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JEWSH SHOPS AND COMMUNITY CENTER ATTACKED IN BRAZILIAN CITY

RIC DE JANEIRO, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Fire from a shotgun spattered the windows and doorways of several Jewish shops and the Jewish Community Center at Salvador, capital of Bahia Province, last night. The firing came from a swiftly moving automobile of German manufacture. No one was injured.

The perpetrators of the attack were not identified, but police believe the firing was done by members of a terrorist group. There are about 500 Jewish families in Salvador.

U.S. EXPERTS ASKED TO STUDY ISRAEL REPORT ON USE OF ATOM ENERGY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A group of American experts on the use of atomic fuel for production of electric energy has been requested to study a report on the feasibility of constructing such power stations in Israel, it was announced here today by Yosef Almogi, Minister of Development.

The group, headed by Philip Sporn, a leading American public utility expert, was asked to report its findings next month. Mr. Sporn has been advising Israel on power stations. He had served formerly as chairman of a committee appointed by the United States Atomic Energy Commission on cooperation with the American electric industry.

Earlier this winter, Mr. Sporn had voiced opposition to Israeli engagement in atomic-fueled power stations. However, in the light of a report just issued, Mr. Almogi said, Mr. Sporn had agreed to reconsider his own earlier recommendations and review the entire matter with the group of American experts in this field.

Israel's Defense Ministry Issues the Report; Lists Recommendations

The new report, a 116-page document put out today by the Nuclear Reactors Committee at Tel Aviv, was prepared under the auspices of the Defense Ministry's scientific development department. While discussing the feasibility of constructing atomic-powered energy stations in Israel, the committee recommended that three points be explored regardless of the ultimate decision as to whether such construction is to be launched immediately or deferred for some years. The three points are:

1. Israel must locate now the possible sites for such atom-powered energy stations along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Such stations, if they are to be built, would have to be along the Mediterranean because sea water for cooling purposes, an essential element in the functioning of an atomic reactor, is cheapest. Sites must be located now, the committee pointed out, because housing developments are staking out many waterfront locations along the Mediterranean shores.
2. Israel must undertake a survey now to determine the practical results from the operation of its first nuclear power station toward the end of the 1960's.
3. Even if present conditions indicate that the functioning of such power stations would not be economically feasible as yet, all who must cooperate in such ultimate development must be ready for the possibility of such an operation. These factors include the Government, the Electric Corporation and the country's various scientific institutions.

Israel May Produce Its Own Uranium for Atom Power Stations

According to the report, Israel would need, by 1980, such vast quantities of electric energy as to require an enormous fleet of oil tankers and an increase of Israel's dependence on foreign oil sources and on open sea routes.

One of Israel's leading scientists, Prof. David E. Bergmann, head of the Atomic Energy Commission here, said Israel may produce its own uranium from phosphates in the Negev for contemplated atomic power stations. Israel, he noted, could also produce its own, needed heavy water. Heavy water is now being produced and exported by the laboratories of the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot.

ISRAEL REPORTS \$277,000,000 EXPORTS DURING 1962; SUBSTANTIAL RISE SEEN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Israeli exports totaled a value of \$277,000,000 in 1962, an increase of 12.9 per cent as compared with 1961, according to preliminary figures for the last year published today.

SIBERIAN PEASANTS WANT TO GO TO ISRAEL; SEEK U. S. EMBASSY AID

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The State Department today announced its "deep distress" over religious persecution in the Soviet Union but said the United States Embassy in Moscow was in no position to give sanctuary to a group of about 30 Siberian peasants who sought refuge there today.

Embassy officials informed the State Department that the peasants, who identified themselves as Evangelical Christians, wanted to go the State of Israel. A U. S. official said, "it is not clear whether they were talking of the modern Israel, or of the Old Testament Israel." Because it is contrary to American policy to grant asylum to foreign nationals at U. S. embassies, the group was turned over to Soviet authorities.

State Department spokesman Lincoln White said "it is deeply disturbing to us that there should be, in any country, restrictions on the free exercise of religion or any other elementary human rights. Nevertheless, this unhappy situation concerns Soviet citizens on their own territory." Israeli diplomatic quarters had no comment.

ISRAEL MINISTER OF JUSTICE REJECTS PETITION TO QUASH SHTARKES CASE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Minister of Justice Dov Joseph today rejected a petition by Nachman Shtarkes, grandfather of Yossele Schumacher, who had requested that the court proceedings against his son, Shalom, be quashed.

The latter is charged with kidnaping Yossele and with perjury in the case of the boy whose abduction had led to a three-continent search which ended when the 10-year old child had been found secreted in the home of a Hassidic rabbi in Brooklyn last summer. Shalom Shtarkes was brought back here on an extradition order from England, and is awaiting a verdict on the charges against him in Jerusalem District Court. The verdict is scheduled to be announced January 21.

The elder Mr. Shtarkes, who had himself served a prison term for refusing to divulge information about his missing grandson, had originally petitioned Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, seeking the Premier's intervention to quash the case against Shalom. Mr. Ben-Gurion referred the petition to the Minister of Justice.

In reply to the petition, Mr. Joseph stated that, after considering the appeal, he found he could not properly intervene after the trial had been held, and at a time when only the court's final decision on the case is being awaited.

ISRAEL STUDIES REPORTED EFFECT OF THALIDOMIDE ON CURING OF CANCER

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A special committee of scientific experts was appointed here by the Ministry of Health today to investigate claims that the drug Thalidomide has been used effectively in this country to relieve patients suffering from cancer.

Thalidomide is a German-discovered tranquilizer that was believed through a series of cases in Europe and America last year to have been responsible for the birth of badly deformed babies, after having been taken by pregnant mothers.

The first case to be probed here is one concerning an elderly woman at Zichron Yaacov. A physician in that town prescribed the drug for the cancer patient, who is reported to have recovered. Several other cases of recovery from cancer in Israel, through the use of Thalidomide, have also been reported. Thalidomide is used in Israel for research purposes under the control of the Ministry of Health.

JEWISH STUDENTS IN FRANCE CALL FOR CLOSER TIES WITH ARAB COLLEAGUES

PARIS, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Resolutions calling for closer ties with Arab and Moslem students in France, and with Catholic colleagues, were adopted today at the concluding session of the annual congress of the Union of Jewish Students in France, held at Montpellier.

Better relations with Arab and Moslem students in this country, the Jewish students decided, could help the achievement of peace in the Middle East as well as relaxation of tensions in North Africa. Welcoming the end of Franco-Algerian warfare, the students, many of them of Algerian origin, called for improved relations with their Moslem comrades in Algeria.

On relations with Catholic students, the Union took note of the spirit of cooperation developed at the first session of the Ecumenical Council at the Vatican. Committees were appointed to draft reports on Jewish student cooperation with Arabs, Moslems and Catholics, with instructions to report to the next national congress a year from now.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE AUTHORIZES 'FOOD FOR PEACE' TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The United States Department of Agriculture has announced "food for peace" authorizations issued to Israel to finance purchase of \$8,980,000 worth of wheat and yellow corn. Sales contracts must be negotiated by May 31 and shipment not later than June 30.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF BEERSHEBA, CAPITAL OF NEGEV, FACES DISSOLUTION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A stiff fight among various political parties has practically immobilized the Municipal Council of Beersheba, the fast-growing "capital" of the Negev. Minister of the Interior Moshe Haim Shapiro warned the Beersheba Council today that, unless it is reactivated in the next few days, he will order the dissolution of the municipal body and will appoint a commission of civil servants to administer the city's affairs.

The entire "Beersheba Scandal" came before Israel's Parliament, the Knesset, here today, with Herut moving a resolution for a Government inquiry commission to probe the political affairs at Beersheba. The motion was defeated and the Knesset voted instead to refer to a Parliamentary committee a proposal that new elections be held in Beersheba.

The fight started 13 months ago when Beersheba's 15-member Municipal Council voted to oust Mayor David Touvyahu, a member of Mapai, putting in his place Zev Zarisi, a member of Mapam. Later, a member of the eight-member majority that voted this change joined the Mapai faction to help oust Mr. Zarisi. As of now, the Council is deadlocked, 7-7, between the two major factions. A ~~5th~~ ^{5th} member, David Hacham, is "missing," presumably hiding in a Mapam kibbutz, and the evenly divided council cannot break a tie without him.

The party argument appears to be directed toward splitting the city's top offices, so that Mapai would have its Mayoralty candidate while Mapam would designate the Deputy Mayor.

TRIALS OF NAZIS WHO KILLED JEWS IN RUSSIA AND POLAND CONCLUDE

BONN, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A sentence of three years at hard labor for one ex-Nazi, and acquittal for another, was asked by the prosecution in Kassel today at the conclusion of a trial of two former Hitler regime police officers charged with complicity in the murder of 500 Jews in Russia during World War II.

The prosecution sought the prison term for Joseph Lechthaler, 72, a police colonel in the Nazi forces who had served at Sluzk and Smolewitsch, where he was accused of participating in the slaughter of Jews in October of 1941. Acquittal, on the grounds that the charges had not been proven, was asked for Willy Papnekoft, a former police inspector with the same unit in which Lechthaler had served.

Testimony was concluded at Flensburg today in the trial of former SS Major Martin Fellenz, who is charged with murdering more than 30,000 Jews in the Krakow region in Poland in 1941 and 1942. More than 140 witnesses were heard. The verdict will be rendered January 11.

The jury court, having enlisted the aid of two experts on contemporary history, will seek to determine whether and to what degree the defendant was responsible for the crimes.

FAMILY BREAKDOWNS AMONG JEWS REPORTED INCREASING IN UNITED STATES

DENVER, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The American Jewish family is taking on many undesirable characteristics from an environment in the general community, Dr. Alfred M. Neumann, executive director of the Jewish Family and Children's Service, warned. He voiced that caution as he was being honored by the community on the occasion of the agency's 15th anniversary.

There have been increasing intermarriages as a result of environmental influences, he said, as well as more divorces and family breakdowns among the Jewish people, juvenile delinquency, illegitimacy and drinking.

"The vast movement to the suburbs," said Dr. Neumann, "the increasing number of wives and mothers who are working, greater recreational opportunities, including bowling alleys, country clubs, and community centers, have to a great extent externalized American family life, including Jews," Dr. Neumann stated.

ATOMIC ATTACK ON U.S. WOULD DECIMATE JEWS MORE THAN NON-JEWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Fewer Jews would survive an all-out atomic attack on the United States than members of other religious groups, according to a study by sociologists of the University of California Center for international population and urban research working under contract for the United States Office of Civilian Defense.

The hypothetical study was made for the government at Berkeley, Calif., where the university research center is located. Dr. David M. Heer, head of the research group, pointed out that it was assumed a major attack would kill more city dwellers than rural residents and hit the East and West coasts harder than the Midwest and South.

Since Jews are concentrated in big cities, they would be harder hit than other groups, according to the accepted hypothesis. A similar situation would affect Roman Catholics to some extent. The final report covering the hypothetical study will be submitted to the government June 1.

CONVENTION MARKS 2,500TH ANNIVERSARY OF END OF BABYLONIAN EXILE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today drew a parallel between the declaration by the Persian King Cyrus permitting the Babylonian Jews to return to Palestine in the sixth century B. C. E. and the Balfour Declaration recognizing a Jewish national home in Palestine in 1917.

Addressing a special convention of the Israel Bible Research Society held at Lydda to mark the 2,500th anniversary of the return of the Jews from Babylonian exile, Mr. Ben-Gurion said that in both cases--the Cyrus decree and the Balfour declaration--it was not until Jewish strength came into being that full independence was achieved.

In the case of the Cyrus decree, he declared, full Jewish independence came four centuries later with the victories of the Maccabees. Similarly, the Balfour Declaration was followed by full Jewish independence with the establishment of the State of Israel and the successes of the Israel Army.

Leading scholars addressed the convention on various aspects of the Cyrus decree and its effect on Jewish history. Similar meetings will be held in other parts of the country, especially in centers of settlement by Persian Jews.

NEW YORK MAYOR PROCLAIMS 'FARBAND DAY'; MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner today proclaimed Sunday, January 6, as Farband Charter Day in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the grant of a New York state charter to the Labor Zionist Order.

The ceremony was held in the mayor's office where the mayor presented the proclamation to Meyer L. Brown, president of Farband. Others participating in the presentation ceremony were Louis Segal, Farband general secretary; Samuel Bonchek, Farband national vice-president, as well as other national officers.

The Charter Day anniversary will be observed at a Farband Charter Day luncheon Sunday at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. More than 1,000 members and guests, including delegations from all parts of the United States and Canada, are expected to attend. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, will be the principal guest speaker. The luncheon will be the climax of a three-day National Planning Conference at which plans will be developed for the year-long observance of the 50th anniversary of the Jewish fraternal order throughout 1963.

The achievements of Farband were hailed in messages from President Ben-Zvi and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel and from George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations.

J. N. F. PLANTS WOOD IN JERUSALEM HILLS NAMED FOR SIR BARNETT JANNER

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A wood named for Sir Barnett Janner, member of the British Parliament and president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, was dedicated today near Aminadav in the Jerusalem Hills in the presence of Sir Barnett and other members of a delegation of Anglo-Jewish leaders currently on a study tour of Israel.

Planted within the Bar Kochba Forest, the Janner Wood was sponsored by the Jewish National Fund in tribute to Sir Barnett's dedication to the Fund and on the occasion of his 70th birthday. It was made possible by contributions from British organizations and individual donors.

FORMER BISHOP OF LIEGE, WHO SAVED JEWS FROM NAZIS, DIES IN BRUSSELS

BRUSSELS, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Kerkhofs, former Bishop of Liege, who aided many Jews here and was active in the resistance against the German occupation army during World War II, died here on New Year's Day. He was 84.

Msgr. Kerkhofs was instrumental in saving many Jews, especially children, during the German occupation. On his initiative, many Jewish children were hidden in Catholic institutions and in the homes of private Belgian families.

One of the Jews whose life he saved was the rabbi of Liege. The Bishop sheltered the rabbi in his own palace. The rabbi wore the garb of a Catholic monk at that time, declaring later that he saw no religious offense in wearing a cassock. Three other Jews were also saved by the Bishop, who hid them in his palace.

DR. GUGGENHEIM, PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH IN EUROPE, DIES IN ZURICH

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Edwin Guggenheim, president of B'nei B'rith's continental European district, died here December 28. He was 68.

A prominent Zurich attorney, he was active in restoring B'nei B'rith in Europe following its destruction by the Nazis during World War II. Dr. Guggenheim helped re-establish B'nei B'rith in 10 countries. In 1955 he was elected president of the European district chartered that year by B'nei B'rith. He held the post until his death. Dr. Guggenheim also served on the B'nei B'rith International Council.