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U.N. OFFICIAL INDEFINITELY POSTPONES ISRAELI-SYRIAN BORDER TALKS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The fourth meeting of the extraordinary session of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, postponed last Thursday for a week, was postponed again indefinitely today by Lt. Gen. Cdd Bull, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

The session, arranged at the initiative of U.N. Secretary-General U Thant last month when border tensions reached a dangerous peak, was limited to one item -- the question of cultivation rights in the demilitarized zones on the border of the two countries. It was indicated that Gen. Bull decided to call off the meeting today after the Syrians turned down his formal request that they adhere to the official agenda. The third session, on February 2, was halted by Gen. Bull after an hour when the Syrian delegates insisted on bringing up other issues.

Moshe Sasson, head of the Israeli delegation to the talks, was informed of Gen. Bull's decision at Tiberias where he was waiting early this morning to rejoin the negotiators at the temporary camp at Mahanayim on the Israeli side of the border. Gen. Bull himself apparently had been informed of Syria's refusal to stick to the agreed-on agenda only a few minutes earlier.

The first Israeli comment on the development came from Foreign Minister Abba Eban at Lydda Airport where he was departing for Britain. He said that Gen. Bull's decision was easily understandable "after the Syrians refused to adhere to the agenda." He reiterated Israel's stand of "continued readiness to meet with the Syrians within the framework" of that agenda.

Political sources here interpreted the fact that no date had been set for renewal of the MAC talks as indicating that Gen. Bull saw no chance for the time being of getting Syrian agreement on the agenda issue. They suggested that the Syrian stand might stem from some unrest in the present ruling junta in Syria.

Gen. Bull Praised for Resisting Syrian Pressure

The sources praised Gen. Bull's steadfast stand in the face of Syrian pressure. It had been feared here in recent days that Gen. Bull might yield, if only partially, to Syria's demands for a wider discussion at the meetings. Gen. Bull apparently decided from the agenda, that it would be better to postpone the meeting indefinitely than to risk an open breakup which would probably have resulted in greater border tension.

Gen. Bull's action came as a surprise, however. Late last night, prior to the departure of the Israeli delegation for Tiberias, a top-level consultation was held in the presence of Premier Levi Eshkol. Those present included Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, the Israel chief of staff; Jacob Herzog, director-general of the Premier's office, and the delegation members. Israeli sources said they understood Gen. Bull's reasons but expressed the hope that the postponement would not be used by the Syrians for new attacks on the border.

Israeli officials reported today that 10 Syrian soldiers had forcibly prevented United Nations observers from investigating a border incident yesterday.

The incident occurred Tuesday when Syrian troops fired at an Israel patrol which sought to remove Syrian farmers from the demilitarized zone near the Dan Settlement. The Syrian soldiers barred the investigation by pointing guns at the U.N. observers.

Patrol Intercepts Infiltrators Near Lebanese Border

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- An Israeli patrol intercepted last night a group of four Arab saboteurs who entered Israel from Lebanon. Israeli officials said the intruders were believed to be members of the EL Fatah commando organization.

When the guerrillas were challenged, they fled, leaving behind four kits filled with explosives. A search of the area uncovered a Mark V anti-vehicle mine near the Shomera settlement. The mine was removed and dismantled. Footprints of four persons crossing the Lebanese border were found near the scene. Israel filed a complaint with the Mixed Armistice Commission.

EBAN IN LONDON FOR TALKS WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT LEADERS

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel arrived here by air today to meet with Prime Minister Harold Wilson, Foreign Secretary George Brown, George Thomson, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, and other British officials. Mr. Eban will also address a dinner here launching the annual campaign of the Joint Palestine Appeal.

The Israeli Foreign Minister said on his arrival here that subject slated for discussion included Israel's frontier problems, the integration of Israel into the European Economic Community and the improvement of the trade balance between the two nations, particularly since Israel was Britain's largest customer in the Middle East.

ISRAELI COALITION NEARING COMPROMISE ON WAGES ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- A special committee named by Premier Levi Eshkol to work out a compromise formula on cost-of-living allowance payments was reported today to be nearing agreement and ending the threat of a coalition crisis.

The National Religious Party and the Independent Liberals opposed any increases in allowance payments or in wages, in accordance with a proposal worked out by the Mapai-Achdut Avodah alignment. The leftist Mapam had fought for full payment of the allowances and a five percent wage increase. The new formula reportedly was offered by the religious bloc and the Independent Liberals, which called for a token wage increase for low-salaried workers.

CHIEF RABBI AND ISRAEL DOCTORS DISCUSS DISPUTE OVER AUTOPSIES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The first top-level meeting aimed at resolving the long-smoldering dispute over charges of indiscriminate performance of autopsies in Israeli hospitals was held here today when Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman received a delegation representing the Israel Medical Association.

The meeting followed demonstrations on the issue in Tel Aviv yesterday that erupted into violence when bands of youths having no connection with the protest rally inflicted damage on various buildings.

At today's meeting, the Chief Rabbi agreed to consider a memorandum to be submitted by the physicians which will explain their arguments on the necessity for post-mortem examinations and which will set forth the medical needs of autopsies as well as their assurances of respect for the deceased.

HERUT PARTY OUSTS LEADERS OF DISSIDENT 'FREE GROUP'

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The inner court of the Herut Party suspended Shmuel Tamir and Shmuel Mintzer last night and barred them from holding any office in the party for a year in the latest phase of a battle by insurgents against the party's leadership.

The action was regarded as a split in the party. Tamir declared today that the action "is regarded as a sentence not only against me but also against all our followers." The dissidents called themselves the "Free Group." They indicated they now consider themselves as expelled from the rightwing party.

While the court cannot deprive Tamir of his Parliamentary seat, the party can remove Tamir from the Knesset committees where he serves as representative of the Gahal faction comprised of Herut and some members of the Liberal Party. Tamir called the verdict a result of "selfish interests" in the Herut leadership.

COURT REFUSES RELEASE OF TWO ARRESTED FEUCHTWANGER DIRECTORS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The Israel Supreme Court rejected an application for release on bail of two directors of a bank who were jailed in connection with a Government takeover of the bank.

The Government seized Feuchtwanger's bank, and its subsidiary, Ellerns Bank, after disclosures of improperly secured loans. The subsidiary, which was described as still in sound condition, was put up for sale earlier this week.

The two former directors, A. Epstein and Ranan Amir, were remanded last Sunday for an additional two weeks by a local magistrate after the prosecution contended their release might interfere with the official investigation of the banks. The effect of the Supreme Court ruling was to confirm the local remand order.

Several bids have been made for the Ellerns Bank. The major bids were received from the Workers Bank and the Manufacturers Association Bank.

200 SCIENTISTS TO ATTEND NUCLEAR CONFERENCE AT WEIZMANN INSTITUTE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Some 200 distinguished scientists from Israel and 22 other countries will participate in the Second International Conference of High Energy Physics and Nuclear Structures, to be held at Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, between February 27 and March 3, it was announced today.

NEW EXTREMIST DUTCH PARTY CAPTURED SEVEN PARLIAMENTARY SEATS

THE HAGUE, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The rightwing Farmers Party, which includes many ex-Nazi sympathizers, won seven out of the 150 seats in the Dutch Parliament in Holland's parliamentary elections today. A new leftwing party, the Democrats, also won seven seats. Both the traditional leading parties, the Roman Catholic Peoples Party and the Socialists, suffered heavy losses in the election.

VICTIMS OF NAZISM GIVEN JEWISH REBURIAL IN SOVIET BAKU AREA

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The skeletons of 2,000 Jews murdered by the Nazis during the German occupation of the Baku area in the Soviet Union were exhumed and re-buried according to Jewish rites in the Baku Jewish cemetery, it was reported here today from Moscow.

Baku Jews were assisted in the grim task by local non-Jews, who placed the bones in special containers for re-interment. Most of the victims were Polish Jews who fled to Baku when Germany invaded Poland.

EICHMANN PROSECUTOR SAYS WAR CRIMINALS SHOULD BE TREATED AS MURDERERS

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The prosecutor of Adolf Eichmann said here today that while he favored study and investigation of a mass psychosis that could pervert a whole people, he opposed treating individual war criminals as anything but the murderers that they were.

Gideon Hausner, who, as Attorney General of Israel, prosecuted Eichmann, came to London in connection with the publication here of his book on the Eichmann case. He criticized the conduct of war crimes trials in Austria asserting that it might have been better if they had not taken place. He was especially critical of the treatment given witnesses in war crimes cases in Austrian courts, asserting that often they were treated as though they had been the criminals.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS URGES BROADENING OF DIVORCE LAWS

MONTREAL, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress submitted today a brief to a Parliamentary committee criticizing the fact that most Canadian laws permit divorces only for adultery and suggesting that the laws be broadened.

The statement submitted to the Senate and House of Commons said that the goal of such legislation should be "the creation of a sound and sensible divorce law designed for the prime purpose of saving a marriage, where there is hope that it can be saved, or otherwise dissolving it with the least possible turmoil, with the fewest obstacles and with the least expense."

The Congress also said that there should be conciliation procedures written into law which should include consideration of the need for a religious divorce where partners, or one partner, observes religious laws requiring such divorces. The statement noted that Jewish religious law requires religious divorces.

WAYNE MAYOR ASKS PEOPLE TO REASSERT, PRACTICE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

WAYNE, N.J., Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The Mayor of Wayne Township sought yesterday to rebut charges of anti-Semitism against the community growing out of a heated school board election in which voters apparently accepted an appeal to defeat two candidates for the board because they were Jews.

Mayor Edward Cisco made the effort in connection with issuance of a statement proclaiming Brotherhood Week in the prosperous suburban community, starting Sunday. He said that "the basic facts involved in the election were completely overshadowed by outside influences and outside news coverage." He called all the candidates "well qualified" and declared that their sincerity "has never been doubted by anyone in the community." He insisted that the voters "went to the polls solely to express their views on rising taxes and individual qualifications of the candidates."

The mayor stressed that the 45,000 residents of the township had for many years had the "experience of living together, regardless of race, color or religion, in the true sense of the American way."

In his post-election statement, Mayor Cisco said the school budget would have forced a tax increase of \$58 a year for persons owning \$20,000 homes. In his proclamation of Brotherhood Week, the Mayor said "to all our citizens" that "it is well, at a time when the principles upon which our democracy is founded are gravely threatened, that we should reassert them firmly and rededicate ourselves to their daily practice."

A New York Times editorial asserted that a community which stints on the schooling of its children "compromises its future" and that a town "that stigmatizes candidates because of their racial or religious background becomes a house divided, a victim of home-bred hatreds."

ATLANTA COMMUNITY TO STUDY 'CHRISTIAN ONLY' POLICY OF LOCAL COLLEGE

ATLANTA, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The community relations committee of the Atlanta Jewish Community Council will meet to consider a policy statement by the board of trustees of Agnes Scott College here reaffirming a long-standing policy of hiring Christians only for the faculty of the women's school. The 78-year-old Presbyterian-oriented institution has a number of Jewish students.

The board's position was reported in the current issue of The Profile, the college newspaper. It stressed the board's policy of maintaining an environment "distinctly favorable to the maintenance of the faith and practice of the Christian religion." Wallace McPherson Alston, president of Agnes Scott College, in defending the board's position, said it was his impression that many church-related colleges had similar restrictions on their faculty appointments.

Charles F. Wittenstein, southeastern area director of the American Jewish Committee, said the Board's reaffirmation of its hiring policy had "surprised and dismayed" many in Atlanta's Jewish community. He added that it was "difficult to understand why a religious test is required of teachers of such non-religious subjects as French, English literature and mathematics."

Another Jewish community official pointed out that the college has had many outstanding Jewish students whom its faculty had always encouraged to join Jewish organizations, including the Hillel Foundation at nearby Emory College. He also said that Dr. Paul L. Garber, Professor of Bible at the college was an ardent friend of Israel and of the Jewish people.

RABBI MORRIS LIEBERMAN TO HEAD JWB ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS UNIT

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Rabbi Morris Lieberman of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation has been appointed chairman of the National Jewish Welfare Board Armed Forces and Veterans Services Committee, Louis Stern, JWB president, announced today. He succeeds the late Walter B. Heller of San Francisco.

Rabbi Lieberman was formerly chairman of the JWB Commission on the Jewish Chaplaincy and has been a vice-president of JWB since 1964. He is vice-president of the board of governors of the United Services Organizations (USO) and was a U.S. Army chaplain from 1942 to 1946, serving in the Normandy campaign.

ISAAC HAMLIN, LABOR ZIONIST PIONEER, DIES IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Isaac Hamlin, a veteran leader of the Labor Zionist movement and a founder and first national secretary of the National Committee for Labor Israel, died at his home here this morning at the age of 75. He had served for the past 10 years as director of the Histadrut Center in Tel Aviv.

Mr. Hamlin had recently returned to Israel after a two-month visit to the United States during which he was honored on the occasion of his 75th birthday and his half-century of service to the cause of Labor Zionism.

Among those paying tribute to Mr. Hamlin on his birthday were President Zalman Shazar of Israel; Prime Minister Levi Eshkol; former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion; Mrs. Golda Meir, general secretary of Mapai and former Foreign Minister; and Aharon Becker, general secretary of the Histadrut, the Israel labor federation.

Born in Comarin, Russia, Mr. Hamlin emigrated to the United States and settled in Boston in 1909. He served as general secretary of the Poale Zion Party of America from 1921 to 1924 and was national secretary of the National Committee for Labor Israel from 1923 until he emigrated to Israel in 1956.

He played a major role in the establishment of the Joint Distribution Committee and was a founder of the American Jewish Congress. Mr. Hamlin was a delegate to Zionist congresses from 1926 until 1956 and served as a board member of the United Jewish Appeal and the United Israel Appeal. He was a frequent contributor to the Yiddish press.

ARTHUR H. EDELSTEIN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF TOLEDO FUND, DIES AT 65

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here for Arthur H. Edelstein, 65, past president of the United Jewish Fund of Toledo and of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Toledo and a member of the national board of the Joint Distribution Committee. Active in local Jewish philanthropies, Mr. Edelstein had also been treasurer of the Toledo chapter of the Zionist Organization of America for more than 30 years. He was honored by the Toledo Jewish community in 1962 and elected an honorary vice-president of the Jewish Welfare Federation.