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SYRIA ATTACKS ISRAELI VESSEL; ISRAEL SHOTS DOWN TWO SYRIAN JETS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Israel today shot down two Syrian jet fighters and blew up some fortifications well inside Syrian territory after Syria started a miniature war by shelling Israeli Coast Guard vessels accompanying fishing boats on Lake Tiberias, a body of water entirely within Israeli jurisdiction.

In the exchange of firing, which lasted from about 5 o'clock this morning until Syria accepted a United Nations cease-fire proposal at 1:30 p.m., Israel suffered five wounded, none of them, however, was very seriously injured. (A radio broadcast from Damascus, capital of Syria, claimed that three Israeli gunboats were destroyed and eight others set afire on Lake Tiberias. Israeli army spokesmen shrugged off that report as a fabrication.)

The action started at about 5 a.m. when a flotilla of Israeli fishing boats started operating on Lake Tiberias under the protection of Coast Guard cutters and speedboats. Syrian gun posts located at Massaoudyie started shelling one of the Coast Guard vessels which had become stuck on some reefs in the lake, not far from the shore nearest Syria. The Syrians used recoilless Loretta guns placed in their fortified positions, and soon wounded two Israelis.

Israel sent speedboats to take the wounded off the stranded vessel, and immediately asked the United Nations military observers in the area to order a cease-fire so that the wounded could be evacuated. By 6 a.m., while the rescue operations were still under way, and after a total of five Israelis had been wounded by the shelling, Syria sent four MIGs into the air to harass the ships and the rescuers. Israel then replied by sending its own air force up to repel the Syrian jets.

The first hit on a Syrian airplane, a MIG-17, was scored by anti-aircraft guns aboard the stranded Israeli Coast Guard cutter. The craft was seen falling into Lake Tiberias, and the pilot could not be seen swimming away from his downed ship. Israel started immediate operations to try to rescue the pilot, but he was believed drowned.

A second of the Syrian planes, a MIG-21, was chased by an Israeli jet fighter well into Syrian territory. The Israeli reported that he sent the MIG-21 plunging downward at a point about 25 miles inside Syria. The two remaining Syrian aircraft disappeared in the direction of their Syrian bases.

Israeli Planes Silence Syrian Batteries within 10 Minutes

Meanwhile, Gen. Itzhak Rabin, chief of staff of Israel's fighting forces, ordered the Israeli planes to pursue the search for the Syrian attackers as far as the fortified position at or near Massaoudyie. The Israeli planes fired at the Syrian posts, silencing the Syrian batteries.

The air operation to silence the gun posts inside Syria took about 10 minutes. Israel pointed out that the posts were forts, far from any civilian dwellings. The United Nations Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission received Israel's full acceptance of a cease-fire offer by 10:30 a.m. But it was not until three hours later that Syria agreed to halt all firing.

Israel considered today's aggression as the most serious in the explosive Syrian border area in many years. Gen. Rabin held a press conference at Tel Aviv within a few hours after the complete cease-fire went into effect, and told the press that he had ordered the Israeli Air Force to fight back against the Syrian aggressions, and to follow through by attacking its "sanctuary" inside Syrian territory. "Israel's air strike was necessary," he said, "to save personnel aboard the vessels, which had been shelled by Syrian batteries."

Israelis were particularly resentful because the sea was calm and the atmosphere clear when the Syrians started their attacks. Later, when rescue operations were under way, the Israelis said, the Syrians deliberately fired upon small ships obviously being used for rescue only or by Israeli newspapermen who had come up from Tel Aviv to report the operations. In pursuing rescuers, it was charged, the Syrians used machineguns and rockets.

Both Israel and Syria filed complaints with the U.N. Mixed Armistice Commission, each accusing the other side of aggression.

FIRST 1,000 TORAH'S FROM RUMANIA - TO ARRIVE IN ISRAEL THIS WEEK

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The first shipment of 1,000 torah scrolls out of a total of 2,500 that the Rumanian Government are allowing to be shipped to Israel, is expected here this weekend and will be immediately distributed to Israel's synagogues, according to an announcement today by Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, Israel's Minister for Religious Affairs.

At a press conference here Dr. Warhaftig said today that special attention would be given to ensure that the scrolls were distributed to congregations consisting of immigrants from Rumania. The scrolls were rescued after the Second World War and permission for them to be given as gifts to Israel was secured from the Bucharest Government by Dr. Moses Rosen, chief rabbi of Rumania.

Dr. Warhaftig returned yesterday from Vienna where he conferred with Dr. Rosen and Charles Jordan, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, on the assignment of the first shipment. At today's press conference, Dr. Warhaftig said that the second delivery of 1,500 scrolls is expected within a few weeks.

He reported that the Rumanian Government had rejected lucrative offers from Jewish book dealers in favor of giving the scrolls and Jewish religious books to Israel. According to the Israel Minister, the Rumanian officials told the merchants: "We are unprepared to trade with holy books." Dr. Rosen, together with other Jewish authorities, is now collecting additional scrolls and books in Rumania for eventual shipment to Israel.

STATE DEPT. SAYS CARGO CONFISCATED BY EGYPT WAS BRITISH-OWNED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The State Department today reported that an investigation of the Egyptian seizure of American-manufactured trucks and excavation equipment disclosed that the cargo was British-owned. The Egyptians confiscated the cargo on the allegation that it was destined for Israel.

State Department officials said they considered the case closed "as far as we are concerned." They investigated because the equipment was made in America. The probe showed that the goods, valued at \$100,000 were confiscated from a Dutch ship in the Suez Canal. The cargo was loaded in Somalia destined for Ghent, Belgium, for reconditioning.

BRITAIN TO TOLERATE ARAB BOYCOTT OF FIRMS DEALING WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The British Board of Trade told Parliament today that the Government plans no action to counteract the Arab boycott against firms in this country blacklisted for alleged dealing with Israel.

George H. Perry, a Labor member of the House of Commons, asked what representations the Board of Trade had received from firms in this country who do business with firms in Israel, and wanted to know what the Government was doing about such representations. In a written reply, Douglas Jay, a president of the Board of Trade, stated that he had sent no communication on the issue to the Arab League, and added:

"I have received representations from several members of Parliament on behalf of one firm already on the blacklist. In reply, I have reaffirmed Her Majesty's Government's strong disapproval of any outside interference with the freedom of British firms to trade. It is for each firm to decide on its attitude to the boycott in the light of its own commercial interests."

ROCKWELL SEEKS TO INJECT AMERICAN NAZI PARTY IN NEGRO-WHITE RIFT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Federal law enforcement officials today noted an announcement issued here by George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party, in the wake of yesterday's disturbances in Chicago, pertaining to Rockwell's intention to lead a massive march of white segregationists into the Negro neighborhoods of Chicago.

Rockwell said here that "thousands of white Chicagoans" have expressed desire to march under the Nazi emblem into the Negro section of Chicago and he will be at the head of the column. He said the mood in Chicago was now receptive to Nazi leadership of anti-Negro demonstrations and indicated that Nazis from throughout the nation are converging on that troubled city.

In Chicago today Miss Erica Himmler, secretary of the Nazi midwest office, told newsmen that arrangements are being made for a huge, Nazi-led white march into Negro neighborhoods. The march is being promoted under a slogan to appeal to non-Nazis: "You don't have to be a Nazi or even agree with the Nazis to join. The only uniform is a white skin." In Washington, Rockwell stated that he would carry the issue to the Negroes and exercise his Constitutional right to demand that they go "back to Africa."

FEAR OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN ARGENTINA IS SUBJECTIVE, JEWISH LEADER SAYS

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- There is fear of anti-Semitism in the Argentine Jewish community but it cannot be attributed to anything concrete, Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, president of DAIA, the Jewish community's central representative body, said here today.

Dr. Goldenberg was asked, in an interview in the daily newspaper, Correo de la Tarde, whether the DAIA had received from its members any charges of anti-Semitism since the new Government was formed here. Replying that no charges of that kind had been received, he was asked whether there was fear in the Jewish community. Dr. Goldenberg answered: "Yes, indeed. I perceive it but I cannot attribute it to anything concrete, only to something environmental, subjective."

The Buenos Aires Herald, only English-language daily newspaper in this country, declared today that "smear campaigns about the Government being infiltrated by anti-Semitic neo-Fascists are sweeping and dubious."

Patricio Errecalde Pueyrredon, the leader of the ultra-rightwing Tacuara group banned by the regime of former President Illia, who was received recently by Enrique Martinez, Interior Minister in the present regime of President Onganía, said here today that his organization was not anti-Semitic.

Replying to questions in an interview published in the weekly, Confirmado, the Tacuara leader denied that his group was anti-Semitic and said that "for us all men are equal before God." He added, however, that "insofar as the international situation makes of Israel a base of imperialism with Zionism one of its tentacles, we are mortally and bloodily anti-Zionist." He claimed in the interview that Tacuara had some Jews among its membership.

INTERFAITH PARLEY IN LONDON CALLS FOR BETTER RELATIONS WITH JEWS

LONDON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A Christian-Jewish "consultation" held by 70 Protestants, Catholics and Jews at Newnham College of Cambridge University called upon both Catholics and Protestants today to follow through on the decisions to improve Christian-Jewish relations.

The participants in the week-long parley called attention of the Catholic Church to its Vatican Council declaration condemning hatred and persecution of Jews and anti-Semitism in general. A resolution adopted by the participants requested the Catholic Church to issue "clear and unambiguous expressions of regret regarding those events in the history of Christian-Jewish relationships which are contrary to the spirit of the document."

As for the Protestants, the session noted that the World Council of Churches had shown a desire at its New Delhi assembly to improve relations with Jews. The consultation then called on Protestants for "formulation and clarification of theological understanding of Christian-Jewish relationships."

The conference also recommended that all Christian education treat Christian-Jewish relations in the context of other group relations; that use of authentic Jewish sources be encouraged in Christian education; and that more money and personnel be allocated to intensify Christian-Jewish dialogues.

The conference also voiced concern over the resurgence of neo-Nazism and bigotry in some areas, pointing out that the defeat of Nazism had not ended racial and religious discrimination. The parley noted that, while legislation against discrimination and incitement to hatred could help improve relations, "no law could substitute for the initiative of citizens to resist vigorously against all attempts to undermine the democratic structure of society."

DEFENSE ATTORNEY FOR NAZI TRIAL FOR MASS-KILLING OF JEWS RESIGNS

BONN, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Feinz Weber, defense counsel for Hans Kreuger, one of 15 ex-Nazis being tried at Muenster for the murder of 80,000 Jews and Polish intellectuals during World War II, resigned from his post today, telling the court that Nazis have been trying to tell him how to conduct his case.

Since he took the case for Kreuger, Mr. Weber said, he has been receiving telephone calls and letters from unidentified persons claiming they belong to an SS society, "pestering me and trying to influence my defense procedures." "I don't want the Nazis to tell me what to do," he told the presiding judge. The court appointed another attorney to act as counsel for Kreuger.

Trial of the 15 defendants has been going on for a long time and brought to court a number of witnesses from Israel, the United States and other countries all of whom testified particularly against Kreuger.

HADASSAH RECEIVES \$1,000,000 GIFT FOR CANCER BUILDING IN JERUSALEM

BOSTON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A \$1,000,000 contribution to Hadassah for the construction of a facility to be known as the "Siegfried and Irma Ullman Building for Cancer and Allied Diseases" was announced at a press conference here today, held in connection with the Hadassah national convention now taking place in Boston.

The announcement was made by Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, Hadassah president, who said that the contribution was made by the board of directors of the Siegfried and Irma Ullman Foundation. The \$1,000,000 gift, she said, will launch a \$5,000,000 campaign for the building and endowment fund for the Moshe Sharet Institute of Oncology, named by Hadassah in memory of the late Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Israel. This will be a national institute for research and treatment of cancer in Israel.

The Ullman Building, which will be a part of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, will house the Sharet Institute as well as Hadassah's total research and clinical resources for combating cancer and allied diseases, Mrs. Jacobson told the press conference. The building is being planned to serve a caseload of 2,000 inpatients. The building would contain all the services for the diagnosis, treatment and research concerned with cancer and allied diseases. It will consist of three floors.

PARENTS OPPOSE USING RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPRING VALLEY, N.Y., Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Twenty-five Jewish, Protestant and Catholic parents served a complaint here tonight against a local school board which has assigned pupils to attend public school classes, beginning in September, to be held in a Catholic church and a Reform temple.

The complaint by the parents was backed by affidavits by two parents -- one an Orthodox rabbi, the other a Catholic housewife -- who protested against assigning their children to schools conducted in the house of worship of a faith other than their own. The two are Rabbi Solomon Zeides, who lives here and is a librarian at Yeshiva University in New York; and Mrs. Madeline Ret, a member of St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church in nearby Pearl River.

The school board served with the petition tonight had decided two months ago to hold some public classes next September at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and at Temple Beth El, a Reform house of worship. The American Jewish Congress is aiding the complaining parents with counsel. Tomorrow, the dissenting parents said, they will file a petition in the State Supreme Court, at White Plains, N.Y., seeking an order to restrain the school board from proceeding with its plans to use religious edifices for school purposes. It is expected that the Supreme Court case will be heard September 7.

LUBAVITCHER MOBILE SCHOOL PROMOTES EDUCATION ON THE WEST COAST

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Jewish communities throughout California are now being visited by a mobile classroom for Jewish education introduced by the Lubavitcher Hassidic movement in Los Angeles, to promote religious teaching among Jewish school children outside of their public schools but within a reasonable distance from these schools.

The children receive their instruction in a large trailer which has a seating capacity of 35 pupils. The trailer has been rebuilt into a classroom with seats, blackboards and even a small library. During a school day the mobile classroom makes it possible to accommodate 200 children daily. The program has been in operation in the city of Los Angeles for about a year and its success has stimulated the visiting of the "classmobile" during the summer months also in other communities.

REFORM JEWS IN ISRAEL TO FRAY ROSH HASHANA IN B'NAI B'RITH HALL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv Congregation for Progressive Judaism, the local group of Reform worshipers, announced today it had leased the hall of B'nai B'rith lodge here for High Holy Day services this year.

The congregation has been holding Sabbath services in the B'nai B'rith Club here for the last three months. Last year, the local B'nai B'rith hall had refused to lease its facilities to the Reform group, and had been criticized for that stand by B'nai B'rith lodges abroad.

NEW JERSEY STATE LAW PROTECTING KASHERUTH SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

TRENTON, N.J., Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Misrepresenting certain foods as being kosher will now be a violation of New Jersey State law in accordance with a new bill signed by Governor Richard J. Hughes. The legislation is aimed at deceptive or misleading statements and provides for stiff fines. The law was introduced by State Senator Maclyn S. Goldman, of Essex County.