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ARMED CLASH BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL; FOUR KILLED, TWO WOUNDED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12: (JTA) -- An Arab woman and three young Arab girls, all Bedouins, were killed on Israel's side of the Syrian border today when Syrian machine-guns and tank weapons opened fire against an Israeli tractor team ploughing on a farm northeast of Almagor. Two Israeli soldiers were wounded seriously in the exchange of shots when Israeli patrols came to the rescue of the farmers, returning the Syrian fire.

A spokesman for the Syrian army, reporting the incident over the Damascus radio, said tonight that the battle lasted three hours, and claimed that the Israelis had directed their artillery at a Syrian water diversion project and at Syrian installations. Israel's army spokesmen said here that three Syrian tanks were destroyed in the exchange. The firing was halted after United Nations military observers arranged a cease-fire.

BONN CHANCELLOR SAYS 'NEW PAGE' OPENED IN GERMAN-ISRAEL RELATIONS

BONN, Aug. 12: (JTA) -- Chancellor Ludwig Erhard and Opposition leader Fritz Erler declared today that the arrival of West German Ambassador Rolf Pauls in Israel and Israeli Ambassador Asher Ben-Nathan in Bonn opened "a new page in relations between the two countries."

Speaking at an election meeting in Neumunster, Chancellor Erhard said the exchange was a "step forward" in political relations between the two governments. "I wish the first German Ambassador in Israel success in his mission for the benefit of both the Israeli and German nations," he added.

Dr. Erler, who is the shadow Cabinet Foreign Minister of the Social Democratic Party, declared in a special SPD communique that the exchange of envoys was "one of the major postwar political developments." He added that this step should not be an end in itself, but that both countries should continue to work for an improvement in relations, particularly among their younger generations.

The entire West German press, radio and television networks welcomed the event. One broadcaster declared that "the entire German nation heaved a sigh of relief as the news came in Wednesday evening and Thursday morning of the uneventful arrival in Israel of Dr. Pauls." Radio and television networks interrupted programs last night to announce the envoy's safe arrival, and indicated they saw in this a significant and welcome omen for improvement of relations between the two countries.

German Envoy in Israel Visits Memorial for Nazi-Killed Jews

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12: (JTA) -- Dr. Rolf Pauls, West Germany's first Ambassador to Israel, chose to visit today on his second day in Israel the Yad Vashem, the memorial shrine to the six million European Jews slaughtered by the Nazis during World War II. He called the visit "one of the most moving hours in my life."

Dr. A. Tennen, of the Remembrance Authority staff, conducted Dr. Pauls on the tour. As the envoy examined the photographs and other documents of the Nazi genocide, he became more grave from minute to minute. He listened in almost complete silence to Dr. Tennen's explanations of the grisly records.

Ending the 30-minute tour, he was asked for comment and replied, "I cannot find words to express my feelings." He then said he was "extremely grateful for having been received here." Later he remarked that the Yad Vashem was "a place which as many human beings as possible should see, especially Germans. I will try to contact your organization for arranging such visits and I myself will be here again."

When the envoy and his entourage emerged, along with security guards, from his car at the Yad Vashem entrance, they were greeted by a lone demonstrator. She was Bronka Klibanski, a survivor of the Bialystok Ghetto Uprising against the Nazis. She walked to the top of the mountain where memorial torches are lighted yearly for the holo-

caust victims. Then she went to the door leading to the "Memorial Tent" dedicated to survivors of the Nazi death camps. At each point, she said quietly but audibly, both in Hebrew and in German, "Pauls, go home."

The envoy visited the memorial after making his first formal visit to the Foreign Ministry office, where he was received by Director General Arie Levavi and Protocol Chief Yehuda Gaulan. Dr. Pauls will present a copy of his credentials next week to Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, and the credentials to President Shazar later in the week.

THREE ISRAELIS HELD BY EGYPTIANS; HANDED OVER BY U.N. MILITARY MEN

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Israeli officials reported today that three Israelis have been held since Saturday by Egyptians in the Gaza Strip, after they lost their way near a border post. They were handed over to the Egyptians by United Nations Emergency Force officials.

The three are David Hanuka, 40; his son, Shmuel, 13; and a neighbor, Obed Meir, 23. They had gone to search for supplies and watermelons, and became lost near the Erez border post. Three Arab farmers beckoned them to approach and they left their truck and started toward the farmers.

A routine UNEF patrol appeared at that moment and the Arabs ran away. The UN soldiers loaded the three Israelis into their vehicle and handed them over to Egyptian authorities in Gaza. Israel asked the United Nations officials to act promptly to have the three returned as quickly as possible.

NATIONWIDE STRIKE OF NURSES ENDS IN HISTADRUT MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- A nationwide three-day strike of nurses and administrative staff members of Kupat Holim, the sick fund of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, was ended today after Histadrut officials promised that the demands of the strikers would get swift consideration.

The Histadrut reported today that the number of persons eligible to vote in the Histadrut elections on September 19 was 835,000.

HERUT TRADE UNION WORKERS HOLD CONVENTION; REPORT 81,000 MEMBERSHIP

TIBERIAS, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The tenth national convention of the National Workers Trade Union, the labor affiliate of the rightwing Herut Party, opened here last night, with 177 delegates representing 81,000 members attending.

Secretary-General Eliezer Shostak presented a report on labor and wage problems, mandatory arbitrations on disputes in essential national services and national health insurance problems; Labor Minister Yigal Allon and Herut party leader Menahem Beigin also spoke. The convention will end tomorrow.

NEW INDUSTRIAL PLANTS PLANNED FOR BEERSHEBA, MINISTER REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Eight industrial plants which will provide jobs for 1,000 workers are in the advanced planning stage for commerce and industry in Beersheba, Haim Zadok, Minister of Commerce and Industry, reported today in Beersheba.

He said that the new enterprises are in the fields of textiles, printing, furniture and metalwork. Mr. Zadok, who participated in a meeting of the Beersheba Municipal Council, said his Ministry would judge any projected enterprise on its merits, and not give preference to enterprises sponsored by Histadrut, Israel's labor federation.

A school for watchmaking in Jerusalem with teachers and technical material to be provided by Switzerland will be started soon. Jean de Stoutz, the Swiss Ambassador to Israel, disclosed today. Location of the school and the construction will be handled by the Israel Labor Ministry. Graduates of the proposed three-year course will be given diplomas as qualified watchmakers.

SILVER TORAH CROWNS DISAPPEAR FROM TOMB OF KING DAVID IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Police opened an investigation today into the mysterious disappearance of two large silver Torah Crowns from the tomb of King David on Mount Zion in Jerusalem. The Torah Crowns, which were found missing after Tisha B'av services last Sunday, are the biggest and most valuable of the 17 usually adorning the Torah Scrolls of the Tomb.

This is the first time in Israel that anything has been stolen from the tomb of King David. A wide search for the stolen crowns has been initiated by the police authorities.

SENATE CONFIRMS NOMINATION OF FORTAS TO SUPREME COURT JUDGESHIP

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12: (JTA) -- The Senate yesterday confirmed President Johnson's nomination of Abe Fortas, prominent Washington Jewish attorney, to the post of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Confirmation came on a voice vote after three members of the upper house, all of them Republicans, had expressed some criticisms against the nomination of Mr. Fortas. He succeeds Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, now the chief United States delegate to the United Nations.

HADASSAH CONVENTION OPENS SUNDAY IN NEW YORK; 2,500 DELEGATES ATTENDING

NEW YORK, Aug. 12: (JTA) -- More than 2,500 delegates representing 318,000 members in 1,320 chapters and groups in the United States will gather here this weekend to participate in the 51st national convention of Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization of America, which will open Sunday, Mrs. Mortimer Jacobsen, president of Hadassah, announced here today.

A feature of the parley Sunday night will be the presentation to Hadassah of a special citation from William V. S. Tubman, president of Liberia, for Hadassah's projects in Liberia which aid that country's expansion of public health and medical services. The citation will be presented to Mrs. Jacobson by Martinus Johnson, charge d'affaires of the Liberian mission to the United States.

Another highlight of the convention will be an address by Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey, Tuesday night. He will receive Hadassah's Henrietta Szold Award in recognition of his contributions to overseas medical research and the advancement of health standards for all people -- major goals of Hadassah.

National leaders of Hadassah today gathered at the home of Mrs. Samuel J. Rosensohn here to pay tribute to her on the occasion of her 80th birthday. Mrs. Rosensohn is a former national president of Hadassah and also had served as the organization's national treasurer for 10 years. She has been a member of Hadassah's national board for more than 25 years.

F.C.C. APPROVES SAFEGUARDS SOUGHT BY J.T.A. FOR ITS NEWS TRANSMISSION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12: (JTA) -- Safeguards sought by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency for its basic international news transmission system were incorporated by the Federal Communications Commission in its order permitting the merger of Press Wireless, Inc., into ITT World Communications, Inc., a study of the Commission's Memorandum Opinion and Order established today.

JTA had intervened with the FCC in the merger proceedings because of its extensive use of Press Wireless facilities. JTA had asked the FCC to make it a condition of its approval of the merger that ITT World Communications be obliged to maintain the special press services now uniquely provided by Press Wireless. These services have not been available from any other carrier.

The FCC order made approval of the merger subject to ITT agreement not to discontinue any of the press services now offered by Press Wireless without first giving users of the service the opportunity to protest. In the event of a protest, discontinuance of service could not take place unless and until authorized by the Commission.

The JTA intervention with the FCC was supported by the American Newspaper Publishers Association (ANPA). In its memorandum, the FCC noted that "the ANPA echoed the sentiments of the JTA in urging that, if as the application indicates, PREWI will become a division of ITT, we condition our grant to provide for the retention of the existing specialized press services now offered by PREWI."

Elsewhere in the statement, the FCC expressed "complete agreement" with the position taken by JTA and the ANPA "on behalf of themselves and other news gathering agencies, both large and small." The FCC, in accepting the JTA position held that "it would not be in the public interest to permit ITT to acquire PREWI as a going concern and then permit it to make a unilateral decision to cease offering services to the press agencies, particularly the smaller agencies, which they require in order to continue to provide a useful and economical service to their customers."

CANADIAN NEO-NAZI SPENDS MONTH IN TORONTO JAIL; CANNOT RAISE BAIL

TORONTO, Aug. 12: (JTA) -- Charles Thompson, 28, a self-styled Pentecostal minister who says he is the "Christian advisor" to the Canadian Nazi Party, completed a month in jail today, still unable to raise bail. He was arrested exactly a month ago on a charge of public mischief. The public prosecutor told the court that Thompson must post \$500 cash or property before his release because there is every reason to believe he would leave the city if he were to be released without such bail.

AMERICAN-ISRAEL CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED BY HISTADRUT

NEW YORK, Aug. 12: (JTA) -- An extensive cultural exchange program embracing faculties and graduate students of American universities and laymen concerned with social problems was announced here Thursday at a luncheon presided over by Dr. Sol Stein, executive director of the Israel Histadrut Campaign.

The program will be carried out under an agreement reached between the Histadrut's department for higher education in Israel and the American Histadrut Cultural Exchange Institute. The chief negotiators of the agreement were Yeshayahu Avrech, head of Histadrut's department for higher education and Dr. Judd L. Teller, executive vice-chairman of the Institute, which was founded by the Israel Histadrut Campaign.

In outlining the major points of the program, Dr. Teller said they include the acceleration of the seminars and academic conferences the Institute has been sponsoring jointly with American colleges and universities to elucidate social problems confronting both Israel and the United States. Similar conferences, attended by Americans will be held periodically in Israel under the joint sponsorship of Histadrut and Israeli academic institutions, he stated.

Joint research projects and publications by Histadrut and the Institute are also included in the program, which will enlist teams of American and Israeli scholars. Resident fellowships in Israel for American graduate students in the social sciences will be offered by the Institute. A committee of American and Israeli scholars will screen the applicants.

The overall program negotiated by Histadrut's department for higher education and the American Histadrut Cultural Exchange Institute is directed at a non-sectarian audience. A special program has also been formulated to deepen understanding of Israel among American Jewish intellectuals, and understanding of Jewish life in the Diaspora by Israeli youth. Religious leaders will be prominently involved in this activity. The Institute has established local chapters of academicians and laymen in major American cities, it was reported at the press luncheon.

'EVERY FRIDAY,' JEWISH WEEKLY IN CINCINNATI, CLOSES; EXISTED 38 YEARS

CINCINNATI, Aug. 12: (JTA) -- Samuel M. Schmidt, founder and editor of Every Friday, the Anglo-Jewish weekly he has been publishing here for 38 years, announced today that he is discontinuing the publication of the newspaper. The first issue of Every Friday was dated September 23, 1927. The final issue is dated August 13, 1965.

The announcement was made by Mr. Schmidt in a front-page editorial, accompanied by a facsimile of part of Page One of the first issue. The editorial noted that Mr. Schmidt, who is 82, has found it difficult due to his health to continue publication of the newspaper, which has been a labor of love for him. Competition in the field has also been a factor, the editorial indicated.

Mr. Schmidt has been secretary of the Bureau of Jewish Education here 25 years. His newspaper reflected broad community interest in Jewish education, Zionism, Orthodoxy and firm support for the Jewish Welfare Fund here. A final, farewell article by him paid tribute to his late wife, Mrs. Esther Ida Schmidt, who "provided the needed inspiration and encouragement, without which I would never have been able to make the grade."

\$150,000 SYNAGOGUE DEDICATED IN ISRAEL; BUILT BY U.S. JEWISH FAMILIES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12: (JTA) -- The \$150,000 Anna Lazaroff Synagogue of the Lubavitcher Vocational Schools in Kfar Chabad, created with contributions from a number of American Jewish families, was dedicated today. The main sanctuary was donated by Mrs. Lazaroff's children, Mrs. Emma Schaver, of Detroit; Alan and Isidore Lazaroff and Mrs. Tenenbaum, of Los Angeles; Aaron Lazaroff, of San Diego; and Morris Lazaroff, of St. Louis.

The auditorium was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ferkauf, of New York, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Isidore and Rose Silverman. The library was donated by the Borman brothers, of Detroit. The Beth Hamidrash was provided by the Marantz family, of Los Angeles. The schools are maintained by the educational arm of the Hassidic movement, which has headquarters in New York City.

MRS. ARTHUR LEHMAN, NOTED JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, DIES IN NEW YORK

PURCHASE, N.Y., Aug. 12: (JTA) -- Mrs. Arthur Lehman, for many years honorary chairman of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, and a founder and leader of the Federation's Women's Division, died here yesterday. She was 83.

Mrs. Lehman's husband, Arthur, was a brother of the late Gov. Herbert H. Lehman and of the late Irving Lehman, judge on the New York State Court of Appeals.