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SYRIA RESUMES SHOOTING AT ISRAELI FIELDS; JORDANIANS FIRE ON JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- An 18-year-old Israeli youth, Yehouda Simontov was wounded today in Jerusalem in the second of two shooting incidents on Israel's borders. Simontov, who was hit when Jordanian soldiers opened fire from their positions in old Jerusalem, was taken to Hadassah Hospital where his condition was reported as not dangerous. No reason was reported for the Jordanian shooting.

In the first of the day's incidents, Syrian gunners opened fire at noon on Israeli tractors working in fields north of the Tel Katzir settlement. The site was the scene of a similar attack last Friday which flared into a sharp ground and air battle during which Israeli jets shot down six Syrian Soviet-made MIG-21 jet planes.

The Army spokesman said that the Syrian mortar fire at the tractors ceased only when Israel brought up "additional preventive" means. He added that the "means," which were not specified, were not used.

The Israeli communique on the tractor attack said that the Syrians aimed heavy fire from Hirbet Tawafik on the fields southeast of Lake Tiberias. Some 30 120-millimeter shells hit the target area but there were no casualties and the tractors did not halt their ploughing during the attack.

The fields are cultivated routinely by Israelis and tractors worked the area yesterday and early today without interference. Israeli officials said the target fields were not considered "disputed" but are recognized as Israeli.

Syrian and Egyptian Official Start Secret Talks on Israel

The Damascus Radio reported today that Syrian and Egyptian officials started secret high-level military talks in Syria on joint strategy against Israel. A Damascus radio broadcast today also admitted officially, for the first time, that the Syrians had opened fire on Israeli tractors.

There was an increased tendency in Israel Government circles today to revert to the border situation existing prior to the convening, last January 25, when the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission met, at the summons of United Nations Secretary-General U Thant. The session had been called to discuss the issue of land cultivation and cultivation rights in the demilitarized zones on the Israeli-Syrian frontiers.

In an effort to show good will to the U.N. chief's efforts to pacify the Syrian and Israeli borders, Israel halted cultivation in some areas under dispute. Now, under pressure from Israel's border settlements, and with growing doubts that Syria has any intentions of renewing the ISMAC talks -- suspended since February 2 -- the trend is toward renewing of farm work in all of the available lands on the border and in the demilitarized zones. Israel had been cultivating those lands for years until the voluntary halt in January.

U.S. CONGRESS STUDY MISSION REPORTS VIEWS ON ARAB-ISRAEL SITUATION

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- Egypt has been depicted by a special House Foreign Affairs Committee study mission which visited the Near East as "the source of many of the troubles of the West in the Near East." The report stressed the intensity of anti-Israel tendencies in the region.

The study mission was under chairmanship of Rep. Edward R. Roybal, California Democrat, and included Representatives E. Ross Adair, Indiana Republican; J. I. Whalley, Pennsylvania Republican and E. Y. Berry, South Dakota Republican. The mission visited Israel and the Arab states in November and December and have just released their conclusions.

Arab "determination to liquidate Israel" was discerned as an aspect of the Arab military build-up noted. Arab hostility was described in detail. Israel was depicted as a state "whose up-to-date know-how and modern initiative tend to aggravate the existing envy and distrust among her neighbors."

The Congressmen said that "of paramount concern" is the fact that Nasser has continued to exploit the belligerency exhibited by the Palestinian Arab refugees. They noted

also the "border violations by Syrian terrorists." The Congressmen evaluated the so-called Palestine Liberation Organization and found Arab states distrustful of it. They said that otherwise the PLO would be "much larger." Emphasis was made on moves to remove from UNRWA rolls all Arab refugees serving in the forces of the PLO.

Notice was taken of the "large quantities" of arms purchased by Nasser from the Soviet Union. "He has also been promised Chinese aid in his drive against Western influence in the Near East," said the report. The mission revealed that Kuwait has undertaken to finance the PLO.

A conclusion drawn was that enormous sums were spent by Israel and the Arabs for escalating the arms race "sapping the economic strength of both sides." The mission held that "it is necessary to recognize that prevailing and dominant ambitions of the current Egyptian leadership are aggressively opposed to the primary interests of the United States." Nasser's designs on Yemen and Aden were reported.

The committee also referred to the Arab economic warfare aimed at isolating Israel, including the continued blockade of the Suez Canal against Israeli ships and cargoes. Egypt was seen as the "key country" in the Near East and one where Soviet influence is "very strong." The mission said "although Nasser is doing badly at the moment, he is still a strong force to be dealt with."

On the Arab refugee question, the Congressmen found Israel's position "clear." The Arab population is growing faster per capita than the Jewish population in Israel and "by increasing the Arab population by repatriation, all Jewish citizens will be placed in jeopardy," the mission reported. The conclusion on Israel's water problems was that "sea water desalination would appear to be the most obvious answer."

ONLY 2,403 JOBLESS IN ISRAEL REGISTERED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENT

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- Labor exchanges throughout Israel are scheduled to start paying unemployment compensation to the jobless next week, it was announced officially here today.

Registration entitling the jobless to receive compensation went into effect April 3. Thus far, the Labor Ministry said, only 2,403 have registered for these payments. That low figure, in the opinion of some officials, may indicate that unemployment in Israel is not as large as believed earlier.

U.S. ENVOY GETS LIST OF 450 ROCKWELL SUPPORTERS IN EUROPE

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- A list of 450 European supporters of George Lincoln Rockwell's world Nazi movement, based in Arlington, Va., has been transmitted to the United States Ambassador in Vienna, Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Vienna Jewish Documentation Center, revealed today in an address before the National Press Club. The neo-Nazis to whom Mr. Wiesenthal referred live in Europe in various countries, including Germany and Austria.

Mr. Wiesenthal, who claims to have exposed Nazi SS criminal, Franz Stangl, who was recently arrested in Brazil, told the club that he has received information that the Volkswagen Automobile Company, which employed Stangl, is providing him with legal assistance to fight extradition. He said there was evidence of rising anti-Semitism in West Germany.

In Austria, greater anti-Semitism today exists than in West Germany, according to Mr. Wiesenthal. But he said some officials of the Austrian Government were opposing such tendencies. Commenting on the role of the Vatican in connection with Nazism, Mr. Wiesenthal said that many Nazi war criminals received identity cards from the Vatican, enabling them to escape after World War II.

EX-NAZI COMMANDER GOES ON TRIAL IN MUNICH FOR KILLING JEWS, RUSSIANS

MUNICH, April 11. (JTA) -- A 65-year-old former member of the SS, Paul Anton Reiter, went on trial here yesterday on charges of killing 10 Jews and a Soviet war prisoner shortly before World War II ended. He was charged with ordering the killings in April, 1965, in his capacity as commander of an SS unit in Leiben, Austria.

DR. JAKOBOVITS INSTALLED INTO OFFICE AS BRITISH CHIEF RABBI

LONDON, April 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, new chief rabbi of the British Commonwealth, pledged here today to do all in his power to help "alleviate the religious attrition and communal isolation of our Russian brethren," terming that issue "the most painful Jewish problem of our day."

He made that statement at ceremonies installing him into his new office, held at St. John's Wood Synagogue. Other high priority aims identified by the chief rabbi in his installation address included:

1. More intense efforts for study of the Torah, stating that "expenditure in money and energy on Jewish education represents our defense budget";
2. preservation of the Jewish community's "predominantly traditional" character;
3. recognition of dissent; and
4. use of his high office to help promote world peace and "the moral regeneration of society."

DR. GOLDMANN LEAVES YUGOSLAVIA; VISITED MAJOR JEWISH INSTITUTIONS

BELGRADE, April 11. (JTA) -- A World Jewish Congress delegation headed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president, left here today after a three-day visit to Yugoslav Jewish communities as part of their tour of Jewish communities in Eastern Europe.

Dr. Goldmann, accompanied by Dr. Ladislav Kadelburg, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia, was received by Geza Tikwicki, a member of the executive council of the Yugoslav Government. He also paid a visit to the chairman of the Belgrade Council, Mayor Branko Peschitz.

Earlier, some 70 Jewish leaders from all parts of Yugoslavia attended a reception for the WJC delegation given by the Yugoslav Jewish Federation. During the reception, discussions were held on such topics as neo-Nazism, compensation for Nazi victims, Jewish identity and Jewish youth. The WJC leaders were also guests of honor at a banquet given by the Federation.

The WJC delegation also visited the major Jewish institutions in Belgrade as well as to the studio of the sculptor Nander Gild who is working on the international monument at the site of the wartime Dachau concentration camp for which his design won first prize. The WJC leaders also laid wreaths at the monuments for the Jewish partisans and martyrs.

ANTI SEMITIC STICKERS APPEAR ON BUILDINGS OF UNIVERSITY IN SO. AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, April 11. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic stickers were found today pasted on walls of buildings on the campus of Pretoria University, following the recent smearing of swastikas on other walls. Prof. C.H. Rautenbach, rector of the university, announced that he had ordered an investigation into the incidents, expressing the hope that both incidents might prove to have been "isolated incidents of an immature mind or minds." At the same time, he asserted forcefully that the university is eager to assure Jewish students that they should feel "at home" on the campus. The stickers found today bore the slogan: "Communism is Jewish; Hitler was right." The slogan was in Afrikaans. Barry Krasner, chairman of the university's Student Jewish Association, conferred with the rector. Prof. Rautenbach authorized Mr. Krasner to make public a copy of a letter written by the rector to the parent of a student who had complained about the swastika incident.

N.C.J.W. CONVENTION OPPOSES FEDERAL AID TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

ATLANTA, Ga., April 11. (JTA) -- Federal aid to parochial schools was criticized today in a resolution adopted here by 1,000 delegates to the biennial convention of the National Council of Jewish Women.

The resolution asserted that "people are fleeing the public schools in some areas -- even more so now that private education is receiving public subsidy. Aid to sectarian schools can only serve to undercut the public school system which is a cornerstone of democracy."

The statement deplored the fact that "those left in the public schools are chosen from poor and culturally-disadvantaged homes." The resolution warned that "this has aggravated racial isolation which robs the minority group children of pride, and deprives the majority group of the opportunity to learn to work and to play with children from different backgrounds."

The delegates added that the NCJW "has no doubt that segregated education means inferior education. Though all communities cannot integrate their schools at the same rate, all communities must still move forward."

The delegates adopted the resolution after hearing a warning that private and parochial schools which are receiving federal aid under the child benefit concept of the new federal education law were already "laying the groundwork for still larger claims to public funds."

The warning was made by Aaron Goldmann, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, who said that the development posed a serious threat to public education. He said "with our public schools already in desperate straits, how do we deal with this diversion of public monies into non-public schools?"

Rabbi Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, called for renewed emphasis on Jewish education both in this country and abroad. Deploping the increasing independence of American Jewish youth from "Jewish organization, Jewish religion, Jewish tradition and a Jewish future," he warned the delegates that if the community did not pay more attention to the education of its youth, "within one or two generations, Jewish tradition will become neglected and even forgotten."

Israeli Ambassador Avraham Harman awarded the NCJW a citation in honor of the 20th anniversary of its support to the John Dewey School of Education at the Hebrew University. Vice-President Humphrey is scheduled to deliver a major address at the convention's banquet, Thursday evening. It will be Mr. Humphrey's first public speech since his return from his important mission to Europe.

B'NAI B'RITH ANNOUNCES STUDY ON CAREER PLANS OF JEWISH YOUTHS

CHICAGO, April 11. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith announced today its Vocational Service Department was undertaking a study to discover if Jewish youths make good on the college and career plans they formulate as high school students.

The study reported at the annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service Commission, held here, was a follow-up of an extensive BBVS survey conducted in the early 1960's of 6,649 Jewish students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades. It will seek to determine whether the youths, now in college or earning a living, attended the schools of their choice and entered the fields they hoped for while in high school, and how they compare, as Jews, to the general population in successfully completing their career plans.

Milton Berger of Philadelphia, chairman of the Commission, said the study will enable educational and vocational guidance personnel to understand what factors affect the career decisions of Jewish youth so that they may utilize this information in their current counseling. "If we know why Jewish youngsters succeed or fail in college and in their designated professions," Mr. Berger said, "we can offer more competent guidance to today's youth who encounter greater problems because of the increasing competition for college admittance and the growing specialization in the labor market."

Rabbi Jay Kaufman, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith said the study will "suggest some creative approaches" to increasing the number of workers in the Jewish communal service field. Noting that 19 percent of the youths interviewed in the early BBVS survey expressed an interest in this work, Rabbi Kaufman said the follow-up study should show why this interest waned and what steps can be taken to correct the problem. "If nearly one youth in five can consider Jewish communal service work, but not one youth in 100 enters the field, we must be doing something wrong," Rabbi Kaufman said. "This study, hopefully will provide some answers."

80 AMERICAN STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN HEBREW U. SUMMER COURSES

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- Eighty American college students from the State University of New York and Temple University, Philadelphia, will participate in seven week summer session programs at the Hebrew University under the auspices of the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency, it was announced here today by Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chairman of the Jewish Agency-American Section and its education department.

It will be the second year of such a project for Temple University and the first year for the State University of New York. In announcing this year's program for college students, Mrs. Halprin said: "We are currently in negotiation with several other colleges and universities, and it is likely that the number of American college students attending these summer university programs in Israel will be substantially increased in 1968."

Students from both American colleges satisfactorily completing these summer courses will receive six semester credits from their respective schools. The Temple University project is under the supervision of Dr. Esra Shereshevsky, chairman of the Department of Hebrew, Temple University. The State University of New York program is directed by Dr. Yonah Alexander, associate professor of Political Science, State University of New York, Oneonta.

JUDGE SILVER TO RECEIVE 1967 HEBREW UNIVERSITY AWARD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- Judge Edward S. Silver of the Kings County Surrogate's Court, will receive the 1967 Solomon Publick Award of the Hebrew University, it was announced today by former Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. The award will be presented at a dinner in Judge Silver's honor April 17 at the Plaza Hotel. William O. Douglas, Justice of the United States Supreme Court, will be the principal speaker.

The award is presented in alternate years to the person "who, during the two years preceding the award, has made the most significant contribution to the progress and development of Israel." David Ben-Gurion was the first recipient in 1949. Americans previously honored include former President Harry S. Truman, former Governor Herbert H. Lehman and most recently, Robert Szold. Judge Silver is chairman of the Greater New York Committee for the State of Israel Bonds and a member of the Board of Directors of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. He has long been active in the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

JEWISH AGENCY MEMBER TALKS IN ARGENTINA ON ISSUES IN ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, April 11. (JTA) -- Leon Dultzin, member of the Jewish Agency executive who recently resigned from a committee post in the Gahal Herut-Liberal bloc, said here today that the bloc could continue to exist only if there was a change in the electoral system in Israel and if Herut defined its position with regard to Israel's frontiers and Israel's relations with Germany.

Mr. Dultzin, currently visiting Argentina, told a press conference that the electoral change was necessary to end the splintered character of Israeli politics. He was replying to a question about his resignation.