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NEW WAVE OF PANIC GRIPS JEWS IN SYRIA; JEWISH BOY KILLED IN STREET

PARIS, March 4. (JTA) -- A new wave of panic was touched off in Syria among Jews there by an attack against two Jewish youths in which one was killed and the other seriously wounded, it was reported here today by travelers returning from Damascus.

The funeral of the victim, Joseph Chasbani, 17, brought one of the largest Jewish assemblages Damascus has seen in many years, as several hundred Jews accompanied the coffin to the local cemetery and laid wreaths on the tomb. The police made no effort to interfere with the funeral procession, which crossed the city's Jewish quarter.

The assailant, a Moslem, was believed to have a certain immunity from police attention. Despite the fact that he is notorious for his anti-Jewish sentiments and for repeated threats and attacks on Jews in Damascus, no police action had been taken against him.

According to the travelers, the Moslem hooligan attacked Joseph and Itzhak Chasbani on February 19, as they were entering the Jewish quarter on their way back from school. The Moslem rushed at Joseph and stabbed him in the heart. When the 19-year-old Itzhak tried to come to his brother's defense, he was stabbed three times.

As the assailant was dragged from the scene by passersby, he shouted to the crowd: "Aren't you happy that I have killed a Jewish dog?" There was no information on whether he was arrested for the knife attacks.

The impact of the brutal attack is felt in the Damascus Jewish community which suffers from severe anti-Jewish persecutions and serious economic hardships. Jews in Syria are not permitted to go from one quarter to another without special police permission, a restriction which makes it impossible for them to work and support their families.

The last five Jews employed in Syrian banks were discharged last month and have joined the mass of jobless and practically starving Jews. Although the entire community would like to leave Syria, no exit permits have been granted to Syrian Jews, who are being kept captive behind sealed frontiers.

GOLDA MEIR ADDRESSES MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF COMMONS ON ISRAEL PROBLEMS

LONDON, March 4. (JTA) -- "Israel is aware of the problems it faces and is confident it will find ways to solve them; it also knows that only a strong Israel will bring peace in the Middle East closer," Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, declared here today.

Speaking as a guest of the Anglo-Israel Parliamentary group in the House of Commons, she made that point in commenting on the fact that visitors to Israel often are surprised at the optimism and even complacency they find among Israelis. She also said that Israel must find means to strengthen itself in all fields, including schooling and industry.

She discussed the relationship between the Israeli and British peoples, and spoke of Israel's acquisition of loyal friends all over the world. She thanked the group for sympathetic interest in Israel's affairs.

Mrs. Meir, who was accompanied by Ambassador Arthur Lourie, was introduced to the parliamentarians by Gilbert Longden, Member of Parliament, and Sir Frances Evans, president of the Anglo-Israel Association and a former British Ambassador to Israel. Earlier today, she met with members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Conservative Party, at a luncheon given by Ambassador Lourie.

A three-hour meeting yesterday with British Foreign Secretary R.A. Butler, began with a luncheon given by Mr. Butler in Mrs. Meir's honor. Foreign Office sources said that, while no specific items had been set for the talks, the discussion touched on the Middle East, Africa and Cyprus. The talks were described as friendly.

U.S. KEEPS BRITAIN INFORMED ON JOHNSON'S NUCLEAR PROPOSAL TO ISRAEL

LONDON, March 4. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the British Government said in the House of Lords today that Britain had been kept fully informed about details of the proposal by President Johnson for United States-Israel cooperation in the use of nuclear energy for de-salting seawater.

The question was raised by Lord Balfour of Inchrye, who referred to the President's speech at a New York Dinner of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute, announcing the offer. Lord Balfour asked if it was known that the United States was willing to pool its scientific resources for that goal with all countries.

The Earl of Bessborough, the Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister for Science, replied that an expert of the British Water Research Association recently visited Israel and was fully conversant with what was being done in the field; He also noted that President Johnson had referred to the International Atomic Energy Agency at Vienna as the focal point for the pooling of experiences and information on the program. He added that Britain had been represented by two leading experts on the panel convened by the agency for such studies.

BONN STILL STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF RECALLING SCIENTISTS FROM EGYPT

BONN, March 4. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the West German Government said today that the Interior Ministry was still studying the possibility of "recalling" West German scientists working in Arab countries. Israel last year accused the Bonn Government of failing to act to recall scientists accused of working on advanced weapons systems for Egypt.

"We are trying to determine what legal steps are open to us without undertaking constitutional changes," the spokesman said. It was indicated that government officials had determined there was a legal basis for revoking passports of West German citizens abroad who act against the interests of the West German Government or violate its laws.

However, the spokesman explained that if the country in which the individual is working does not deport him after revocation of his passport, there is nothing the West German Government can do without it. The "recall" idea now under study would empower the government to order the citizen to return under penalty of persecution. While this would not necessarily assure that he would do so, the spokesman said, it would probably affect the decision of citizens abroad planning eventually to return to West Germany.

A scientist working in Egypt, for example, would not be affected by a recall law if he had no intention of returning to Germany, the spokesman said. But if he did intend to return, failure to do so on recall by West Germany would subject him to legal action on his eventual return.

ESHKOL ADVOCATES USE OF ZIONIST MOVEMENT AS LINK TO WORLD JEWRY

JERUSALEM, March 4. (JTA) -- A greater emphasis on cultural and educational relations between Israel and the Jewish people throughout the world, through the instrumentalities of the organized Zionist movement, was urged by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol in an address before the Central Committee of the Mapai party. He spoke of the great stake Israel has in the future of diaspora Jewry.

"In the sixteen years of the existence of the State of Israel," he said, "we have had to occupy ourselves primarily with the problems of the immigration and absorption of hundreds of thousands of the masses of persecuted Jews from the countries of distress, a poor downtrodden Jewry needing a home. In our preoccupation with this important effort, we seem to have forgotten the Jews in the free countries of the world. We must turn to them as the only source of power for Israel that is great both spiritually as well as materially.

"There is only one address to which we can turn," Mr. Eshkol stressed. "We must turn to the World Zionist movement, the vital link for Israel and Zionism. Within this framework, we have the opportunity of developing new efforts and activities. This work of furtherance of cultural and fraternal interest in the countries of the Diaspora should be the central interest of our Nation.

"If we sit idly by today, the day will come when we will ask ourselves the question: Why didn't we do something when we could have? Why didn't we worry about tomorrow? We must give the Jewry of the diaspora a chance to fulfill its great opportunity, we must give it the emotional and intellectual stimulus to achieve its destiny."

ISRAEL ASKS GENEVA PARLEY FOR JOINT EFFORT ON WATER SHORTAGE

GENEVA, March 4. (JTA)-- Yitzhak Raphael, Israel's Deputy Health Minister, proposed at the 17th World Health Assembly here today that the World Health Organization call a global conference on mobilization of the world's best scientists for a joint effort to solve the problems of water shortages in many countries.

SÃO PAULO POLICE ORDERED TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR JEWISH BUILDING

SÃO PAULO, Brazil, March 4. (JTA) -- Security police today ordered full protection for all Jewish buildings in São Paulo, including the Israel consulate, in the wake of a series of anti-Semitic attacks during the past weekend.

General Aldevio B. Barbosa de Lemos, head of the security police, promised to take all possible measures to prevent any repetition of the attacks and to find the perpetrators. The Governor of São Paulo, Adhemar de Barros, expressed his support of the Jewish community and said that the attacks had "violated the anti-racist sentiments of the Brazilian people."

The incidents included the planting of a bomb in the Beth Jacob school in São Paulo suburb, which caused considerable damage to the school in a pre-dawn explosion, the firing of eight to ten rounds into a Jewish-owned plant and smearing of anti-Semitic slogans and swastikas on the plant and Jewish schools.

ITALIAN SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS ACQUITTAL OF ANTI-JEWISH EDITOR

ROME, March 4. (JTA) -- The Italian Supreme Court upheld today the acquittal of Judge Giovanni Durando on charges of offending the Jewish religion in a case which developed during the trial of Adolf Eichmann in Jerusalem.

Judge Durando, editor of a weekly periodical, published an article declaring that Jews were "to be considered deicides in action," and "unconscientious and permanent authors of Christ's crucifixion, deprived of the capacity to judge anybody not belonging to their offspring and lacking morality of any value."

A Jewish group whose members constituted themselves as offended plaintiffs joined with a public attorney in bringing the charge against Judge Durando who was acquitted by a lower court. The issue went to the Supreme Court on appeal by the plaintiffs.

Jewish sources said the decision of the Supreme Court paved the way for a bid for legislation to equate the Jewish religion with the state Catholic religion in regard to protecting adherents from contempt for religion. This has been a long-standing goal of Italian Jews. The Supreme Court decision clearly indicated the lack of legislation to deal with public expressions of contempt for Judaism, also evidenced in the acquittal earlier this week of three young neo-Fascists who had been sentenced by a lower court for smearing the Pisa synagogue with swastikas.

In the Supreme Court hearing, Pietro Lia, attorney for the plaintiffs, declared that Judge Durando's comments constituted "obscurantist intolerance worthy of the Middle Ages and apt to stir up hatred and disorder." The defense argued that the issue was a "purely religious dispute" and not meant to refer to Jews as persons. He cited the statement of the late Pope John XXIII that the death of Christ was to be blamed on all mankind. He argued therefore that the offending article was a religious polemic which could not be considered a violation of criminal law.

GERMANY REFUSES TO EXTEND TIME LIMIT FOR PROSECUTION OF NAZIS

KARLSRUHE, March 4. (JTA) -- A proposed extension of the statute of limitations for prosecution of Nazi war crimes was rejected yesterday by West German Justice Minister Ewald Bucher.

The proposal was made last week by the American Jewish Congress in letters to Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Karl Knappstein, West German Ambassador to the United States. The statute is scheduled to become effective in 1965.

The Jewish organization pointed out that earlier statutes of limitations already prevent prosecution for major war crimes other than murder. The new limitations will permanently bar prosecutions for all Nazi war crimes, the organization said.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS SEEKS ACTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

TORONTO, March 4. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress issued an appeal to its constituents today to write or wire to their representatives in Parliament and to the Canadian Minister of Justice for legal safeguards against the distribution of anti-Jewish and anti-Negro material.

The appeal was sent to 700 presidents and secretaries of Jewish men's and women's organizations in the Toronto area and also to communities throughout the Ontario region. Last week the CJC sent a telegram to Justice Minister Guy Favreau stressing that recent distributions of such hate material in Toronto "patently" incited "to genocidal actions."

The CJC asked the Minister to determine the applicability of the Criminal Code section which bars incitement to violent action. Both Minister Favreau and Postmaster General J.R. Nicholson were asked for a meeting on the problem.

OTTAWA MAYOR FAILS TO WIN EXEMPTIONS IN ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW

OTTAWA, March 4. (JTA) -- An effort by Mayor Charlotte Whitton of Ottawa to win exemption of the municipality from some key provisions of the Ontario Anti-Discrimination Law failed today when an Ottawa judge ruled that the city would have to amend its employment application form to comply with the law.

Mayor Whitton had addressed a brief to the Ontario Human Rights Commission arguing that since city employees were required to meet security tests, the city had a right to know their religion, national origin and similar data.

After three hours of closed-door negotiations, Judge J. C. Anderson, acting as a Commissioner, ruled that the city had acknowledged a "technical violation" of the Ontario fair employment law in asking such questions. He also urged that if the city so wished, it could direct a request to the Ontario Legislature for changes in the law's jurisdiction to exempt cities.

The Commission was represented by Charles Dubin. A. A. Borovoy appeared as both complainant and as counsel for the Labor Committee for Human Rights. Murray Height and David Denler, Ottawa councilmen, attended and registered their dissent from the Mayor's views. No witnesses were called because the case was settled without a formal hearing.

CONNECTICUT CHURCHES CONTRIBUTE TO FUND FOR REBUILDING OF SYNAGOGUE

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., March 4. (JTA) -- At least two churches and a number of individual Christians have made gifts to a fund to rebuild an Orthodox synagogue which was severely damaged in a fire last January, Benjamin Lifshitz, president of Congregation Le Chofetz Israel, disclosed today.

He said that both individuals and groups in the Christian community have come forward with pledges to help the congregation reach an initial goal of \$35,000 in a fund drive for reconstruction. Probate Judge Henry J. Gwiazda has been a key figure in the Christian support. He presented a check to the congregation at a meeting which approved plans to rebuild the Holy Ark, replace four Torah scrolls and repair water and fire damage.

One of the local churches offered its premises to the 200-member congregation. However, it was found possible to continue worship in the basement chapel of the 39-year-old synagogue building.

25 JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS CONTRIBUTE FUNDS FOR TREBLINKA MONUMENT

LONDON, March 4. (JTA) -- A national monument at the Treblinka concentration camp, where several hundred thousand Jews were murdered by the Nazis, will be formally unveiled on May 10, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

A meeting of the National Committee for the Monument was told that the sum of 8,000,000 zloti (\$336,000) was contributed by various public bodies for the monument. Members of the committee included Polish military, political and social organizations from all parts of the world. The monument, which is shaped like a mausoleum, carries the following inscription:

"On this site, between July 1942 and August 1943, stood a Hitlerian extermination camp where 800,000 Jews from Poland, the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, France, Belgium, Germany and Greece were done to death. On August 2, 1943, the surviving inmates in the camp revolted. The revolt was ruthlessly and bloodily suppressed by the Hitlerian executioners. Two kilometers from here, the Hitlerites murdered 10,000 people in a forced labor camp."

MOSCOW PUBLISHES ANTHOLOGY OF ISRAELI POETS IN RUSSIAN TRANSLATION

LONDON, March 4. (JTA) -- An anthology of modern Israeli poetry comprising representative works of more than 40 Israeli Hebrew, Yiddish and Arabic poets, has been translated into Russian and published by the Soviet Government Publishing House, it was reported here today from Moscow.

The works, which were translated by various Jewish and non-Jewish translators, include poems by Jacob Fichman, Yehuda Karni, Abraham Shlonsky, Avigdor Hameiri, Nathan Alterman, Leah Goldberg, and others.

U. S. CONSUL GENERAL IN MONTREAL PRESENTED MERIT AWARD BY SYNAGOGUE

MONTREAL, March 4. (JTA) -- Jerome Gaspard, United States Consul General in Montreal, was presented with an Award of Merit by Rabbi Harry J. Stern, at the Temple Emanuel-El's Fellowship Dinner. The citation is awarded to those who have advanced the cause of better understanding between Catholics, Jews and Protestants. Leaders of the three religious communities attended the dinner.