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TENSIONS MOUNT ON ISRAEL'S BORDERS FACING GAZA STRIP AND SYRIA

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Tensions continued to mount today along the Israeli-Arab borders, as more shootings took place last night on the southern border near the Gaza Strip and in the north where the Syrians attacked again.

Along the Gaza Strip, the shooting was done by the Israelis, one of their border patrols discovering a group of infiltrators armed with submachineguns and commando knives. One of the infiltrators was killed, and a second was wounded. The attempted raid indicated to knowledgeable Israelis that the Egyptians were stepping up their intelligence efforts along the border, sending in fedayeen (commandoes) to act as marauders and as spies. The weapons captured from the two felled men were of the type usually carried by the fedayeen.

In the north, Syrians fired again at a group of Israeli workers, attacking farmers in the Ashmura area of the Huleh region. An Israeli border patrol guarding the farmers returned the fire. For the rest of the night, Syrians kept up sporadic firing in the area. There were no Israeli casualties as a result of these attacks. Work was resumed at Ashmura today, as United Nations military observers investigated last night's attacks.

Golda Meir Rejects Syria's Charges as 'Propaganda'

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, today described Syrian charges of massing of Israeli troops on the northern border as "a well-known maneuver designed to divert attention from Syria's own violations of the armistice agreement." She also reported to the Cabinet yesterday on negotiation for the return of three Israelis who were abducted recently on Lake Tiberias and are now held in Damascus. She called the Syrian charges "propaganda."

EGYPT REPORTED 'SHOPPING' FOR ROCKETRY EQUIPMENT; PREFERS U.S. PRODUCTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Western diplomatic circles here received word today that Egyptian scientists were "shopping" around Western capitals for a space-tracking station to use in connection with Egypt's new stepped-up rocketry-space program. While the reports indicated that Egypt would prefer to buy such equipment from the United States, American officials continued to maintain that they had no knowledge of an impending Washington-Cairo deal along such lines.

Meanwhile, however, diplomats here heard today that Hassan Marei, head of the Egyptian Space Research Committee at Cairo, has reportedly said that the United States had agreed to start building a space-tracking station in Egypt before the end of 1963. Marei was definitely confirmed as having made such a recommendation to his own Minister for Scientific Research a month ago.

30 Indian Technicians Reported Going to Egypt to Help Nasser

NEW DELHI, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Nearly 30 Indian technicians are expected to go to Egypt in the next six weeks to work at the Egyptian plant manufacturing supersonic jet fighter planes at Helwan, near Cairo, the Times of India reported here today. According to the newspaper, the technicians were recruited here by the Egyptian Government, with the help of the Indian Government, and more Indians are expected to join the first group of 30 in the near future.

ISRAEL EXPECTED TO TURN DOWN CHINA'S BID ON NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Government was expected here today to turn down a request by Communist China's Prime Minister Chou en-Lai to join a world move to set up nuclear-free zones and for dismantling of all military bases on foreign soil. The request was received here a week ago, discussed by Israel's Cabinet, and was the subject of a conference today between Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Foreign Minister Golda Meir.

While the contents of the planned reply were not disclosed, it was understood that Israel will tell the Chinese leader that the danger to peace in the Middle East region stems not from nuclear weapons but from the continuous flow of conventional arms to Egypt. China will be told, it is understood, that Israel favors complete disarmament on a global scale, as well as disarmament for the Middle East, with adequate means of inspection for the attainment of peace.

SECOND CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE IN AID OF NEW COUNTRIES OPENED IN ISRAEL

REHOVOT, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol expressed the hope here tonight that the day was not far off when Israel's Arab neighbors would recognize the fact that there was ample underdeveloped land in the Middle East, which could be "a source of life" for many refugees and other "fate-stricken people." He made his statement at the opening here of the second International Conference on Science in the Advancement of New States. The first such conference was held here three years ago.

The current meeting will deal with agricultural planning for developing countries. Top officials from 29 countries are attending the conference, including Antonie Meatchi, vice-president of Togo; D. K. Jawara, the Premier of Gambia; agricultural ministers, scientists and experts. Among the other countries represented are Nepal, Niger, the Philippines, Senegal, Cameroun, Dahomey, India, Sweden, the United States, Ethiopia, Uganda, Thailand, Holland, France, Britain and others.

The Premier said that much of the uncultivated Middle East land could be made fertile in a short time, with little expense, and that, when the Arab countries recognized that reality, "Israel will be ready to share with its neighbors its experience in settling refugees and in reclamation of wastelands." Deputy Premier Abba Eban presided at the opening session.

JERUSALEM POLICE CHIEF WARNS AGAINST REPEATED RIOTING BY ULTRA-ORTHODOX

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- As ultra-Orthodox zealots continued their demonstrations here against alleged Sabbath desecrations, Jerusalem Police Chief Zvi Rudin today summoned leaders of the Neturei Karta and of the Satmar Yeshiva, to tell them the police would have no alternative but to use counter-force if the rioting continued. The leaders, conferring separately with the police chief, told him they condemned acts of violence by their adherents but insisted they could not acquiesce in the Sabbath desecrations in their sections of Jerusalem.

The police warning followed several incidents last Saturday. One group of youngsters from the ultra-Orthodox Beit Israel quarter beat up a cripple driving his car through their section before sundown. Another group stoned a bus carrying Christian tourists who had crossed into Jerusalem from Jordan via the Mandelbaum Gate. In a third instance, that could have had international repercussions, zealots threw a stone at a United Nations automobile carrying U.N. Truce Supervision Organization personnel.

Ten youths arrested in earlier rioting of this type are still being held for trial. One man, Avraham Lehrman, a 26-year-old American, arrested with the 10 two weeks ago, had his case speeded because he was scheduled to depart for his home in the United States. He was arraigned this morning on a charge of illegal assembly, and was fined twenty pounds (\$6.33).

ISRAELI, AMERICAN RABBIS OBJECT TO NON-KOSHER KITCHEN ON S. S. CHALOM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The Israel rabbinate will not certify the arrangements for kosher food on the S. S. Chalom if a non-kosher kitchen is installed on the liner, it was learned here today. The Cabinet yesterday left the issue of the second kitchen to the Zim-Shoham Lines, owners of the luxury liner now near completion in a French shipyard.

Cabinet members of the Religious party warned against a possible chain reaction stemming from the Cabinet decision. Social Welfare Minister Joseph Burg called it a "deep wound" which would cause serious repercussions in coalition relations. Zim-Shoham has indicated it wants a non-kosher kitchen, as well as a kosher one, to meet competition in trans-Atlantic travel facilities.

Simultaneously, a warning was given that no American Orthodox rabbi would grant certification for the kosher kitchen if non-kosher facilities were provided. That warning was made by Rabbi Solomon Reichman, one of a group of members of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada now visiting Israel. Rabbi Reichman so informed Premier Levi Eshkol when the delegation was received by the Premier.

TOP U.S. LABOR DEPT. OFFICIAL SEES HISTADRUT PRACTICES AS MODELS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- United States Under Secretary of Labor John F. Henning, concluding a 10-day private visit to Israel as a guest of Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, said here today that he would like the United States to "adopt the Israeli Histadrut model of deep concern for health services, housing and keeping high the dignity of agricultural workers."

Mr. Henning said "The United States can benefit from Israeli experience" and hailed the achievements of Histadrut in the public health and agricultural fields. Describing his impression of Israel on this visit, his second in three years, Mr. Henningsaid Israel retained "its exciting momentum and dynamic social society."

14 MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH GROUPS ENDORSE AUG. 28 MARCH ON WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Fourteen major American Jewish organizations joined today in a statement endorsing the August 28 March on Washington. They said they "vigorously support" local affiliates throughout the United States planning to participate. The signers represented the rabbinical and congregational bodies of the three wings of Judaism, labor and union groups, community relations groups and others.

The joint statement asserted that, on the centennial year of the Emancipation Proclamation, "the pledge of first-class citizenship and freedom for the American Negro remains tragically unfulfilled. This enormous gap between promise and actuality underscores the justifiable impatience with which Negroes are insistently demanding their full democratic rights now."

The statement added that Jews, as members of a group which "from time immemorial has known oppression and felt the indignation of discrimination," understood the frustrations "experienced by our Negro fellow-citizens. We share with them the determination to eliminate the injustices from which they suffer."

The 14 organizations declared that the March for Jobs and Freedom "will demonstrate the deep commitment of a vast majority of the American people to the attainment of full equality" and that they therefore "wholeheartedly endorse the march as have the leading Catholic and Protestant agencies. We believe the march to be in the great tradition of peaceable assembly for the redress of grievances, and therefore vigorously support local affiliates throughout the nation who desire to participate in this historic event."

"The Jews have always been part of the eternal quest for human dignity and social justice for all mankind," the organizations declared. "Our devotion to this cause is rooted deeply in our religious and spiritual traditions and our social experience. A most appropriate means of expressing our ideals today as Americans and as Jews consists in joining together with all men of good will in this peaceful and lawful assembly for the realization of a more humane and democratic society."

The 14 signers were the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Farband Labor Zionist Order, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Jewish War Veterans, the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the United Hebrew Trades, the United Synagogue of America, and the Workmen's Circle.

Washington Negroes Reported Showing 'Tinge' of Anti-Semitism

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The Washington Post, in a staff-written survey of Negro attitudes, reported today that "emerging for the first time among Washington Negroes, is a tinge of anti-white and anti-Semitic feeling." This feeling was described as neither deep nor widespread but representative of "the Negro rebellion against his status."

President James M. Nabrit, Jr., of Howard University (a Negro institution) said that "in the Negro's gyrations at the moment, he is just attacking everybody. But if we're going to embrace racial discrimination against anybody, we're lost." The conclusion of the Washington Post was that "in the present situation, the Washington Negro can be expected to be oversensitive. He will see racial discrimination in instances where none exists--much as some American Jews of a generation ago, fighting anti-Semitism, saw it everywhere."

KENNEDY CALLED ON TO USE COLD WAR THAW TO EASE SOVIET EDICTS ON JEWS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Citing restrictions imposed by the Soviet Union on Jewish burial in sanctified ground, Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, today asked President Kennedy to test the "thaw" in American-Soviet relations by intervening to relieve rising anti-Jewish pressures in the USSR.

Rep. Halpern made known in the House that he wrote to Mr. Kennedy today with reference to constantly mounting Soviet anti-Semitism and the opportunity to alleviate the situation because of the "nuclear test ban treaty atmosphere."

Congressman Halpern made it clear that he thought not enough was being done in the free world to challenge anti-Jewish developments in Russia. He said the denial of burial rights indicated "the Soviet authorities have refused to let people live as believers in Judaism; and now they have gone so far as to actually deny Jews the right even to a Jewish burial."

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, stated meanwhile in the Senate that the new discrimination in Russia denied a basic privilege granted Jews "in the darkest periods of the middle ages." He termed the Soviet policy the "cruellest refinement of inhuman persecution that they could devise." The Senator said developments indicated need for a renewal of protests and mustering of world public opinion.

BIBLE READING IN N. Y. SCHOOLS EXPECTED TO BE BANNED BY BOARD TOMORROW

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- New York City's Board of Education, largest public school body in the United States, is expected to vote Wednesday to ban Bible reading in the city's elementary and high schools, as well as to lift a requirement that school children must sing the fourth stanza of "America," which is considered religious because "God" is mentioned twice in that stanza.

Recommendations for the ban on Bible reading and the amendment of the public school rule to make the singing of the "God" stanza of "America" voluntary were made to the Board by Dr. Calvin E. Gross, this city's superintendent of schools. Both recommendations were in line with the Supreme Court ruling of last June, barring Bible reading, and a subsequent ruling by James E. Allen, Jr., New York State Education Commissioner.

Bible reading in New York's public schools has been mandatory in one form or another for 100 years. The use of the fourth stanza of "America" was instituted by a Board of Education order 10 years ago. Dr. Gross recommended that voluntary singing of the stanza, or the singing of any other patriotic song, be permitted. It was deemed certain here that the Board will adopt the superintendent's recommendations.

WORLD CENTER OF EUROPEAN RABBIS PROTESTS FREEING OF AUSTRIAN NAZI

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- A sharp protest against the recent acquittal, after a trial at Graz, Austria, of Franz Murer, former Gestapo chief of the Vilna ghetto accused of the mass murder of Jews there during World War II, was voiced today by the World Center of European Rabbis, many of whom are survivors of the Hitlerian holocaust. The protest was cabled to the Austrian Government in Vienna and also sent to the Austrian Ambassadors in Washington and in other Western capitals.

According to Rabbis Moshe Joseph Rubin and L. Horowitz, respectively president and secretary of the American section of the rabbinical organization, Murer had not only been freed but had also been showered with flowers by Graz residents after his release. The message to the Austrian Government demanded that Murer be retried.

FOUR AMERICAN NAZIS CONVICTED IN PITTSBURGH; TWO SENT TO JAIL

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Four admitted members of the American Nazi Party were convicted today on charges of distributing hate literature and two went to jail when they refused to pay \$10 fines.

David France, 23, and Lyn Giesy, 29, paid the fines under a 1945 city ordinance which bans literature or signs exposing racial or religious groups to hatred. John Patier, 25, and Roy Frankhauser, 24, received the jail terms.

Nazis, Birchers Break Up California Civil Rights Rally in High School

TORRANCE, Calif., Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Torrance city officials said today that members of the American Nazi Party and of the John Birch Society broke up a civil rights forum here. The officials said that six speakers, assembled for a panel discussion in Torrance High School, never had a chance to speak. They were booed, hissed and yelled down by the Nazi and Birch society hecklers who passed out anti-Negro literature linking their campaign to "anti-Communism."

NON-JEWISH SCHOLAR WRITES THESIS ON YIDDISH DIALECTS IN TORONTO

TORONTO, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- A non-Jewish graduate student has submitted the first M.A. thesis dealing with the Yiddish language ever to be completed by a student at the University of Toronto, it was learned here today.

John Knott, a high school teacher engaged in graduate work at the university, calls his dissertation "A Study of the Lithuanian and Polish Dialects of Yiddish as Spoken in Toronto." It is based on interviews with five Yiddish-speaking persons for each of the dialects analyzed. Mr. Knott made sound recordings of his informants' speech patterns.

LIPA LEHRER, YIDDISH WRITER, EDITOR OF CHILDREN'S JOURNAL, DEAD AT 73

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Lipa Lehrer, prominent Yiddish writer and editor of the "Kinder Journal," who died this weekend at the age of 73. Born in Warsaw, and coming to the United States in 1910, Mr. Lehrer had been a leader in Yiddish literature in this country for 40 years. He was one of the founders of the Sholem Aleichem Folk Institute, which conducts Yiddish schools, and head of the Yiddish publishing house of "Matones."

RITES HELD FOR HENRY ROTHMAN, 80; ONE OF FOUNDERS OF UJA IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Henry Rothman, one of the founders of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, and a trustee of Bnai Jeshurun Synagogue, who died last night. He was 80. Mr. Rothman was also active in the affairs of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.