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SYRIAN TROOPS ENTER ISRAELI TERRITORY; OPEN FIRE ON ISRAELI POSITIONS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- An Israeli soldier was wounded this morning when Syrian troops entered Israeli territory in the Korazim area near Almagor north of Lake Tiberias and opened fire on Israeli positions. The incident, the second shooting attack in two days carried out by Syrians along the Israeli border, followed a similar attack on Israeli field workers yesterday at Faon settlement near the southeastern shore of Lake Tiberias.

In the Korazim attack this morning, the Syrian troops entered Israeli territory at about 10 a.m. local time and began firing on the Israelis with recoilless guns, wounding one Israeli soldier. The Israelis returned the fire and subsequently filed a complaint with the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission.

Israeli and Syrian positions exchanged fire yesterday morning after the Syrians opened machinegun and rifle fire on three Israeli tractors ploughing land near Faon settlement. The Syrians continued firing as the Israeli tractor drivers scurried for shelter in the muddy fields. Israeli units then opened fire on the Syrian positions to provide cover for the field workers.

Sporadic firing lasted during the early morning hours in the Faon area yesterday after which the Israelis continued their field work unhampered. The ploughing is essential in view of the seasonal rains which destroy unploughed fields on the slopes of hills. The two latest incidents were believed here to be a continuation of the recent policy on the part of Syria to stir up trouble along the Israeli border with repeated mine-laying and shooting incidents.

ISRAEL COMPLAINS TO U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST RENEWED ARAB RAIDS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Israel filed a complaint today with the Security Council over a new series of mine-laying incidents which Israel called a "resumption" of raids.

The complaint was contained in a letter submitted by Ambassador Michael F. Comay, Israel's permanent representative, to the president of the Security Council. Mr. Comay asked that the letter be circulated among Security Council members but did not ask for a meeting on the complaint. The letter described the incidents as "fresh instances of armed raids into Israel territory for the purpose of laying land mines on roadways."

The letter said that on December 9, two British Mark-2 type mines were discovered and deactivated on a track in the Lachish area which had been planted within 48 hours before their discovery not far from the Jordan border. "From leaflets found in the vicinity of each mine in Arabic and crude Hebrew, it appeared that the El Fatah organization claimed to be responsible," the letter stated. El Fatah is an Arab commando group. The letter said that the two instances were reported to and investigated by the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

On December 28 a similar mine was found and deactivated on a track parallel to the Syrian border, the letter reported, adding a complaint was lodged with the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission. The letter said U.N. military observers found footprints of one person leading from the site to the Syrian border. On December 29 another Mark-2 mine was found on the same track near the site of the first mine. The letter stressed that "this type of military anti-tank mine is in regular use by the Syrian armed forces. The same type of mine was used in many previous incidents reported to the Council."

"Members of the Council are familiar with the pattern of terrorist and sabotage raids into Israel for the last two years and there can be no doubt that the danger to peace and security in the area constituted by this type of organized guerrilla activity from neighboring states into Israeli territory," Ambassador Comay said in his letter. He stressed that the Israeli Government "takes a grave view of the resumption of these raids."

'Palestine Question' Occupied 40% of Security Council's Meetings in 1966

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The "Palestine Question" was the biggest order of business in 1966 for the United Nations Security Council, according to a U.N. statistical roundup of activities during the year.

Twenty-eight of the Security Council's 70 meetings in 1966 were devoted to "the Palestine Question," the U.N. reported. This compared to 18 meetings on Southern Rhodesia, the second largest consumer of Security Council time. The U.N. defined the "Palestine Question" as "complaints by Syria, Israel and Jordan regarding border incidents."

ISRAELIS SEE 1967 AS A YEAR OF GUERRILLA WARFARE; WARN AGAINST ESCALATION

TEL AVIV, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Israel entered the new year with predictions by qualified sources that the country is facing an uneasy year in 1967 -- a continuation of a "grey area" of neither war nor peace but instead guerrilla warfare.

The sources said Israel's task would be to keep such warfare from escalating into large-scale conflict by making it clear to Syria and to Egypt that continuing sabotage might touch off the full-scale war which Egypt, according to its declared policy, does not want now. This was understood to mean that Israel must find means of bringing Egypt to restrain Syrian support of infiltrator raids into Israel.

The same sources also indicated they believed that King Hussein's regime in Jordan had a good chance of surviving in spite of his many troubles, including Syrian hostility, the El Fatah, and Ahmed Shukairy's "Palestine Liberation Army" which is now bent on overthrowing the king in Jordan. They said that Israel's raid on November 13 on Jordan had forced Shukairy to act prematurely against the king and gave King Hussein a chance to hit him severely. Arab Legion troops in Jordan reportedly have fought Shukairy commandoes and have clashed with Syrian infiltrators sent into Jordan on sabotage missions.

The sources repeated Israel's stand that any change in the status quo in Jordan would be dangerous to Israel and that this was the reason for Israeli concern and close attention to developments in Jordan.

Israel's Chief of Staff Reports Increase in Strength of Army

Meanwhile, General Yitzhak Rabin, starting his fourth year as Israel's Chief of Staff, said here that Israel's military strength had been increased "enormously" during the three years of his service. He indicated that he had considerable doubts about the utility of fences and electronic devices to protect Israel's borders from Arab saboteurs.

"We did not come to Israel to live behind barbed wire," he said in an interview with Yediot Achronot, an evening newspaper. "The adoption by Israel of such a ghetto policy would just encourage the Arab saboteurs," he declared. The strength of such fences, he stated, "depends on how strongly they are guarded." His views were echoed by informed sources here who said that Israel was planning to erect barbed wire fences but only in places where they would buttress other means of defense.

Gen. Rabin reiterated that Syria and Egypt held the key to future activities of the El Fatah commando raiders and of members of Shukairy's "Palestine Liberation Army." He said Israel must make it clear that such incursions should not occur unless Syria and Egypt sought a military confrontation.

The General described Israel's November 13 raid on Jordan as a demonstration that Israel would not tolerate acts of Arab sabotage. If more such acts occur, he added, Israel would decide on appropriate measures regardless of "outer pressures." The November 13 raid was censured by the Security Council.

CHAIRMAN OF U.S. SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE SEEKS ISRAEL VIEWS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) - United States Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, left here this morning after an 18-hour visit during which he met with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and former Chief of Staff Moshe Dayan, now a member of Ben-Gurion's Israel Workers faction in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

Sen. Symington arrived here yesterday from Jordan as part of a tour of the Middle East after a visit to Viet Nam. His talks with Premier Eshkol and Mr. Eban dealt with the situation in the Middle East and Israel's views on American proposals to use electronic devices for sealing the border with Jordan. (Israel's Chief of Staff, Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, commenting on the proposals suggested by the United States for use of electronic devices to curtain off the borders and aid detection of saboteurs, was reported today to have said such devices were not yet sufficiently tested to prove their usefulness.)

YEMENITE JEW BECOMES MEMBER OF ISRAEL CABINET FOR FIRST TIME

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- New Cabinet appointments were announced here in a reshuffle that will provide a Cabinet post for the first time to a Yemen-born Jew -- Israel's Yeshayahu Sharabi -- who was named Minister of Posts. Mr. Sharabi, 56, succeeds to the post vacated by Eliahu Sasson who was named Minister of Police in place of Behor Shitreet, who retired. The appointments were approved by Parliament today.

A deputy speaker of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, Mr. Sharabi has been a leading member of Mapai for several decades. He arrived in Palestine in 1929. Mr. Sasson, 64, had served as a Jewish Agency official and as Israel's Ambassador to a number of countries before he was named Minister of Posts. In an earlier appointment, Zev Sharef had been named to succeed Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Zadok, who resigned.

U.S. RELAXING OPPOSITION TO CUT OFF RATIONS FROM ANTI-ISRAEL ARMY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The Washington Post today reported that the United States Government has "quietly and queasily relaxed its pressure on the United Nations to cut off rations to refugees serving in the Palestine Liberation Army, whose stated aims are to destroy Israel and overthrow Jordan's King Hussein.

Behind the new American attitude, said the Post, is "a little noted deal announced during the fall by the U.N. Relief and Works Agency which for 17 years has cared for Palestinians who fled their homes in what now is Israel." UNRWA's chief, Laurence Michelmore, took notice then of American complaints that his agency was subsidizing the PLA. These complaints figured in Congress's decision to cut the U.S. contribution 5 percent in each of the last two years -- down to \$22, 200, 000 in cash and commodities out of the 1967 UNRWA budget of \$39, 300, 000.

"In light of these differences," said Michelmore, "arrangements have been made for special added donations to the amount of \$150, 000 which meets the total cost of any rations consumed by the young men (PLA soldiers) in question. Contributors to UNRWA... may thus be assured that their contributions will not be used to furnish assistance to refugees receiving military training" by the PLA, he said.

The "special added donations" were said to come from Syria, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan. The U.S. Government confined its official reaction to a statement that "we believe the General Assembly should not give the impression that it condones or regards with indifference the involvement of a U.N. agency with an organization (PLA) which avows such purposes" (to attack Israel by armed force).

The Washington Post said that "privately, American officials acknowledge that the added donations in effect formalize U.N. relief to the PLA. The difficulty, they say, is that UNRWA is a pauperized U.N. stepchild which lacks the political clout to prevent the host Arab countries, or the Palestinians who administer the rations, or the refugees themselves, from diverting rations to the PLA." The Post estimated that 12, 000 PLA troops are in the Gaza Strip and others in Syria.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE LEADERS REFUSE TO SIGN STATEMENT ON GERMANY

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Four prominent Americans have refused to join 20 other personalities in signing a statement issued by the American Council on Germany declaring that recent elections in West Germany do not show a rebirth of Nazism and warning against what it described as the "danger" of condemning an entire people for the views of a minority.

The four who refused to sign the Council's statement were William J. Vanden Heuvel, president of the International Rescue Committee; Jacob Blaustein and Irving Engel, honorary presidents of the American Jewish Committee; and Gen. Lucius Clay, former military commander of the U.S. Zone in Germany and honorary president of the Council. In recent elections, the National Democratic Party, which has been described as neo-Nazi by the Bonn Interior Ministry, won 8 out of 96 seats in Hesse and a larger percentage of the seats in the Bavarian legislature.

N.Y. SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF TEXTBOOKS AID TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

ALBANY, N.Y., Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court this weekend upset a lower court ruling which had declared unconstitutional the state law providing for the loan of textbooks to children in Hebrew schools and other parochial and private schools.

The law, which had been declared unconstitutional in the lower court last August by Supreme Court Justice Paul T. Kane, provides for state payments to school districts of \$10 to \$15 for each pupil annually for the purchase of textbooks to be loaned to pupils of both public and non-public schools. The state grants were set for all pupils, public and non-public, in grades 7 through 12.

In spite of the lower court ruling declaring the measure unconstitutional, State Education Commissioner James Allen, Jr., was instructed to implement the plan while State Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz filed an appeal from Justice Kane's ruling. The American Jewish Congress and other secular Jewish groups had vigorously opposed the law while Orthodox Jewish organizations backing Hebrew day schools had supported the measure.

All five of the Appellate Division justices who overturned the lower court ruling this weekend said they were satisfied that the law was constitutional although three of them based their decision on the contention that the East Greenbush school board in Rensselaer County which instituted the litigation, had no right to bring suit.

Marvin E. Pollock, the attorney representing the East Greenbush school board, said today: "We intend to pursue this case to its ultimate conclusion" adding that this would mean going beyond the State courts if necessary.

\$18,356,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS SOLD IN NEW YORK CITY IN 1966

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- A record sum of \$18,356,000 was raised through the sale of Israel bonds in New York City in 1966, it was announced tonight at Madison Square Garden by Charles F. Silver, honorary chairman of the Manhattan Division of State of Israel Bonds.

Mr. Silver, who is a consultant to Mayor Lindsay and former president of the Board of Education, made the announcement at the third and final performance of the Chanukah Festival for Israel before an overflow audience of more than 18,000. Tonight's capacity audience at Madison Square Garden brought to 56,000 the total number of persons who attended this year's Chanukah Festival, whose two earlier performances, which also were sold out, were held on December 5th and December 22nd.

Max Abrams, campaign chairman, said that the new sales record has made 1966 the most successful year of the Israel Bond effort in the city since 1951, when the bonds were first made available to the American public. "This record again proves how clearly New Yorkers support the State of Israel and its people," he declared.

Z.C.A. TO COMBAT ARAB PROPAGANDA AGAINST ISRAEL IN U.S. UNIVERSITIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- A series of public affairs conferences designed to bring to the public at large an understanding of the problems relating to the security of Israel will be held in major communities throughout the country, according to an announcement today by Harry Torczyner, national chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the Zionist Organization of America.

As part of the ZOA program to combat Arab and anti-Israel propaganda on the campuses, the rallies and briefing conferences will be followed in each community by a faculty-student conference at the university located in the respective city at which some or all of the panelists at the public affairs gatherings will participate. The panel of experts who will address the country-wide general public and campus gatherings will include prominent journalists, legislators, representatives of the U.S. State Department, and Israeli diplomatic representatives.

Rabbi Armond Cohen, spiritual leader of the Park Synagogue in Cleveland, has been named by Jacques Torczyner, ZCA president, as chairman of the newly-formed "Universities Campus Activities Committee" in furtherance of the efforts to counteract the propaganda of Arab students and to impart to the university students and faculties the true facts on the Middle East situation.

DR. LACHMAN NAMED EXECUTIVE HEAD OF ENCYCLOPEDIA JUDAICA FOUNDATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Frederick R. Lachman, executive vice-president of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, has been appointed executive vice-president of the Encyclopedia Judaica Research Foundation. At the same time he has been elected a member of the Encyclopedia's editorial committee, it was announced here today.

Dr. Lachman belonged for 23 years to the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, as Research Fellow, member of its Institute of History, its delegate for Latin America and as executive vice-president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. For some time he was the personal representative in the United States of Israel's Minister of Culture and Education.

HUNDREDS ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES FOR AARON GLANZ-LEYELESS; WAS 77

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- More than 600 prominent leaders of the Jewish literary world and of Jewish cultural activities today attended the funeral services held here for Aaron Glanz-Leyeless, the noted Yiddish poet, essayist and journalist, who died here this weekend at the age of 77. He was a member of the editorial staff of the Day-Jewish Journal for the past 52 years.

Born in Warsaw, Mr. Glanz-Leyeless attended the University of London and emigrated to the United States in 1912. Two years later he joined the Jewish Day, writing features, literary and drama criticism and poetry. He remained with the newspaper, which was merged with the Jewish Morning Journal to form the Day-Jewish Journal, until his death. In recent years he had been in semi-retirement, writing a weekly column for the paper.

Considered the founder of the introspective school of Yiddish poetry, Mr. Glanz-Leyeless included among his poetic works: "The Labyrinth," "Tale of the Hundred," "To Thee America" and "Fabius Lind." He was the recipient of the LaMed Prize for Yiddish poetry in 1947. Until last year he was president of the Yiddish PEN Club, branch of the World PEN Club, an organization of poets, essayists and novelists.

BARON DAVID SNIDER, PROMINENT AUSTRALIAN JEWISH LEADER, DIES IN MELBOURNE

MELBOURNE, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Baron David Snider, a member of the Legislative Council, the upper house of the parliament of the Australian State of Victoria, and a prominent Jewish leader, died here. Active in the affairs of the Jewish National Fund, Baron Snider was Federal chairman of the Menzies Forest Project in Israel. In 1962 he headed an Australian trade mission to Israel.