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TWO MORE SYNAGOGUES SET AFIRE IN LONDON; ANTI-JEWISH SLOGANS ON WALLS

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LONDON, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Two more synagogues were set afire and badly damaged in different parts of greater London yesterday. The attacks were the 21st and 22nd of this type in London since last fall, despite the special precautions taken to guard Jewish communal property.

The first of the fires broke out snortly after midnight at the liford synagogue. Firemen found that inflammable liquid had been poured on the edifice. The blaze blew out most of the synagogue's windows, and damaged the floor and much of the woodwork. Scrawled on one of the walls were the slogans "Heil, Hitler!," and "We shall free Britain from Jewish control."

About two hours later, fire blazed in an entirely different section of the city, in a synagogue on Lea Bridge Road, Clapton. The damage here was about the same as in the Jewish house of worship at Hford.

Scotland Yard announced several weeks ago that it was taking special precautions to guard Jewish houses of worship and institutions, and the Government had assured the House of Commons formally that police surveillance is in effect against anti-Semitic outbreaks. The Poard of Deputies of British Jews has been in close contact on the issue with Scotland Yard, and had announced also that Jewish ex-servicemen and women have been alerted. In some synagogues, rabbis have appealed for Jewish young men to form self-defense corps to guard the houses of worship.

BEN-GURION STIPULATES CONDITIONS FOR JOINING CABINET AFTER ELECTIONS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion, the ex-Fremier now campaigning on behalf of his own Israel Labor List in the forthcoming elections to the Knesset (Parliament), said here today, at an election rally, that his faction would be ready to join Israel's next Government providing certain other parties were to be excluded from the next coalition. He named specifically, among the parties he would want excluded, the joint list of Herut and the Liberal Party, and the Communist Party,

Meanwhile, the Mapai Party Secretariat, which Mr. Ben-Gurion is fighting, has referred the move to expel him and his political adherents to the party's Court of Honor. The Secretariat and party leadership had already voted the expulsion. But Reuben Barkatt, secretary of Mapai, said today that, in accordance with strict constitutional provisions, such a step must be decided finally by the Court of Honor. There was little doubt, however, that the Court of Honor would rule for expulsion.

ESHKOL SAYS ISRAEL MUST BE ADEQUATELY ARMED TO MEET NASSER'S THREATS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol said this weekend that Nasser's declarations that Egypt intends to develop new and non-conventional weapons compel us to arm ourselves adequately, especially in the face of the danger of some reckless undertakings upon which Egypt may embark out of despair and loss of prestige."

Addressing an Israeli paratroop exhibition at Ramat Gan, the Premier noted that "Israel's enemies are receiving arms in virtually unlimited quantities," Asserting that "Nasser insists that war with Israel is inevitable, "Mr. Eshkol said that the Egyptians leader's "threats are accompanied by military preparations which we cannot ignore."

He did not elaborate on the types of non-conventional weapons developed in Egypt. However, an indication of the type of military-material Egypt may receive was given by Israel's former Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres this weekend. Addressing a political rally at Petach Tikven, he said "China is knocking at Egypt's gate and may supply Nasser with even more and newer types of weapons, beyond the arms already flowing into Egypt." As the former highest civilian official in the Defense Ministry, next to the Premier, Mr. Peres also pointed proudly to the development of Israel's atomic reactor

at Dimona, which is being used for the development of nuclear power for peaceful purposes. He noted that Dimona "has placed Israel on the world's "political-technological man."

Egypt Reported Having Trouble With Jet Program and Nuclear Project

LONDON, Aug; 1. (JTA) -- Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser is naving trouble, much of it financial, in developing further his pet propulsion program and his plans for building an atomic reactor, dispatences received here today from Gairo indicated. Both the jet program and the nuclear reactor project are parts of the Nasser plant to develop sophisticated weapons designed, ultimately, for aggression against Israel;

On the jet propulsion program, which is reported to be in a "state of anarchy" now, the difficulty revolves about 200 German scientists and technicians who were reported ready to leave Cairo and return to Germany, because they had not received their salaries recently and were not sure they would get their money soon.

On the atomic front, the Cairo reports indicated that Nasser was having trouble raising about \$70,000,000 he needs to build a nuclear reactor that would also provide facilities for desalination of seawater; That plant was scheduled to be built near Alexandria.

GERMANS SHOW CONCERN OVER DEMONSTRATIONS IN ISRAEL AGAINST BONN ENVO

BONN, Aug. 1: (ITA) -- The Rev. Heinrich Grueber, the Lutheran clergyman noted for his anti-Nazi activities during the war, and the only German called by the Israeli prosecution to testify at the trial of the late Adolf Eichmann, appealed today for a cessation of the demonstrations that have been staged in Israel against the acceptance of Dr. Rolf Pauls as West Germany's first Ambassador-designate to Israel.

In a letter to Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Rev. Grueber appealed to her to try to see to it that "the demonstrations cease, since they are prejudicing Israel's own interests and the work of Israel's friends in Germany;" At the same time, the 73-year-old clergyman, whom the Nazis deported to a concentration camp for naving rescued Jewish children, sent a similar appeal to the Association of Former Concentration Camp Inmates in Israel; He offered to come to Israel "to discuss this matter, not as a representative of the German Federal Government but as an old camp comrade,"

(In Jerusalem, meanwhile, another demonstration was staged, demanding that the Israel Government reconsider its acceptance of Dr. Pauls as Germany's Ambassador-designate. Participating in the demonstration were members of organizations composed of former partisans, ghetto fighters, concentration camp inmates and survivors injured by the Nazis. "We who defended the nonor of our people," the organizers of the joint demonstration told the Israel Government, "speaking in the name of the six million who died in the holocaust, will never accept this desceration of Israel's honor." The principal objection to Dr. Pauls is due to the fact that he was an officer in the German army during the Hitler regime.)

Rev. Grueber's appeals against the demonstrations illustrated growing West German concern about the kind of reception Dr. Pauls may receive in Tel Aviv when he arrives there to take up his post, about the middle of this month. The No. 2 man designated for his mission, Alexander Toeroek, is scheduled to go to Tel Aviv this week to make advance arrangements for the housing of the new German Embassy there. He will also make the initial, formal contacts with the Israeli officials regarding the mission's plans.

MOSCOW REPORTED INCREASINGLY SENSITIVE TO FOREIGN CRITICISM ON JEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 1: (JTA) -- "The Status of Jewish life in the Soviet Union these days is neither clear cut nor capable of generalization," the New York Times reports today in a cable from Moscow analyzing the Jewish situation there,

"Jewish organizations overseas can cite individual examples to back up their chargeo 'persecution' and 'cultural genocide,' the cable says, "The Soviet Government can -- and does -- cite other instances to argue that these complaints are unjustified. The most significant development for Soviet Jewry in recent months has been just this: An increasing sensitivity on the part of Soviet authorities to foreign criticism and consequent eagerness to reply,"

The Moscow correspondent emphasizes that "the Soviet Union is clearly on the defensive about its 2-1/2 million Jews and observers are willing to give foreign pressures much of the credit: Whether this sensitivity will result in a more liberal treatment of the Jewish population, over a long term remains to be seen,"

PROTESTANT CHURCH CHARGED WITH INDIFFERENCE TO NAZI KILLING OF JEWS

COLOGNE, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- One of West Germany's leading Protestant theologians, Prof. Helmut Collwitzer, last night sharply attacked German Protestantism for failing, during the Hitler era, to oppose the "German plan to annihilate the House of Israel and kill its Jows."

Addressing the Congress of Churches being held here, with 15,000 lay and clerical delegates representing every Protestant denomination and community in the country, Prof. Gollwitzer said: "Not only the German people, but the churches themselves were thoroughly at fault during the time of the Third Reich. Neither the Protestant churches, nor the people, openly expressed their solidarity with the Jewish people. God Himself will forever be disgusted with the Christians, should they tolerate another Jewish massacra!"

Other delegates and guest speakers criticized German industry and the German Government for not being sufficiently interested in strengthening Israel's economy. One of the guest speakers, Dr. Ludwig Erlich, of Switzerland, attacked German industry for its "close contacts with the Arab world" and called such contacts "a sign that German industry once again wants to enrich itself on Jewish blood.

Dr. Christoph Freiherr von Imhoff, a theologican from Dusseldorf, criticized the Government's Middle East policy, saying: "We deliver arms to one party or the other party. This is not the way for Germany to develop its prestige. The real German policy should consist of actively helping Israel's economic development,"

The congress is the largest Protestant gathering held in this country since the war. Throughout its proceedings, begun last week, the heavily-attended parley seemed to want to prove that German Protestants and other religious circles in this country are among the staunchest friends of Israel and of the Jewish people in general.

SON OF NAZI ARRESTED IN BAMBERG AS SMEARER OF ANTI-JEWISH SLOGANS

BAMBERG, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- A 20-year old unemployed dental technician, whose father had served a long sentence in a Polish prison as a Nazi war criminal and died a year ago, was arrested here this weekend as the perpetrator of the series of swastikasmearings and Jewish cemetery desecrations that have rocked West Cermany since the middle of June and have given rise to fears that a new underground Nazi organization was again at work in this country.

The youth, remanded for trial in Juvenile Court here, is Richard Woitzik, His father had been a member of the SS, Hitler's elite guard. Various traces he had left at the scenes of his swastika daubings, including fingerprints and snoeprints, led investigators to the home of Woitzik's mother, where he was apprehended. The local police chief said: "We hope the matter is ended now." He added, however, that there are still suspicions that Woitzik may have been aided by others, and the probe of the existence of a possible, broader anti-Semitic group is still continuing.

Police said they found at Woitzik's nome portraits of Hitler, clipped from a book about Nazism, slogans like "Hitler Was Right," which had appeared alongside many of the swastikas, and other pro-Nazi materials. The Bamberg incidents touched off a spate of similar swastika-daubings in various parts of West Germany. One of the problems facing investigators now is to determine whether the manifestations outside Bamberg had been stimulated by the acts in Bamberg, or may have been carried out by a group linked in some way to Woitzik.

The swastika plague started on the night of June 13, when several of the smearings of the Nazi symbol were found in Bamberg. The next day, it was discovered that 23 tombstones in the Jewish cemetery here had been engraved with the swastika and overturned. The incidents were considered so grave that Chancellor Ludwig Erhard came here to deliver an address denouncing the resurgence of anti-Semitism. A large mass meeting, addressed by the Mayor, was held at the Jewish cemetery, condemning anti-Semitism. Residents of Bamberg, where there are very few Jews, posted a \$5,000 reward for the capture of the anti-Semites responsible. The city has voted to pay the cost of repairing the Jewish cemetery, expected to total about \$5,000.

PROTESTS OVER SWASTIKA ON NEW BRITISH STAMP TO BE VOICED IN PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Three members of Parliament, two in the House of Commons and one in the House of Lords, announced they will formally protest in their respective chambers this week against circulation of a new postage stamp showing the swastika, scheduled for release in September. All three will demand that the Postmaster General, Anthony Wedgwood-Benn, have the stamp redesigned or withdraw it from circulation:

CARDINAL IN CHILE ADDRESSES AUDIENCE IN SANTIAGO'S LARGEST SYNAGOGUE

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- Raul Cardinal Silva Henriquez, Archbishop of Santiago, addressed a capacity audience in the largest synagogue here, this weekend, He lectured on the thempo of "respect for the individual in the Old Testament," and asserted that, at this time, on the eve of the fourth session of the Ecumenical Council to be convened at the Vatican in September, the Catholic Church is conscious of the thought that "all men have bonds to the people of God!"

Considered throughout Latin America as one of the foremost progressives in the Catholic Church, Cardinal Henriques thus pointed up his continued interest in having the Ecumenical Council adopt definitively the Declaration on Relations with Non-Christians, passed by the Council's last session, last winter; That declaration would repudiate once and for all the charges of dedicide against the Jewish people, and would denounce anti-Semitism; Cardinal Henriquez cooperated with the late Pope John XXIII in the Vatican's move to absolve the Jews of the decide accuration:

The prelate's address, in the B'ne Israel Synagogue, attracted wide attention nere. He had been invited to deliver the lecture by the recently-formed Committee of Christian-Jewish Fraternity, headed by a Jew, Gil Sinay. Co-sponsoring the events were virtually all leading Jewish organizations here, including the Temple B'ne Israel congregation, the Jewish Community of Chile and the local section of the Women's International Zionist Organization. Mr. Sinay is the president of United Hias Service in Chile.

The Cardinal's address was greeted by the large audience with an enthusiastic standing ovation. The leading Chilean newspapers featured reports of the address as an outstanding example of fraternal Christian-Jewish relations in this country. The Cardinal explained his appearance in a synagogue by declaring:

"For a better understanding of my attitude, it should be remembered that the thought of the Catholic Church at this moment of the Council is one of broad understanding for human values. For all men have bonds to the people of God and, in the first place certainly, the people who were entrusted with the divine alliances and promises and of whom Christ was born in the flesh,"

ZENITH RADIO CORPORATION TO PARTICIPATE IN \$3,000,000 PLANT IN ISRAEL

CHICAGO, Aug. 1 (JTA) -- The Zenith Radio Corporation of Chicago signed an agreement this weekend to participate in erection of a \$3,000,000 plant in Israel to manufacture radios, television sets, and other electronic goods. The agreement was signed in Chicago by William Robinson, an industrialist, and representatives of the Zenith firm.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by Israeli Economic Minister Nahum Shamir and Yehuda Gill, director of the Israeli Investment Authority in the United States, Zen-th will invest 25 percent of the cash required for the new plant and all the know-how required. The president and vice-president of Zenith will be members of the board of directors of the Israeli plant. The agreement is subject to approval by the government of Israel.

MONUMENT UNVEILED FOR JABOTINSKY AND WIFE AT GRAVES IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- A monument erected over the graves of the late Zionist Revisionist leader Zeev Jabotinsky and his wife Joanna was unveiled atop Mount Herzl here this weekend on the first anniversary of the Jabotinskys' reinterrment in Israel. The unveiling took place at a ceremony attended by leaders of the Revisionist movement; Jerusalem Mayor Mordecai Isn-Shalom; Deputy President of the Israel Supreme Court S. Agranat; Ariyen Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and other prominent government and military figures.

A color guard bearing the flags of the various affiliates of the Revisionist movement opened the ceremony and was followed by 16 veterans of the movement's civilian and fighting branches who formed a guard of honor. Jabotinsky's only son Professor Erie Jabotinsky removed the blue and white drape from the monument and the late Zionist vision-ary's three grandchildren lit the memorial flame in front of the tomb

HISTADRUT IN ISRAEL TO NAME PLOT OF LAND AFTER THE LATE LOUIS SEGAL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 1: (JTA) -- The Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, has decided to honor the name of the late American Labor-Zionist lader Louis Segal by naming a plot of land in Kibbutz Ef Al near B'nei B'rea after him.

This site of land to be named in Mr. Segal's memory will be used for the erection of apartments to house pensioners from both Israel and abroad. Mr. Segal was a member of the Jewish Agency executive and secretary general of the Farband Labor Zionist Order in the United States.