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NEW ARAB SABOTAGE IN ISRAEL; TRACKS OF SABOTEURS LEAD TO LEBANON

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The Israeli Army spokesman reported today a new act of Arab sabotage in the Upper Galilee near the Lebanese border, where a tool shed was wrecked by an explosion. Tracks of three persons were found leading to the Lebanese border. Israel complained to the Israel-Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commission.

The Palestine Liberation Organization today broadcast from Cairo that a terrorist battalion has been sent into Jordan to attack the palace of King Hussein and homes of his cabinet. The aim is to destroy the monarchy and open a "liberation war" against Israel all along her frontiers, the broadcast said.

The new unit was identified as the "Abdel Kader al Hussein Brigade" named after an Arab fanatic who died in the 1947 war against the Jews. The announcement said the brigade was responsible for three bombings on Monday in the Arab sector of Jerusalem.

JEWISH AGENCY STARTS PLENARY SESSION TODAY; ACTIONS COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A four-day plenary meeting of the Jewish Agency will open tomorrow in Jerusalem with the participation of the American members of the Agency executive. It will be followed by sessions of the Zionist Actions Committee which is the highest body of the World Zionist Movement between Zionist Congresses.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, who arrived here today from New York to participate in the deliberations of both bodies, told a press conference here that the World Union of General Zionists favors appointment of a permanent political committee, on the level of the Jewish Agency executive members, to act for the Zionist movement on matters concerning the position of Jews in various countries.

Dr. Neumann, who is president of the World Union, said such a committee actually functioned during every World Zionist Actions Committee session but that the World Union wanted a permanent committee with a secretariat. Such a committee, he said, would act in cooperation and in coordination with the World Jewish Congress, Zionist federations and organizations throughout the world. He said the World Zionist Organization should not leave the initiative in political activities to the WJC or B'nai B'rith or any other organization.

He lauded Aryeh Pincus, the Agency executive chairman "in whom we have found a young energetic leader" for his reorganization of various Agency departments. Dr. Neumann stressed that the World Union would not oppose the appointment of a new Agency executive if this was made necessary by the reorganization.

Moshe Rivlin, director general of the Jewish Agency, told a press conference that the plan for the reorganization of the Agency's departments was already in full swing with the objective being the reduction of the number of departments to nine. Most of the nine departments already have directors. He said some 900 clerks have been dismissed so far under the plan.

Sessions to Discuss Current Economic and Security Crises in Israel

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Declaring that the current economic and security crises in Israel make the meetings of the Jewish Agency and the Zionist Actions Committee among the most important that have been held since the Declaration of the State of Israel, eighteen years ago, Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chairman of the Jewish Agency-American Section, left for Israel yesterday.

The meetings of the Agency, said Mrs. Halprin, "will be held in the shadow of the current economic and security problems now confronting Israel. Not since the days of pre-Statehood has the Agency Executive had to cope with problems of greater magnitude. We will not only have to cut costs through reorganization and other economies, but also will have to find increased sources of income to meet the demands of our programs for aliyah and absorption.

"Both the Jewish Agency, and the Actions Committee, as the top policy making bodies of the Zionist Movement between Zionist Congresses, must make decisions of far-reaching significance. These decisions, particularly in the handling of the immigration and absorption programs, will inevitably seriously affect the development of Israel in the next decade."

ESHKOL REFUSES INDUSTRIALISTS' REQUEST FOR WAGE FREEZE IN 1967

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol refused today a request from a delegation of Israeli industrialists and builders associations representatives for a wage freeze in 1967. The industrialists asked for the meeting after receiving a demand from the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, for a five percent wage increase for most production workers. The industrialists said they could not absorb such an increase because of Israel's current economic slump.

At the meeting with the industrialists, the Premier promised, however, that the Cabinet would see to it that production costs would not rise if industries absorbed workers who are now jobless if they were given jobs in factories producing for export. The Histadrut also has demanded a four percent increment in cost-of-living allowances, both demands to be effective January 1.

KNESSET GETS BILL ENABLING DIVORCES FOR ISRAELIS OF DIFFERENT FAITHS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A bill that will enable mates of different religions to obtain a divorce in Israel was introduced into the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today by Justice Minister Yaacov Shapir.

Under the present law, dissolution of mixed marriages is impossible in Israel since laws of marriage and divorce are governed by religious authorities and no civil or religious court has jurisdiction over both husband and wife. The bill is intended to give civil courts the power to issue declaratory judgments under which such marriages contracted abroad can be dissolved.

ISRAEL STATE COMPTROLLER TO EXAMINE GOVERNMENT LOANS TO FAILING FIRM

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The Finance Committee of the Israel Parliament asked the State Comptroller today to examine Government loans and guarantees to Somerfin, the Geneva-based Israeli firm whose ships have been impounded and sold to meet unpaid debts totaling several million dollars.

The Committee did not find any irregularities in the arrangements for the loans but expressed the opinion that the Government officials concerned overestimated Somerfin's experience and financial strength. The affairs of the debt-ridden firm have been under extended discussion by Parliament, the press and the public for the past six weeks.

JEWISH STUDENTS WHO LEFT NORTH AFRICA HOLD CONFERENCE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The founding conference of Oded, the movement of Jewish students who emigrated from North Africa, began here last night with more than 100 delegates from Israel and France attending. There are about 5,000 such students, many of whom are attending universities in France.

The movement is sponsored by the Jewish Agency's Youth and Hechalutz Department. Its director, Eliahu Dobkin, expressed the hope that Oded would encourage many of the students in France to settle in Israel. Oded members are being helped by the department. Many of them expressed their gratitude for such help in their speeches at the conference.

JEWISH FUNERAL ARRANGED FOR JACK RUBY; WILL BE BURIED IN CHICAGO

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Arrangements were reportedly made for a funeral and services in accordance with Jewish ritual for Jack Ruby, the slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated President Kennedy. Mr. Ruby who died here today where he had been held since the killing of Oswald is reported to have requested a burial in keeping with the Jewish religion and tradition. He will be buried in Chicago in the cemetery where his parents are interred, it was reported here.

Mr. Ruby was associated with Shearith Israel Congregation here, a Conservative synagogue led by Rabbi Norman Shapiro. He died this morning with his relatives at his bedside. Since he was in a coma immediately before his death, his request for a Jewish funeral was apparently made previously.

Rabbi Shapiro said that in his last visits to Ruby nothing was mentioned about his wishes pertaining to ritual burial. The rabbi told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had mainly exchanged pleasantries with Ruby who asked about various members of the Jewish community. Rabbi Shapiro said some of the statements attributed to Ruby by his relatives, attorney and hospital personnel had not been made to the rabbi. Hence, he could not add anything beyond his own personal sense of sorrow and compassion at the death of a human being whose life became a tragic ordeal.

EX-CHANCELLOR ADENAUER SEES NO DANGER IN GERMANY'S NEO-NAZI PARTY

BCNN, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Konrad Adenauer, West Germany's former Chancellor, said here that he did not consider the extremist neo-Nazi National Democratic Party as a danger. He expressed confidence in German youth and said that parties similar to the NDP had been formed and disappeared without a trace in West Germany in the postwar period. The NDP evoked worldwide concern when it won Parliamentary seats last November in state elections in Hesse and Bavaria.

The former Chancellor expressed his views on the party in an interview with "Welt on Sonntag." He suggested that the German people should be more self-confident and could then dispense with extremist nationalism.

Dr. Adenauer also said that West Germany had "a certain responsibility for Israel and we must help Israel whenever we can." He called his May, 1966 visit to Israel the most interesting trip he had ever made. He declared he could not understand the hatred of the Arabs for Israel, adding that his visit had convinced him that "the Jewish people does not want anything but peace" with the Arabs.

NAZI GENERAL TO GO ON TRIAL IN GERMANY FOR DEPORTING DUTCH JEWS

MUNICH, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Wilhelm Harster, a one-time head of the Nazi Security Service in Holland, will go on trial here on January 23 on charges of organizing the wartime roundup of Dutch Jews.

Harster, a former SS General, admitted his responsibility for the deportation of 100,000 Jews from Holland in an interview two years ago with the Berlin "Morgenpost." He had been a high civil servant in the Bavarian Interior Ministry. He told the Berlin newspaper he had been tried in Holland and had served a sentence and that Bavarian officials had complete knowledge of his wartime past.

He had been in charge of a department of the Nazi Security Office from June, 1940 to September, 1943. Anne Frank, whose diary became a permanent testament to the Nazi holocaust, was one of the victims of the deportations.

BERLIN YOUTH SENTENCED FOR APPEARING IN JEWISH SHOP WITH SWASTIKA

BERLIN, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A West Berlin court ordered a 21-year-old garage mechanic to write a 20-page essay on the Hitler era and fined him 100 marks (\$25) for appearing in a Jewish shop with a large swastika painted on his overalls. The youth, Berndt Ruge, also was given a suspended seven-month prison term.

In East Berlin, President Walter Ulbricht admitted for the first time that former Nazis were active in his Government and in the Communist Party of East Germany. Mr. Ulbricht made the admission in a New Year's message. He said that former Nazis are among those who were working to build a "socialist democracy" in East Germany and he held out the hand of friendship to former Nazis, appealing to them to support his Government.

MOSCOW PUBLISHES YIDDISH NOVEL BY WRITER LIQUIDATED IN STALIN ERA

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A Moscow Publishing House has just issued "In The Footsteps of Generations," in its Yiddish original, by Peretz Markish, one of the prominent Jewish writers liquidated in the Stalin era, it was reported here today from Moscow.

The publication was viewed as an implied rehabilitation of Markish by Soviet authorities although the Yiddish poet has never been officially and formally rehabilitated. He has been mourned in speech and print by many Jewish and non-Jewish writers.

"In The Footsteps of Generations" is a 700-page novel in which Markish uses for background the experiences of a colony of Polish-Jewish refugees on Soviet soil and the Warsaw Ghetto. Eersh Remenik has written an epilogue and the jacket for the new edition was designed by Shlomo Telengard, the Soviet-Jewish artist.

NEW PRESS LAW IN BRAZIL SEEKS TO CURB INCITEMENT TO RACIAL HATRED

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Heavy penalties for incitement to racial hatred will be meted out to offenders, according to the new press law which was introduced by the Government into the Brazilian National Congress today.

According to a clause in the new bill, publications whose publishers or editors are found guilty of a second offense in incitement to race hatred will be closed down. Another provision of the new press bill requires that the publisher or responsible editor of a periodical be Brazilian-born. A similar provision has been part of existing law for some time.

J. D. C. TO HELP TRAIN RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNAL WORKERS IN FRANCE

GENEVA, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A pilot program to help solve the acute shortage of trained religious and communal workers in growing Jewish communities throughout France will begin here Thursday under sponsorship of the Joint Distribution Committee.

The project will be a study course for students of the two religious seminaries in France which will continue until March 23, according to Charles H. Jordan, executive vice-chairman of the JDC. There will be 23 participants, aged 20 to 28, who are studying for the rabbinate or undergoing teacher training at the *Seminaire Israélite* and the *Institut International d'Etudes Hebraïques*.

The course of 12 weekly lectures will seek to introduce the students to the concepts of program planning, leadership, group psychology and community study. After the course is evaluated, Mr. Jordan indicated, consideration will be given to follow-up courses with longer and more detailed sessions on those subjects.

DIRECTOR OF ISRAELI OFFICE DECORATED BY ARCHBISHOP OF BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Antonio Cardinal Caggiano, personally handed today a Medal of Merit to Baruch Tenenbaum for the latter's work as director of the Argentine office of the Israeli Tourism Ministry.

The presentation coincided with the "Day of Peregrination," marking the visit of Pope Paul to Israel three years ago. The presentation was made in the presence of Monsignore Ernesto Segura, the Auxiliary Bishop. Cardinal Caggiano said: "It is for me a particular privilege to acknowledge and commend the work done by Mr. Tenenbaum for promoting good relations and visits by Argentinians to the Holy Land of Israel." He also said "there should not be any discrimination between Jews and Catholics, who have so much in common."

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN RUMANIA REPORT FENCING THEIR CEMETERIES

BUCHAREST, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Communities in Rumania reported today it had completed fencing around the ancient Jewish cemetery of Jassy, using prefabricated sections for the mile-long fence.

Cemeteries in several provincial towns, including Cluj, were fenced earlier last year but there are several such fencing projects which will be completed within this year. The Federation also reported it had recently repaired ritual baths in several towns where Jews are still resident.

JEWS IN POLAND FORM SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO RESTORE LUBLIN CEMETERY

WARSAW, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A special committee of the Jewish Social and Cultural Association and the Lublin Jewish community has been formed to restore and guard the 150-year-old Lublin Jewish cemetery.

The cemetery is the site of an obelisk which commemorates the Jews murdered by the Nazis which was erected immediately after the war. More trees are being planted and new fences erected. Substantial allocations for the work have been made by the Polish Government, the Lublin City Council and the National Council for Monuments of the Struggle and Martyrdom. The entire project is scheduled for completion by next spring.

AMSTERDAM JEWISH COMMUNITY PRESENTS WEDDING GIFT TO DUTCH PRINCESS

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The Amsterdam Jewish community presented today to Princess Margriet and her fiancé, Dr. Pieter Van Vollenhousen, a certificate for 20 trees in the Dutch Wood in Israel on the occasion of the couple's forthcoming marriage on January 10.

HENRY A. ROCKER, CLEVELAND JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADER, DEAD; WAS 84

CLEVELAND, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Henry A. Rocker, a Cleveland attorney and Jewish communal leader, died here at the age of 84. A former president of the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation, Mr. Rocker was a member of the board of directors of the Joint Distribution Committee and of the board of overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Last year, the Jewish National Fund honored Mr. Rocker with a testimonial dinner and planted a forest of 10,000 trees in his name in the John F. Kennedy Peace Forest in Israel.

PERCY WHITE, PROMINENT JEWISH PAINTER, DIES IN AUSTRALIA; WAS 81

MELBOURNE, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Percy White, a prominent painter and the dean of Jewish artists in Australia, died here yesterday at the age of 81. Born Peretz Witofski in Lithuania, Mr. White attended the Vilna Art School where one of his fellow students was Marc Chagall. After studying and working in Leningrad, Berlin and Paris, he went to England where he exhibited with the then unknown sculptor Jacob Epstein. He emigrated to Australia in 1926.