius to file an appeal on behalf of his client against the conviction and death sentence handed down by the Jerusalem District Court last month against Eichmann for directing the mass killing of Europe's 6,000,000 Jews.

Attorney General Gideon Hausner, who attended the meeting between Justice Olshan and Dr. Servatius, raised no objection to the extension. In requesting the extension, Dr. Servatius explained that he had recently received various suggestions regarding points in the appeal and that he would need more time to prepare it. He said he would need only a few hours for the actual presentation of the appeal.

The West German attorney, noting that his interview with Eichmann lasted only 30 minutes, asked that more time be given him for consulting with his client. Justice Olshan said it had not yet been decided how many justices would hear the appeal.

ISRAEL'S FINANCE MINISTER SAYS THERE WILL BE NO RISE IN INCOME TAX

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol told the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today that there will be no rise in income taxes. He made this statement while answering several motions from opposition parties requesting a debate on Israel's rising price level.

Mr. Eshkol said that the cost of living index had risen by 6-1/2 points during the past year but he pointed out that incomes, profits and salaries also rose. He attributed the price rise mainly to increased demands from consumers who sought to use up higher incomes by more purchases. He said that real income had actually risen.

The Finance Minister urged a lessening of foreign loans and declared that funds for housing for immigrants and others would be obtained from local sources as far as possible. At the same time he submitted a proposal to the Knesset Finance Committee which, if approved, would raise by five percent the tax on travel by Israelis abroad. The tax currently amounts to 120 pounds (\$67.20) on ship tickets and 140 pounds (\$78.40) on airline tickets plus 45 percent of the value of one-way tickets and 40 percent of the value of round-trip tickets.

U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL NAMES EGYPTIAN DELEGATE AS UNDER-SECRETARY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Omar Loutfi, representative of the United Arab Republic, who has a lengthy record of anti-Israel speeches in the United Nations, has been named as one of three new Under-Secretaries by UN Acting Secretary General U Thant.

Loutfi has served as legal counselor to the Egyptian delegation to the United Nations, permanent representative of Egypt and later of the United Arab Republic, his current post. In the latter capacity he has represented the regime of President Nasser on the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Trusteeship Council.

BRITISH ARCHEOLOGISTS BEGIN SEARCH FOR MORE 'DEAD SEA' SCROLLS

LONDON, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- A British team of archeologists, led by Dr. John Allegro of Manchester University has begun a search for more Dead Sea scrolls in the Qumran area of Jordan where the first scrolls were found, it was reported today from Amman.

Dr. Allegro was a member of the international team of authorities who edited the first scrolls found by a Bedouin boy in a cave in the Judean desert in 1947. The Manchester professor of Semitic languages was reported as being hopeful that the new excavations, taking place west of the Dead Sea, would find documents written soon after the death of Christ when Jewish Christians fled to the wilderness from Jerusalem. The new excavations are expected to last a month.

(Dr. Samuel Sandmel, president of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis and provost of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the American Reform rabbinical seminary, said in his presidential address to the Society that the scrolls represented "the greatest exaggeration in the history of Biblical scholarship." While agreeing that the scrolls were historically useful, Dr. Sandmel said he would deny "the high importance originally attached to them and the specific connection seen by some scholars between the scrolls and early Christianity.")

TWO BROTHERS OF ISRAEL COMMUNIST LEADER EXECUTED UNDER STALIN REGIME

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Israel Communist leader Shmuel Mikunis revealed at a closed meeting of his party here that two of his brothers had been executed in Russia during the Stalin regime, it was reported here today in the Histadrut daily Davar and other Israeli newspapers.

JE WISH GROUPS FIND 'DRAMATIC GAIN' IN CIVIL RIGHTS DURING 1961

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Civil rights in the United States during 1961 were marked by "dramatic gains" through Federal executive action, two Jewish organizations agreed to-day in year-end reviews.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, however, after lauding President Kennedy for "the imaginative vigor with which he used both the authority and prestige of his office to further the cause of civil rights," asserted that the President's decision not to press for civil rights legislation in the 1961 Congress was "a keen disappointment to civil rights leaders."

The Jewish Labor Committee, declaring that the Federal Government had shown during 1961 "a marked concern for the rights of its citizens over past endeavors by other administrations," asserted that the field of employment discrimination still remained "one of the biggest blots on the American economy."

"Both major corporations and local businesses maintain a reservoir of discrimination in their hiring patterns and practices," the JLC reported. "Such industries as banking, insurance, airlines and railroads have widespread patterns of discriminatory practices in hiring."

Demand More Civil Rights Legislation from Congress

Henry Schultz, ADL chairman, declared in the report that Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy was inaccurate in saying that new civil rights legislation was not now required and added that "the failure to legislate left a gap that could not be filled otherwise." The ADL stated that if the 87th Congress "is to become a civil rights Congress, it will have to make its mark in the second half for the first half is barren. But unless President Kennedy takes a stronger lead, the prospects for civil rights legislation are not bright."

The Jewish Labor Committee said that membership organizations in the United States, including college fraternities, country clubs, athletic associations, civic groups, fraternal bodies, business and professional societies and so-called private clubs "still have widespread practices of deep-rooted prejudices and this is reflected in their community outlook."

"Laws can only be passed and be effective if voluntary membership organizations recognize their responsibility in and to the nation at large and eliminate these practices which tend to become not only social barriers but which extend into the economic field as well and are based on a person's qualifications because of race, religion or national ancestry," the JLC stated.

"It is axiomatic that social barriers based on racial and religious prejudices reflect economic barriers in employment, cultural barriers in the arts, and extend to our classrooms, our political life and our community life as neighbors," the JLC continued. Such prejudices, the organization declared, "remained one of the major obstacles to be hurled either by law or community action. In 1962, this is one of the major tests that will have to be met by those concerned with advancing civil rights in our nation."

CHICAGO SYNAGOGUE BOMBED; POLICE FIND DYNAMITE IN UNEXPLODED BOMB

CHICAGO, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- An unexploded bomb was found today in the debris of an explosion of a similar bomb which caused \$10,000 worth of damage to an Orthodox synagogue on Chicago's north side.

Detectives said that the bombing, which occurred early yesterday morning, was done by two men who forced open the rear door of the Chevra Kadisha Machzikai Hadas synagogue Saturday night. The detectives, who declined to give the source of their information about the bombers, also reported that each bomb contained three sticks of dynamite.

The blast followed the receipt by Sexton Harry Yablon of several letters which threatened that he and the synagogue would be blown up. The sexton also said that the synagogue had been smeared with swastikas twice during the past six weeks.

ISAAC WOLFSON, LONDON ORTHODOX JE WISH PHILANTHROPIST, KNIGHTED

LONDON, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- A baronetcy was included in the New Year's honors list of Queen Elizabeth II issued today for Isaac Wolfson, London Orthodox Jew, for his philanthropic services.

The 64-year-old Jewish leader, who rose from a dollar-a-week clerk in a Glasgow furniture factory to owner of the Great Universal chain of 2,700 stores and shops throughout Britain, has given away during the last six years nearly \$27,000,000 for philanthropic purposes. He has also contributed substantial sums to the annual Joint Palestine Appeal and for religious institutions in Israel.

HILTON REJECTS ARAB BOYCOTT THREAT OVER-OPERATING HOTEL IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Hilton International Corporation said today that plans of the hotel chain to operate a hotel built in Tel Aviv would not be affected by a boycott threat from the American-Arab Association for Commerce and Industry made several days ago.

The threat was contained in a letter to Conrad Hilton, president of the corporation, from Alfred M. Lilienthal, secretary-counsel of the Association and former officer of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism. Gordon W. Reed, chairman of Texas Gulf Producing Co., is president of the American-Arab Association.

In his letter, Mr. Lilienthal informed the hotel magnate that he had just returned from a meeting with the chairman of the Arab boycott Committee in Damascus. He told Mr. Hilton that if he proceeded with his plans in Israel, "it means the loss of Hilton holdings in Cairo and the end of any plans you might have in Tunis, Baghdad, Jerusalem or any Arab country. In addition, the Saudi royal family, Egyptian businessmen, Arabs and United States companies who service the Arab states, will not stop at your hotels in America, or any part of the world."

The hotel leader replied: "As Americans, we consider Arabs and Jews our friends and hope that ultimately we can all live in peace. There was no threat from Israel when we opened our Cairo hotel. Does your committee also propose to boycott the United States Government because it maintains diplomatic relations with Israel?"

17,000 ATTEND THIRD CHANUKAH FESTIVAL IN N.Y.; HEAR ISRAEL DIPLOMAT

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Ambassador Arich Eshel, Israel's Consul General-designate in New York, tonight declared that his country "maintains its offer to its Arab neighbors to enter into negotiations on a mutual disarmament agreement in order to put an end to the waste of precious resources."

He spoke to a near-capacity audience of 17,000 persons at the third and final performance of the Chanukah Festival for Israel in Madison Square Garden under the auspices of the Israel Bond Organization, emphasizing Israel's desire for peace and cooperation with the Arab States, Mr. Eshel said:

"Our most cherished wish is not destruction, but construction. Our heroic effort is directed towards the conquest of the still unreclaimed land in all parts of our country - and not towards the conquest of a square foot of territory beyond our frontiers. Our aim is brotherhood, not strife; cooperation and not suspicion; the negotiating table and not the armaments race."

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION DECLARES CASH DIVIDEND FOR 1961

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- A regular cash dividend for 1961 of \$1.25 per share of \$25 par value common stock was declared today by the board of directors of Palestine Economic Corporation, New York, payable on February 28, 1962, to stockholders of record on December 29, 1961. Per share earnings in 1961 amounted to \$1.46, as compared with \$1.43 in 1960. The five percent dividend for 1961 equals the one declared for the previous year.

Common stock of PEC outstanding now totals some 611,000 shares held by over 11,000 stockholders throughout the United States. The company is presently selling an issue of 120,000 shares of common stock at \$25 per share, under a prospectus recently issued.

NEW ISRAELI 10,300-TON VESSEL ARRIVES IN NEW YORK ON MAIDEN VOYAGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The new Israeli freighter the SS Teverya arrived in New York harbor this morning on her maiden voyage, the first maiden arrival in the port for the new year.

The 10,300-ton vessel, which carries a 48-man crew commanded by Captain Julian Ronen, was completed in Bremen, West Germany, six months ago for the Zim-Israel Navigation Co. It will enter service for the Pacific Star Line, Zim's new cargo route between U.S. east coast ports, Japan, the Philippines and Hong Kong.

JUSTICE HENRY EPSTEIN DIES IN NEW YORK; FUNERAL SERVICES TODAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for State Supreme Court Justice Henry Epstein, who died Saturday at the age of 66. He drew widespread attention in 1959 when he issued a ruling barring the Arabian-American Oil Company from questioning job applicants in the state about their religion. He also ruled against George Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi party in the latter's attempt to make public speeches in New York City.

Justice Epstein, who received his law degree from Harvard University, served as deputy mayor of New York during Mayor Robert F. Wagner's first term. He had previously served as Solicitor General under former Governor Herbert H. Lehman. He was a trustee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and former chairman of its program committee. He was also a trustee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.