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SYRIA RENEWS FIRE AGAINST ISRAELIS; BEN-GURION SUMMONS CABINET MEETING

JERUSALEM, March 20. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who is also Israel's Defense Minister, today interrupted his vacation and returned to Jerusalem to preside over an urgent Cabinet meeting called to consider the situation on the Israel-Syrian border.

The urgent meeting was called after Syrian and Israeli troops exchanged gunfire again today in the Lake Tiberias area. The new clash was precipitated by Syrian gunners who opened fire this morning on an Israeli police patrol launch on Lake Tiberias, wounding two members of its crew, one seriously.

The launch was making a routine patrol along the eastern shore of the lake when fire from positions north of Nuqueib, the position demolished in the early Saturday Israeli raid, was directed at the boat. The Syrians used mortars, recoilless guns and machine-guns in the latest attack.

The police boat began shooting back but when the boat was hit by a Syrian shell and the two police were wounded, it made for the western shore where the two police were taken to a hospital. The Syrian shooting subsided soon afterwards.

Israeli sources indicated they felt the newest shooting was a local command action rather than a new Syrian assault. It was noted that for the first time in months, Syrian fishermen were out in the northern section of the lake. It was also reported that Syrian MIGs were seen over Israeli territory west of the lake and the River Jordan.

State Dept. Summons Israel and Syrian Envoys; Expresses Concern

WASHINGTON, March 20. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman and Syria's Charge d'Affaires here, A. Aziz Allouni, were called to the State Department today and told that the United States is concerned over the renewed border fighting between the two nations.

Later, at a news briefing, State Department news chief Lincoln White told reporters that Philip Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, had expressed to both the Israeli and Syrian envoys that the State Department hoped the cease-fire worked out by the UN over the weekend "would be observed." Mr. White told newsmen that the Department had only fragmentary reports on today's new incident.

At the Israel Embassy, a spokesman said that Ambassador Harman "had taken the opportunity in his discussions with Assistant Secretary Talbot to reiterate Israel's position on the situation."

Syria Formally Requests Meeting of U.N. Security Council

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 20. (JTA) -- Syria today formally requested a meeting of the Security Council "for the purposes of examining the grave situation arising from the acts of aggression by Israel on the Syrian frontier and in the demilitarized zone."

Dr. Carlos Sosa-Rodriguez of Venezuela, this month's President of the Security Council, is expected to call a meeting of the body for some day next week. The Syrian letter did not make his request urgent.

It is believed that Syria avoided giving its request a tone of immediacy because the United Nations is still awaiting a comprehensive report of last Saturday's Israel raid on the Syrian gun positions and of Israel's justifications for its reprisal from Major General Carl C. von Horn, chief of staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine.

General von Horn, it is known, has reported to Acting Secretary General U Thant the so-called "operational phases" of the latest series of clashes between Israel and Syria. However, he has not yet reported comprehensively on the entire situation, including Israel's charge that Syria had committed ten acts of aggression by firing on Israeli boats on Lake Tiberias.

Michael S. Comay, chairman of the Israel delegation, who has already formally informed the Security Council of Israel's justification for the action against Syria, was busy here today conferring with top members of the Secretariat as well as with leading members of the Security Council. He met with Mr. Thant, who was accompanied to the conference by Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Undersecretary for Special Political Affairs. Later, he also conferred with Adlai E. Stevenson, head of the United States delegation here.

MATZOH BAKING BANNED IN MOSCOW; CHIEF RABBI EASES PASSOVER DIETARY LAWS

LONDON, March 20. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Yehudah Leib Levin of Moscow has told his congregation that the state-operated bakeries will not bake any matzoh for Passover use this year, according to reports from Moscow published in the London press today. In past years, matzoh has been available at some bakeries in Moscow and Jews also baked matzoh privately for sale. The latter practice was prohibited as a form of private enterprise.

Chief Rabbi Levin, who reportedly made the announcement at services last Saturday, told the congregation that because of the Government ban, the worshippers could not be held to the strict observance of Passover dietary regulations this year.

U. S. Matzoh Firms Ready to Donate Matzot for Jews in Russia

WASHINGTON, March 20. (JTA)-- Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York appealed today to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin to intercede with Kremlin officials to allow receipt of a shipment of American-baked matzohs for Russian Jews in time for Passover.

In a telegram to the Soviet envoy, Sen. Javits said that he has been assured by representatives of the matzoh industry that they will donate a shipment of matzoh and arrange for air transportation provided they have assurances that the Soviet Government will permit its arrival. The Senator's office identified the cooperating companies as: A. H. Horowitz Bros., Horowitz-Margareten Co., A. Goodman and Sons, B. Manischewitz Co., and Aaron Streit. Co.

SHARETT RETURNS TO ISRAEL WITH 'RENEWED ADMIRATION' FOR U. S. JEWRY

NEW YORK, March 20. (JTA) -- "I am returning home with renewed admiration for the spirit of dedication which large numbers of American Jews are showing for Israel exemplified by their activities for and contributions to the United Jewish Appeal," Moshe Sharett, former Israel Prime Minister and chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, declared here today prior to his departure for Jerusalem.

Mr. Sharett, who spent five weeks in this country stimulating increased contributions to the United Jewish Appeal, addressed numerous gatherings of Jewish leaders in major cities in the United States and Canada, and was the principal speaker at the launching of the national UJA drive and at regional UJA conferences.

Emphasizing that he considers the UJA as the "primary duty of American Jewry," Mr. Sharett said prior to his return today to Israel that the scale of American Jewish giving has no parallel in Jewish history. "But," he added, "there are vast amounts of Jewish capital that have not been tapped as yet."

The Jewish Agency chairman was especially impressed with the young leadership program of the UJA. He said that when he addressed young leaders at the UJA regional conferences, he was greatly impressed with the keen interest which the second and third generations of American-born young Jews have displayed in seeking to know more about Zionism, Judaism and current problems of Jewish life. "These young people represent the most wonderful human material," he declared. He was also impressed with the all-day Jewish schools which he visited in the U. S. and Canada.

With regard to the American Zionist movement, Mr. Sharett said that during his visit here, he conferred with the leaders of the various Zionist groups. The movement, he said, is now undergoing a process of reappraisal that will lead to definite and practical results. "The American Zionist movement," he added, "has passed its low and is ascending."

Leaders of the United Jewish Appeal expressed their warm appreciation for the "inspiring and fruitful contributions" made to the current \$95,000,000 UJA campaign by Mr. Sharett. Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, in making public the expression of thanks, noted that he was joined by Joseph Meyerhoff, UJA general chairman, and all UJA leaders, in the vote of thanks to Mr. Sharett.

MANY INJURED IN TWO INCIDENTS DURING PURIM FESTIVITIES IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, March 20. (JTA) -- The celebration of Purim festivities in Tel Aviv last night was marred by two incidents which caused burns and other injuries to hundreds of celebrants including many children.

In the first accident, someone released a huge flare bomb which caused burns to many and injuries to others as the crowd panicked. Scores of persons, standing near the scene of the flare bomb release, suddenly realized that their clothes were afire. Chaos followed before police moved in with vans and ambulances to take the burned and injured victims to hospitals.

The second accident was precipitated by an invitation to the public to enter a contest to catch a floating baloon. Under the pressure of many youngsters swarming toward a tower, the structure collapsed, hurtling many of the children to the ground in a mass of wreckage. Sixteen were hospitalized with injuries, and scores were treated on the scene, then sent home.

NEW BOARD OF J.T.A. DIRECTORS FORMED; REFLECTS AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY

NEW YORK, March 20. (JTA) -- Organization of a new Board of Directors of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency representative of the American Jewish community, was announced today by Eleazar Lipsky, President of the 45-year-old worldwide news service. The board will control and direct the entire JTA operation throughout the world.

Mr. Lipsky said the 25 men and women elected to the board would serve in their individual capacities as representatives of all elements of the American Jewish community and the press. Additional members will be elected, he said, to expand the board's representative character. He noted that the new board included four members prominent in the publishing field.

The news agency's executive head called establishment of the new board "a major step in the reorganization of JTA which should permit us to develop the maximum potential usefulness of this unique service in the best interests of the community." He said that "the character of the new board is the best possible assurance the American Jewish community can have that the JTA will function independently as an objective, effective news service for the entire Jewish community."

In addition to Mr. Lipsky, the new JTA Board is composed of Normal L. Cahners of Boston; Edward Ginsberg of Cleveland; and Philip Slomovitz of Detroit, vice-presidents; Isidor Schiffrin, Cincinnati, secretary; Abraham Goodman, New York, treasurer; and Lavy Becker, Montreal; Rabbi Isadore Breslau, Washington; Judge David Coleman, Los Angeles; Fred Forman, Rochester, N. Y.; Lawrence Freiman, Ottawa; Arthur Gelber, Toronto; Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, New York; Jerold C. Hoffberger, Baltimore; Label A. Katz, New Orleans; Dr. Emanuel Neumann, New York; Herman M. Pekarsky, Newark, N. J.; Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, Far Rockaway, N. Y.; Louis P. Rucker, New York; Sol Satinsky, Philadelphia; Louis Segal, New York; Isadore Sobeloff, Detroit; Dewey D. Stone, Brockton, Mass.; Benjamin H. Swig, San Francisco, and David White, Houston, Tex.

J. T. A. to Increase American News Coverage

Mr. Lipsky said one of the objectives of the new board would be to increase the flow of news of the American Jewish community to inform American Jews of what is happening in their own community and to present a fuller, more rounded picture of American Jewish life to the Jews in Israel and elsewhere throughout the world.

He pointed out that the increased flow of domestic news would not cause a reduction in the volume of news from Israel and elsewhere abroad. "We will continue to provide a comprehensive picture of Jewish life in Israel and abroad," Mr. Lipsky said. "The added American news coverage will be handled by increasing facilities such as publication of the JTA Community News Reporter as a weekly supplement of the JTA Daily News Bulletin."

Mr. Lipsky said that the JTA will have to have communal support in order to operate as an independent agency of the community. He noted that the Large City Budgeting Conference had urged welfare funds to help make possible an independent JTA in 1962 and said the new board would shortly address a formal request to the Jewish community organizations for the support necessary to maintain the agency.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY GREETES HADASSAH ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

NEW YORK, March 20. (JTA) -- President John F. Kennedy today greeted Hadassah on the 50th anniversary of its founding, and characterized it as an organization which has found "a vital place in human affairs." The special message from President Kennedy was read by Mrs. Arthur J. Goldberg, wife of the United States Secretary of Labor, before more than 1,200 leaders and members of Hadassah at a Golden Jubilee Luncheon. The event inaugurated a year-long, countrywide celebration of Hadassah's Golden Jubilee.

Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, national president of Hadassah, based her address on the theme of the Festival of Purim, since it was on Purim 1912 that Hadassah was founded in New York City, and the name Hadassah is the Hebrew for Esther. Pointing out that Purim commemorates the annihilation of anti-Semitic elements in ancient Persia, Mrs. Kramarsky stated:

"Whenever the venom of anti-Semitism seeps into a society, whether it be instigated by Haman in Persia, by a Hitler in Germany, by Communists or Nazis--the echo of Mordecai's injunction to Esther is a call to action. And the Jewish people throughout the ages have responded even as Esther did." Calling upon Hadassah and "men and women of good will everywhere" to fight against anti-Semitism and all forms of discrimination wherever it may exist, Mrs. Kramarsky asserted that "so long as the curse of anti-Semitism is not eradicated, Purim reminds us that the need for the response is still with us."

Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, national chairman of Hadassah's Golden Jubilee Committee, outlined a credo for Hadassah which, she said, "leads us along the broad highway that is entry to the next 50 years." Mrs. Halprin, who is a former national president of Hadassah, declared:

"We believe that the Jewish people is an eternal people; that it is one people and that to insure its survival and its unity must be the task of every successive generation. We

believe that Israel reborn and the people of Israel settled on its own soil can create its own image, develop its own character, strive for its own perfection in a way that is impossible for any community in the Diaspora and that to aid Israel in this task is the responsibility of all of us.

"We believe that the Diaspora can be creative, that Jewish life can become more deeply rooted; that we can put the brakes on against the trend to ignorance. To this task we must dedicate ourselves for it would be a historic tragedy if the State of Israel were to be reborn and the Jewish people lost. We believe that Jewish communities everywhere and the Jewish community of Israel must be partners in the great task of survival."

President Kennedy, in his greeting, said:

"Hadassah has demonstrated for more than a generation that our society receives in giving. Our significance as a nation is often more visible in the hopes and aspirations that others entertain for us than in our own estimates of ourselves. For many years, immigrants to these shores constantly rekindled the vision of opportunity and freedom that inspired our first settlers. Now the tide runs in new channels. For all men everywhere are immigrants to freedom and opportunity; as our nation bends its strength and lends its hand to help them achieve this horizon in the spirit, in that act free men discover their own worth.

"Hadassah has realized this great truth for many years. It has brought not only help to others, but awareness to our own nation. For that, you are to be thanked and commended. As the world struggles from the dark ways of the past, and seeks the destiny of peace in freedom, organizations like Hadassah will continue to find a vital place in human affairs."

NEW YORK DENIES PERMIT TO ROCKWELL TO HOLD RALLY IN UNION SQUARE PARK

NEW YORK, March 20. (JTA) -- The City of New York, under court order to provide Nazi George Rockwell with a site for a public rally, notified him today that he could use a small park at the foot of Manhattan for that purpose on April 20.

Park Commissioner Newbold Morris, replying to a Rockwell request for a permit to hold his rally at Union Square Park in the heart of Manhattan, denied the request and offered Jeanette Park on the waterfront. The Commissioner informed the head of the American Nazi party that the park could accommodate about 1,200 people "and has adequate comfort station facilities." A speakers stand was promised.

The Commissioner declared that April 20, which Rockwell wants to celebrate as Hitler's birthday, is "a business day" in Union Square which "is heavily used by neighboring office workers and store employes."

The Supreme Court of New York last year upheld a decision of lower courts that the Commissioner could not deny Rockwell a permit "unless it is demonstrated" that "such expression will immediately and irreparably injure the public weal." The issue was taken to the courts by Rockwell, aided by the American Civil Liberties Union, when Rockwell's initial application for a permit was rejected by Mayor Wagner.

EINSTEIN COLLEGE GETS \$1,000,000 GIFT FROM ANNENBERG FOUNDATION

NEW YORK, March 20. (JTA) -- A gift of \$1,000,000 has been made to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University by the M. L. Annenberg Foundation, the university announced today.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, university president, said the gift had been made in honor of Mrs. Moses L. Annenberg of New York, a founder of the College of Medicine and mother of publisher Walter H. Annenberg, chairman of the Foundation. The gift is for general purposes to enable the college to maintain its standards of teaching, research and patient care.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE HONORS CATHOLICS FOR INTERFAITH WORK

NEW YORK, March 20. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee honored today Father John LaFarge, chaplain of the Catholic Interracial Council, and George K. Hunton, executive secretary of the council, on their retirement from that agency. Dr. John Slawson, AJCommittee executive vice-president, presented a Menorah to Father LaFarge, and Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, AJCommittee director of interreligious affairs presented a Passover Seder plate to Dr. Hunton.

The two Catholic officials were among the founders of the first Catholic Interracial Council in this country in 1934. There are now almost 40 councils joined in the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice. The AJCommittee has worked closely with the council for more than 25 years for improvement of intergroup and interfaith relations.