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ISRAEL TAKES 'GRAVEST VIEW' ON RENEWED SYRIAN BORDER ATTACKS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A Foreign Ministry spokesman said last night that the Israel Government takes "the gravest views" of the renewed Syrian attacks against workers in the demilitarized zone southeast of Lake Tiberias and intends to raise the issue at the United Nations.

The statement followed three border attacks yesterday from Syrian positions which were answered by Israeli guns. Firing from Syrian positions have occurred almost daily for the past two weeks. The aim of the attacks appeared to be an effort to halt the work of tractors clearing land in the area, which is entirely within Israeli territory.

(Michael S. Comay, chairman of the Israel delegation to the United Nations, has discussed with ranking members of the UN Secretariat the serious situation on the Syrian border and has asked that the UN react in the strongest possible manner by making representations on this issue to Syria on the highest possible level.)

BEN-GURION SECURES ICELAND'S BACKING AT U.N. FOR ARAB-ISRAEL TALKS

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's visit to Iceland produced assurances today that Iceland will again vote at the United Nations for direct negotiations between the Arab states and Israel.

While no official statements have been issued to that effect, the certainty of Icelandic support emerged from the cordiality of talks between the visiting Prime Minister, the host Prime Minister, Clafur Thor's and Icelandic President Asgeir Asgeirsson.

The two Prime Ministers exchanged friendly comments about the warm relations between the two countries at a luncheon given in honor of Mr. Ben-Gurion, which was attended by the American and Soviet Ambassadors and other members of the diplomatic corps. Prior to the luncheon, Mr. Ben-Gurion and Premier Thor's had a discussion of political matters which lasted two hours instead of the scheduled 30 minutes.

The Scandinavian stand on the Palestine refugee problem and on support of the anticipated resolution on direct Arab-Israel peace talks at the forthcoming UN General Assembly were on the agenda of the Nordic Foreign Ministers conference which opened today in Helsinki. Mr. Ben-Gurion, during his visits to Norway and Sweden had asked officials of those countries for support of the resolution. The Swedish Foreign Minister was reported to have started discussions with other Foreign Ministers at the conference on that issue.

France to Abstain on Proposal for Direct Arab-Israel Talks

PARIS, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Maurice Couve de Murville, the French Foreign Minister, as reported to have explained today to Israeli Ambassador Walter Eytan the reasons for the persistent stand of France in abstaining from voting on any resolution calling for direct Arab-Israel peace talks at the United Nations General Assembly.

A conference of Israeli Ambassadors will meet within a few days in Switzerland, with Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, presiding. It was suggested that Mr. Eytan hoped to ascertain from the French Foreign Minister what the French position could be at the 18th General Assembly on such a resolution, so that he could report it at a meeting in Switzerland.

It was also indicated that the French Foreign Minister, in discussing the report which Joseph Johnson, the special Middle East emissary of the Palestine Conciliation Commission, will give to the General Assembly, assured the Israeli envoy that France would pose: any imposed solution to the Arab refugee problem. It was understood that this position would apply to a probable American-supported proposal to hold a referendum among the refugees as to whether they want to return to Israel or prefer to receive compensation for the property they left in Israel.

It was learned that Mr. Eytan broached the matter of the urgency of positive action for arrangement between Israel and the European Common Market. The French Minister assured the Israeli Ambassador that the French delegation to Brussels, headquarters of Euromart, would receive instructions to act in a spirit of comprehension of Israel's need for an arrangement to protect its substantial trade with member countries of Euromart.

EX-NAZIS ARRESTED IN GERMANY FOR KILLING 20,000 JEWS IN PINSK

FRANKFURT, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The arrest and scheduling of early trials for four Nazi criminals, charged with killing 20,000 Jews in Nazi-occupied Byelorussian city of Pinsk during World War II, was announced here today by Prosecutor Heinz Wolff.

The men were arrested at the request of the Central Office for the Investigation of Nazi Crimes in Ludwigsburg. The four men were either members of Nazi Police Battalion 306 or attached to the SS Security Service in the Pinsk area.

Three of them were public officials. They are Heinrich Plantius, 47, a police chief inspector in Frankfurt; Joseph Kuhr, 46, also a police inspector in that city; and Rudolf Eckert, a similar police official in Hamburg. The fourth man, Adolf Petch, 57, is a worker in Buedingen. The prosecutor said that Petch already had confessed that he personally "shot with his own hand" between 6,000 and 7,000 Jews.

The prosecutor said that in 1942, on orders of Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler, about 20,000 Jews were marched from the Pinsk Ghetto to a spot several miles away where they were all killed.

The arrests came as a great surprise to local authorities who had not been aware of the intensive investigations which had been underway for some time in this area on the Nazi records of the four defendants.

Plans were reported progressing, meanwhile, on the forthcoming trial of Dr. Werne Heyde, charged with having been a key figure in the Nazi euthanasia program during the war. Hesse officials, who will try Heyde at Limburg, announced today that Karl Heinz Zinnall, one of the public prosecutors handling the Heyde case had been promoted to the rank of chief public prosecutor.

SENATE BILL PROVIDES COMPENSATION FOR GERMAN JEWS NOW U.S. CITIZENS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The Senate today passed a war claims bill including an amendment by Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, to provide compensation payments to German Jews, now naturalized Americans.

The basic legislation pertained to the sale of General Aniline & Film Co., German property vested by the United States during World War II, and disposition of the proceeds. The Javits amendment would provide payment to certain naturalized American citizens who during World War II were German nationals.

An amendment offered by Senator Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, also adopted, authorized payments in the amount of \$500,000 out of funds owned by persons who were persecuted by the Nazis, and who died without heirs, for benefit of needy and surviving former persecuted persons who are now in the United States. This is the so-called heirless property amendment.

MUNICH MUNICIPAL BODY VOTES PENSION FOR HITLER'S CLOSE COLLABORATOR

MUNICH, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The personnel commission of the City of Munich, meeting in a secret session, has voted to grant a pension of 450 Deutschmarks (\$112) monthly to Munich's one-time Mayor Karl Fiehler, one of Hitler's oldest and closest collaborators.

Fiehler was convicted of Nazism after World War II. He served a two-year term in a labor camp, and was ordered by the court to be deprived of civic rights for 12 years, including the right to vote, or to be elected to public office or to practice his profession. The court also ordered the confiscation of one-fifth of his property.

JEWISH WINNER OF GERMAN BOOK AWARD DECLINES TO COME TO GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A survivor of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, who won the 1962 German Youth Book prize with a book on the life and fate of Jewish children in the Nazi camps, has contributed the cash award of 4,000 marks (\$1,000) to dependents of other survivors, officials said here today.

Clara Asscher-Pinkhof, the Dutch-born Israeli author, won the award for her book, "Children of the Star," but she declined to come to West Germany to accept it. She said then "I cannot cross that border again."

A 400-page paperback volume containing carefully selected eyewitness accounts of Jewish persecution by the Nazis in various occupied countries during the war will be published soon. The book, "We Have Seen It," was written by Gerhard Schoenberger, a German who has become well known for an earlier book on the subject called "The Yellow Star."

ISRAEL REDUCES INTEREST PAYMENT ON DEPOSITS OF FOREIGN RESIDENTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The Israeli Treasury announced today a reduction of interest paid on deposits held by foreign residents from five to four-and-a-half percent. The rate, originally six percent, has been gradually cut to the international level after the Treasury achieved its goal of encouraging foreign currency holdings in local banks. The reduction will apply to new deposits and to time deposits when they are renewed.

HADASSAH ANNUAL CONVENTION TO EVALUATE U. S. POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- An evaluation of the problems of American policy in the Middle East will be one of the highlights of the 48th annual convention of Hadassah, which opens here this weekend.

The principal speakers at the first session Sunday will be Chester Bowles, President Kennedy's special representative, and Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States. More than 2,000 delegates, representing 318,000 members in 1,320 chapters and groups in the United States and Puerto Rico, will participate in the convention.

Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, who is coming to the United States to head the Israeli delegation to the United Nations 17th General Assembly, will address the banquet session on September 18. She will discuss Israel and the Middle East in terms of the world problems facing the General Assembly, which opens September 18.

Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, Hadassah president, said today at a press conference that she hoped there would be no need for a mass immigration of Jews from South America to Israel. Replying to a question on current anti-Semitic outbreaks in those countries, she said also that anti-Semitism there apparently was still at the stage where it could be "kept in check." However, she added that she was "profoundly disturbed" by current outbreaks.

LABOR ZIONIST CONVENTION OPENS; DELEGATES HEAR SENATOR'S VIEW ON ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Senator Stephen M. Young, Ohio Democrat, called tonight for "an early implementation of President Kennedy's promise to insist that the Arab states agree in good faith to negotiate a peace treaty with Israel."

Speaking at the opening session of the 33rd biennial convention of the Labor Zionist Organization of America here, Senator Young also said the United States "should make it clear that we mean to stand by Israel's right to use its own water" in its plans to irrigate the Negev with water taken from Lake Tiberias.

Other speakers at the opening session included Reuven Barkatt, secretary-general of the Mapai, and Dr. Marie Syrkin, editor of the Jewish Frontier. Pinchas Cruso, LZOA president, presided.

U. S. JEWS URGED TO PROVIDE \$5,000,000 SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR ISRAELIS

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Joshua Levy, treasurer of the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, urged American Jews today to provide a scholarship fund of \$5,000,000 to help assure secondary education for Israeli youth. He said such aid was particularly needed for children from Oriental countries most of whom cannot afford the costs of secondary and university education. Israel does not have free high school facilities.

Speaking at a press luncheon the Histadrut official reported that Histadrut has a membership of 800,000 and expects soon to reach the 1,000,000 mark. The Labor organization's projected budget for 1963 is 250,000,000 pounds (\$80,000,000), he reported. He also disclosed that Histadrut has undertaken a program of seeking to lower the costs of a trip to Israel so that more people will come as visitors.

153,973 PUPILS ATTENDED JEWISH SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK DURING 1961-62

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A total of 153,973 pupils attended Jewish schools of all types during 1961-62, it was announced today by the Jewish Education Committee here.

This figure marks a new high in Jewish school enrollment, Louis E. Ruffman, JEC associate director, said. However, he noted that children in New York's suburban areas are getting a less intensive form of Jewish education than their counterparts in the five boroughs.

Among the highlights of Mr. Ruffman's report are the following facts: 1. Total enrollment showed an increase of 1,767 over the previous year, continuing a constant rate of increase of a little over one percent over the past three years; 2. Enrollment in the five boroughs showed a net decline of 1,231; suburban counties showed an increase of 2,998; 3. The great majority of pupils (84 percent) are in elementary grades. (There are 11 percent in high school grades, and five percent in pre-school classes.)

The report established that all-day schools thrive in the five boroughs, but not in the suburbs. In the five boroughs, all-day schools account for 33 percent of elementary school enrollment and 64 percent of high school enrollment, and for only three percent in suburban schools on both levels. One-day-a-week schools absorb 53 percent in the suburbs and only 16 percent in the five boroughs. Almost twice as many boys as girls are receiving a Jewish education. The largest number of pupils, 43.9 percent, are in Orthodox schools, but this figure applies only to the five boroughs.

"This pattern of Jewish school enrollment," declared Mr. Ruffman, "follows the one which prevails in the country at large, where the larger proportion of pupils in Jewish schools are to be found attending one-day-a-week schools."

A. F. L. - C. I. C. CONVENTION CONDEMNS ANTI-JEWISH INCIDENTS IN ARGENTINA

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The recent outbreak of anti-Semitic violence in Argentina and Uruguay was sharply condemned last night by the New York State American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organization at its annual convention.

Delegates to the convention also called on the governments of the two countries to take "vigorous steps" to prevent any renewal of the incidents, which have included physical attacks on Jews, stonings and shootings at Jewish establishments, distribution of anti-Semitic material and scrawling of swastikas on streets and buildings.

"We express our great concern and outrage at the spread of Nazi-type activities and incidents that have occurred in the last two months in both Argentina and Uruguay. We feel that these outbursts of violence constitute a real threat to the freedom and well-being of the entire Argentine and Uruguayan nations," the resolution said.

The resolution also condemned "the attitude of those authorities in Argentina and Uruguay who have been minimizing the danger and defending the very organizations that are responsible for the outrages."

INQUIRY STARTED ON ALLEGED ANTI-JEWISH LEAFLETS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The district attorney's office of Queens county began an investigation today into allegedly anti-Semitic leaflets circulated by a defeated candidate in the New York State primary election last week.

District Attorney Frank O'Connor said the investigation will deal with the possibility that the leaflets, distributed by James E. McGinnis, might be a violation of a new section of the State Penal Code which provides that a person responsible for printing any publicly circulated handbill must list the name and address of the printer.

McGinnis, who ran a poor third in the race for the Democratic nomination of the State Assembly from the Queens 11th Assembly district, distributed the leaflet which listed six obviously Jewish names as individuals who had fought against sectarian practices in public schools. The leaflet also asked the voters if they wanted a "Pitkin Avenue" in Queens, a reference to a famous commercial area in Brooklyn in which Jewish merchants who keep their stores closed on the Jewish Sabbath conduct a brisk trade on Sunday. The winning candidate in the primary is Jewish, Hyman Greenberg.

\$3,000,000 BROTHERHOOD HOUSE FOR SOCIAL AGENCIES DEDICATED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Fifteen years of unpublicized work by a committee of 100 New Yorkers was culminated yesterday in the cornerstone laying for a six-story Brotherhood House which will provide free facilities for 100 voluntary interfaith and social agencies in New York City.

Most of the \$3,000,000 to build the new structure was contributed by members of the committee, who intend to also cover the annual operating budget of Brotherhood House. Slated for completion in 1963, it will have a library, meditation and music rooms, a 400-seat auditorium, seminar and conference rooms, and offices.

Governor Rockefeller and Mayor Wagner took part in the ceremony, and hailed the purposes of the building and its sponsors. The committee, named Brotherhood-In-Action, is composed of prominent New Yorkers with Charles H. Tuttle as president. The officers include James A. Farley, John MacCrate, Theodore Newhouse, Lawrence A. Wien, Albert A. List and Samuel Hausman.

JAMES MITCHELL, EX-SECRETARY OF LABOR, NAMED HEAD OF 'BROTHERHOOD WEEK'

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Former Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell has been named national chairman of Brotherhood Week to be observed next February 17-24 under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, it was announced today by Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, president of the organization. As national chairman, he will lead the nation in organizing the 30th anniversary of Brotherhood Week and will serve beside President Kennedy who is honorary chairman.

In a statement accepting the chairmanship, Mr. Mitchell called for a rededication to the practice of brotherhood and for the elimination of prejudice. "In doing so," he said, "we will not only strengthen our democratic nation, but we will also emancipate our individual conscience."

BRAZILIAN PUBLISHER PLANS PUBLICATION OF ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE IN ISRAEL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Adolfo Bloch, publisher of the influential, illustrated magazine *Machete*, announced here today that he is preparing to issue a similar publication in Israel. Mr. Bloch said the Israeli magazine, to be entitled *Shalom*, will be "the most modern illustrated journal in the entire Middle East."