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FOUR ISRAELIS KILLED, SIX INJURED IN ATTACKS BY ARAB TERRORISTS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The Cabinet held a lengthy session here today on the bombing and mining outrages perpetrated near Jordanian border areas in different parts of Israel over the weekend, causing four deaths and injuries to six other Israelis. Israeli officials have little doubt that the attacks were carried out by Syrian El Fatah terrorists.

Tensions mounted rapidly along the border late last night when four Israeli border policemen were killed and two others wounded as their jeep was destroyed by a mine in Israeli territory near Shaar Hagolan, south of Lake Tiberias, near the point where the Israeli, Syrian and Jordanian borders meet.

The deaths of the four Israeli border policemen followed another incident on Friday night in the Jerusalem suburb of Romema Elite, near the Jordanian border, where four persons were injured, none seriously, and two buildings extensively damaged by the explosion of three charges set by two infiltrators whose tracks were found leading from the site of the blasts to the Jordanian border.

The situation assumed grave proportions today when the Damascus Radio openly admitted that the Jerusalem incident was carried out by El Fatah infiltrators, and that the El Fatah terrorist organization was now a department of the Syrian Army.

Cabinet Reiterates Warning to Any Country Whence Sabotage Emanates

The Cabinet today reiterated the position that any country whence saboteurs crossed into Israel -- Jordan and Syria in the latest incidents -- will be held responsible for their acts. In his report at today's meeting, however, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol also stressed the overall responsibility of Syria for the raids. The situation was complicated in view of the assessment by Israeli officials that the purpose of the incidents was part of the inter-Arab rivalries, and aimed to involve Jordan in difficulties with Israel.

The gravity of the situation on Israel's borders will be impressed on the foreign ambassadors here tomorrow by Premier Eshkol and on Foreign Ministers in the major capitals by Israel's envoys abroad. Israel will explain that the Arab rulers are to blame for the deterioration of the situation and that the latest attacks are convincing proof that Soviet charges of Israel's alleged "aggressive designs" are completely unfounded.

Israel's Chief of Staff Gen. Yitzhak Rabin also reported to the Cabinet today on the weekend bombings by El Fatah terrorists. In the incident at Shaar Hagolan, he reported, the four border policemen were killed when their jeep hit a mine as they rushed to the scene of three earlier explosions followed by fires spotted in Israeli fields. Three of the policemen died instantly, and the fourth was fatally injured. The earlier explosions were found to have occurred in an agricultural tool shed.

Funeral services were held today for the four Israeli policemen. They were identified as Sgt. Joseph Amer and Constables Jacon Gigi, Avraham Levi and Nissim Cohen. Because of the death of the four policemen, a special Border Police Day program scheduled for later this week was canceled.

Israel complained today to the relevant United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission, and trackers later today found footprints leading from the scene of the mine explosion towards the border.

Israel also filed a strong complaint with the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission over the incident in Romema Elite where, in addition to the explosions which injured the four Israelis and damaged two buildings, an additional explosive which failed to go off had been found but was dismantled by Israeli ordnance experts.

The border in the Jerusalem area had been relatively quiet for months, and observers here indicated a belief that the incursion here was carried out by infiltrators coming from Syria who slipped by the Jordanian border guards.

Meanwhile, Israeli officials indicated today they planned to protest to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization over a resolution compelling Israel to evacuate a building partly in the No-Man's Land in Jerusalem. The structure, known locally as Tannous building, stretches from Israel territory in new Jerusalem into No-Man's Land. It has been inhabited for the last 17 years by some 40 Israeli families.

JNF TO BUILD WATCH TOWER ON ISRAELI BORDER NEAR SYRIA, LEBANON

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The construction of a watchtower at Kibbutz Hanita, in Northern Israel, will be undertaken by the Jewish National Fund as a tribute to Label A. Katz, past president of B'nai B'rith. Hanita is close to the Syrian and Lebanese borders, and is surrounded by 400 acres of ancient woodland that will be reforested as part of the tribute project. The plan will provide 30,000 days of employment and is seen as an important contribution to Israel's economy.

According to an announcement by Herman L. Weisman, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, and Dr. Milton Aron, national director, Dr. William A. Wexler, national president of B'nai B'rith, will serve as chairman of the international honorary committee for the establishment of the Label Katz Project in Israel. David Blumberg of Knoxville, Tenn., national vice-president of B'nai B'rith, has been designated as chairman; and Marcus Levinson, a Jewish community leader of Houston, will serve as co-chairman of the national committee.

ISRAEL ARRESTS TWO MORE ARABS AS ALLEGED SPIES; TOTAL IS NOW FIVE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Two more inhabitants of the Israeli Arab village of Um El Faheem were held by police here today, charged with espionage activities as part of an Arab spy ring that was uncovered in the village earlier this month. Three other Arabs, one an Israeli border police sergeant, were arrested previously. Police said the members of the ring met with Jordanian intelligence officers and acted in accordance with instructions received. Film and a special camera used in the espionage activities were found in the homes of the two.

NEWSPAPERS IN CASABLANCA PRINT PROTESTS ATTACKING MOROCCAN JEWS

CASABLANCA, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- L'Opinion, the organ of the youth branch of the opposition Istiqlal (Independence) Party, protested the fact that laboratories of the pharmaceutical departments in Casablanca were closed on Yom Kippur, and attacked the Government for "failing to safeguard the health of its citizens."

The Arab-language organ of the party, Al Alam, published a letter from a Moslem reader protesting against the name "Circle of Former Students of the Alliance Israelite Universelle in Casablanca." Al Alam declared that the designation "Israelite" was an "insult to us."

UJA MISSION HEARS FINAL REPORTS IN GENEVA; 200 MEMBERS GO TO ISRAEL

GENEVA, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The 200 members of the 12th annual United Jewish Appeal Study Mission left here today for Israel after they were briefed by the top executives of the four migration and welfare agencies supported by UJA funds -- the Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish Agency for Israel, the United Hias Service and the World Council of Jewish Unity. They will remain in Israel until October 21, when they return to the United States to report on UJA needs at the organization's annual meeting in New York, where next year's campaign goal will be set. The UJA campaign raised about \$70,000,000 in 1966.

Addressing a farewell dinner last night given by the JDC, winding up the mission's four-day visit here, Max M. Fisher, of Detroit, general chairman of the UJA, stressed that the four beneficiary welfare and migration agencies were working against time "to put together all the complex things that add up to immigrating people, clothing them, feeding them, teaching them trades -- all the things that spell a new chance in life for thousands of Jews in Europe, North Africa and Israel."

In another address at the dinner, Sir Barnett Janner, Labor member of the British Parliament and former president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, recalled the close cooperation between American and British Jewry in the work of saving Jewish lives during the Hitler period.

The mission members also met with Jewish leaders from Switzerland and 14 other European countries. Greetings were extended by Mordechai Kidron, Israel's Ambassador to the U.N. headquarters in Geneva; Astor Mayer, of Milan, chairman of the Standing Conference of European Community Services; H. Oscar Joseph, of London, president of the International Council of Jewish Social and Welfare Services; Dr. Georges Brunschwig, president of the Swiss Union of Jewish Communities; and Grand Rabbi Alexander Safran, of Geneva.

10,000 JEWS CELEBRATE 'SIMCHAT TORAH' PUBLICLY IN STREET IN MOSCOW

LONDON, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- More than 10,000 Jews jammed the street in front of the Moscow Central Synagogue this weekend, dancing and singing in observance of Simchat Torah, the joyous festival marking the conclusion of the holiday season, it was reported here today from the Soviet capital. The crowd, mostly young Jews, was larger and seemed more carefree than in previous years, the report said.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS VOICES SHARP PROTEST ON NOVAK ACQUITTAL

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today denounced as "outrageous" the freeing by an Austrian court last week of Franz Novak, Adolf Eichmann's chief transport officer during World War II. The organization's national governing council, meeting here, acted after hearing a report by Shad Polier, chairman of the governing council, who stated:

"Twenty-one years after V-E Day, Austrians have yet to demonstrate that they understand their country's true role as a partner of Hitlerism. This failure of consciousness, this willful shrinking from awareness, creates perhaps the most formidable psychological obstacle in combating the spread of ultra-rightist and neo-Nazi influence within Austria, and in enlarging the areas of genuine freedom and democracy in the country."

The statement was adopted as a resolution by the entire governing council, and sent to Austria's Ambassador in Washington who, only last week, received a protest against re-surgent neo-Nazism and anti-Semitism in Austria from Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the AJC's commission on international affairs. (In Tel Aviv, today, a similar sharp protest against Novak's acquittal was adopted by the Israeli Organization of Former Partisans and Fighters Against Nazism. And in London, a vigorous protest on the same issue was made by A.L. Easterman, international affairs director of the World Jewish Congress.)

JEWISH LEADER IN U.S.A. FINDS ECUMENICAL SPIRIT RIFE IN EUROPE

ROME, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Phillip E. Hoffman, chairman of the board of governors of the American Jewish Committee, said here today that he had found active studies and high-level dialogue on interfaith problems in various countries of Western Europe. He cited the Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. He said there were European efforts to improve Christian-Jewish relations in the spirit of the Roman Catholic Ecumenical Council declaration on non-Christians.

"Heightened dialogue," he said, "the launching of key projects, whose goal is improved Catholic teaching about Judaism, and a searching for new channels of Christian-Jewish liaison demonstrate the very real -- if still too scattered and little known progress -- accomplished in interfaith action during the past year." The West German hierarchy has been slow to initiate studies, Mr. Hoffman said, but the National Council of Bishops there is considering procedures for study and modification of anti-Jewish texts.

BRANDEIS MARKS 'THREE CHAPELS' ANNIVERSARY; HONORS CARDINAL CUSHING

WALTHAM, Mass., Oct. 9. (JTA) -- A group of leading United States clergymen and sociologists this weekend discussed "Religion on the American Campus" at a special three-day institute organized to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Brandeis University's Three Chapels. The gathering ended today. The university used the occasion of the Three Chapels anniversary celebration to present its citation for Distinguished Service to Higher Education to several guests of honor, including Richard Cardinal Cushing.

Sixty priests, ministers, rabbis and other professionally-oriented persons from university student religious groups, faculty members from Brandeis and other universities, and others, took part in the general discussions throughout the weekend.

HEBREW U. SUMMER COURSES MAPPED FOR U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY WORKERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Professional Jewish community workers of the United States will receive special training next summer at the Hebrew University, of Jerusalem, aimed at "the development of world Jewish perspectives," it was announced here today at the second conference of the America-Israel University Program of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. This will be the first phase of a continuing program to be known as the World Seminar for Jewish Studies, it was stated. The conference was addressed by Prof. Nathan Rotenstreich, rector of the Hebrew University, Prof. Oscar I. Janowsky, co-chairman of the America-Israel University Program presided.

It was further announced that detailed plans for the World Seminar had been approved by a subcommittee of executive heads of American Jewish organizations and institutions. Members of the subcommittee are Philip Bernstein, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; Dr. Seymour Fox, dean of Teachers Institute of The Jewish Theological Seminary; and Sanford Solender, executive vice-president of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

The conference was preceded by a meeting of the academic committee of the Hebrew University's board of governors, under the chairmanship of Prof. Albert Neuberger, of London, a distinguished biochemist. This was the first meeting of this body held outside of Jerusalem. The participants included eminent scholars, among them, Sir Isaiah Berlin, of Britain; Prof. Rotenstreich; and the following American scholars: Prof. Milton Handler, Dr. Jancwsky, Dr. S.B. Deutsch and Dr. David Wechsler.

POLICE CHARGE RIOT BY SYNAGOGUE CROWD IN BROOKLYN; ONE ARRESTED

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- A group of about 300 persons coming out of a synagogue in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, about 1 a.m. today, turned into an angry street mob and attacked an automobile when its driver tried to disperse the crowd out of the car's way in front of the synagogue, police reported. Detectives later dispersed the crowd and arrested a Jewish boy, Joel Weiss, 16, charging him with felonious assault on Detective Ferman Behrens, during the incident.

The driver, Servino Lugo, pulled the car out of the throng and around the corner where he and his brother, Benitto, abandoned the automobile and dashed to the station house. They returned with detectives to find the crowd shattering the windows and lights with sticks and tearing off the convertible top. In the scuffle that followed, Benitto Lugo was struck in the arm with a bottle and Detective Behrens was kicked three times in the back, police said. Weiss was held for a court hearing.

PITTSBURGH SOLVES 'NATIVITY SCENE' TIEFF BY GETTING PRIVATE FUNDS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The city administration has figured out how to provide a "nativity scene" in its Christmas display in Mellon Square without spending any public funds. The city will spend about \$4,500 on the display, but will not pay for any statues of Jesus, Mary and Joseph which will be included in the exhibit. Instead the city will accept a "nativity scene" as a gift from a private donor.

Various Jewish groups here notified the city last weekend that in their opinion the use of public funds or public property for the display of religious symbols violates the constitution. Specifically, the Jewish community protested against efforts made by two Council members to authorize the erection of a display in Mellon Square, during the next Christmas season, depicting the "nativity scene" and providing that figures of Jesus and Mary be included.

NCCJ REPORT ADVOCATES TEACHING ABOUT RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- A special committee, set up through the National Conference of Christians and Jews, reported today that religion can and should be taught in the public schools. It urged provisions for better textbooks and teacher preparation to do it. The committee, which made the study in the schools of Pittsburgh, said there was a serious deficiency in the treatment of religion in the textbooks currently used in the courses on United States and world history.

Schools need to clarify their "responsibility for dealing with the total cultural heritage of which religious values are an integral part," said the report, the product of an intensive two-year study.

JEWISH BRAILLE INSTITUTE PREPARES NEW EDITION OF TALMUD IN ENGLISH

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish Braille Institute announced today that a new English Braille edition of the Talmud will be published next spring. According to the institute, the costs of the edition will be underwritten by J.B.I. and the work will be distributed without charge to Jewish and non-Jewish scholars and others interested in the Talmud.

Unlike the standard editions that give the Hebrew and Aramaic texts only in consonants and without punctuation, the texts in the new edition will be vowelized and punctuated. The new text will also include literal translations of the texts in modern English, a new English commentary explaining the drift of the discussions, and theological concepts and biographical details about the rabbis mentioned.

GOV. PAIEWONSKY, OF VIRGIN ISLANDS, RECEIVES AWARD AT NEW YORK U.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Ralph M. Paiewonsky, governor of the Virgin Islands, and a Jew, was awarded New York University's presidential citation at a ceremony this weekend for having "served the community in an outstanding manner." The governor is a 1930 New York University graduate.

ROSE FINKENTHAL GOLDBERG, YIDDISH ACTRESS, DIES AT AGE OF 78

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose Finkenthal Goldberg, an actress who appeared in Yiddish plays here for 50 years, died this weekend. She was 78. Born in Russia she came here as a child, and later joined in an acting career with her late husband, Nathan Goldberg, producer of Yiddish plays. She retired from the stage 10 years ago.

YUDEL WEIDENFELD, HUNGARIAN YIDDISH AUTHOR, DIES AT BUCHAREST

BUCHAREST, Hungary, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Yudel Weidenfeld, the author of several Yiddish works, died here. He was 82. His last novel, "A Quiet Market Day," was published this year.