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Two New Border Incidents Reported in Israel; Infiltrators Use Explosives

JERUSALEM, May 4. (JTA) -- Israeli officials reported today two new border incidents in one of which three infiltrators from Lebanese territory clashed with an Israeli patrol last night in Upper Galilee. After an exchange of fire the marauders fled back into Lebanon, leaving behind a plastic container filled with explosives. Israel complained to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

In the other incident, infiltrators coming from the Hebron hills area in Jordan tried yesterday to blow up a culvert on the Dvir-Lahav road in the Lachish area. The culvert, located about five miles from the Jordanian border, was not damaged.

The Israeli delegation walked out of a meeting of the Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission yesterday in a largely symbolic gesture of protest. The walkout took place when it was learned that Jordanian workers were doing some work in the building where the meeting took place.

The Israelis left the session because the armistice agreement provides that both countries must approve any changes in the building before they can be made. The gesture was symbolic in that it was understood that the Israelis will return to the MAC sessions at a later date. After the walkout, the Commission criticized Israel for allegedly making changes without Jordan's approval, in the Mandelbaum Gate which separates Israel-held new Jerusalem from Jordan-held old Jerusalem.

Conflict in Israel Over Autopsies Easing; Knesset to Get Eshkol Proposals

JERUSALEM, May 4. (JTA) -- The conflict within Premier Levi Eshkol's coalition Government over Orthodox opposition to autopsies in Israeli hospitals was eased today by a promise from the Premier that his Government would submit soon to Parliament proposals to meet Orthodox objections.

The Premier announced those plans after a second round of talks late last night with representatives of the National Religious Party, who included Interior Minister Moshe Shapiro and Social Welfare Minister Joseph Burg. Previously the Premier had met with leaders of the ultra-Orthodox Agudat Israel and Poalei Agudat Israel.

The proposals will be in the form of amendments to Israel's Anatomy and Pathology Law which, in the Premier's words to the religious representatives, will combine "maximum consideration for the sensibilities of Orthodox families and the need for scientific progress." Autopsies without consulting families are permitted under that law when necessary to establish cause of death or for transplants to cure another person if three competent doctors have confirmed either need. Jewish Religious Law bars autopsies except to save the lives of others.

Details of the amendments, which were scheduled to be presented to the Cabinet and the Knesset in about a month, were not disclosed. The Premier was aided, in his talks with the Orthodox party leaders, by Justice Minister Yaacov Shapiro and Health Minister Israel Barzilai.

At least two groups in Israel were not satisfied by the proposals. One was the Agudat Israel. Despite assurances given by Ministers Yaacov Shapiro and Barzilai, whose Ministries are directly involved in the autopsy situation, Agudat Israel leaders said they would continue their public fight for a complete revision of the law. The other was a group of six Orthodox rabbis and laymen, all United States citizens residing in Israel.

Leftwing Groups in Coalition Government May Oppose Concessions

The six American residents called yesterday on the United States Embassy in Tel Aviv where they asked for United States Government intervention so that "American citizens in Israel should receive the same protection against autopsies that they would have in America." American law bars autopsies without the consent of families except in rare cases. The six American Jews were accompanied by about 30 yeshiva students some of whom carried protesting posters. They conferred with Consul Huston Dixon.

Their spokesmen were Rabbi Jona Horowitz, former head of the Beer Shmuel Yeshiva in Brooklyn, and Rabbi Hersch Kohn, formerly of New York City. Mr. Dixon accepted a photocopy of a petition signed by 1,500 Americans and other foreign nationals resident in Israel on the issue

and told the delegation he would take the matter up with United States Ambassador Walworth Barbour.

(United States Government legal experts said in Washington that the U.S. Government could take no legal action aimed at protecting American citizens living in Israel from present Israeli laws which allow autopsies in hospitals without the consent of the family of the deceased. Some U.S. officials here suggested, however, that the U.S. Government could informally approach the Israeli Government to ask for individual exceptions in the case of Americans who had made written requests to the Embassy for such exemption.)

The consensus of observers here was that while public unrest continued on the problem, Mr. Eshkol's government did not seem to be facing any real internal or Parliamentary threat. Real difficulties might develop, they added, if the leftwing flank of the coalition would react with hostility to concessions to the religious segment which the leftwing groups would consider as too grant.

Increase in Israel's Arms Production Indicated By High Defense Official

REHOVOT, May 4, (JTA) -- Deputy Defense Minister Zvi Dinstein predicted today that in five to eight years, Israel will produce up to 70 percent of its defense requirements compared with the present 20 to 25 percent.

Speaking at a meeting of the Association for the Advance of Science at the Weizmann Institute, he added that Israel's high defense outlays were responsible for at least half of Israel's trade deficit.

Jewish Agency Discusses Relations Between Israel and American Jewry

JERUSALEM, May 4, (JTA) -- Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, called upon Israel and Israelis last night to speak "not in slogans but in sincere expressions of concern for American Jewry if we want to draw still closer to it."

He made the appeal in an address to a session of the Agency on relations between Israel and the Jewish communities of North and South America. He stressed that "we will be able to save the Diaspora only when we have proved our determination to develop here in Israel a Zionist consciousness and a sense of responsibility for the survival of the Jewish people in its entity."

German Ambassador in Israel Tenders First Reception; Eshkol Attends

JERUSALEM, May 4, (JTA) -- The first diplomatic reception tendered by West Germany's Ambassador here was held last night and attended by hundreds of dignitaries led by Premier Levi Eshkol and Knesset Speaker Kaddish Luz. The reception, given by Ambassador Rolf Pauls, was attended also by Cabinet Ministers, army officers and senior government officials.

Practically all political parties, with the exception of the leftist Mapam, the Communists and Agudat Israel, were represented. Some observers here speculated that the Premier's participation indicated a discreet but effective turning point in Israeli relations with West Germany which they felt were likely to become still closer in the near future.

New Head of Israel's Delegation to the U.N. Presents His Credentials

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 4, (JTA) -- Ambassador Gideon Rafael, Israel's new permanent representative and head of Mission here, presented his credentials to Secretary-General U Thant today, after which the two diplomats engaged in a conversation about current United Nations problems in general, including Arab-Israeli issues.

After his meeting with Mr. Thant, Ambassador Rafael was a guest of the United Nations Correspondents Association, at a reception where the representatives of all news media at the U.N. greeted the new envoy and engaged in informal talks about the issues he will face here as Israel's top representative.

Mr. Rafael also told the newsmen that en-route from Israel to New York he visited the Soviet Union -- from which he returned only yesterday -- and conferred with top USSR Foreign Ministry officials including Deputy Foreign Ministry Vladimir Semionov. He said his talks with these officials were "realistic," but would disclose no further details. He expressed the hope that the USSR delegation at the United Nations might be "more objective" in dealing with Israeli-Arab problems, and said "it would be helpful if there were an even distribution of friendship" to delegations here.

Concerning the arms race in the Middle East, he said: "As long as that race is on, Israel is determined not to lag behind. We welcome any means to end that race. But there is always more than one party in a race. We did not start it."

207 Desecrations of Jewish Cemeteries in Germany Reported Since 1948

BONN, May 4, (JTA) -- Officials disclosed here today that 207 desecrations in Jewish cemeteries in West Germany have been reported since 1948. They said 147 of the actions were solved by police and the offenders were caught. They included 122 minors.

Latin American Interparliamentary Union Appeals to Moscow on Soviet Jews

MONTEVIDEO, May 4. (JTA) -- A resolution appealing to the Soviet Government to implement the promise made in Paris last December by USSR Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin to permit Russian Jews who wish to do so to emigrate for reunification with their families, was adopted unanimously here today by the Interparliamentary Union of Latin America.

The resolution described the situation of the Soviet Jews and the discriminations practiced against them in the USSR. The measure also recommended that the national parliaments of all Latin American countries express to their governments their concern about the fate of Russia's Jews.

Jewish Expert Urges Divorcing Crimes Against Humanity From War Crimes

PARIS, May 4. (JTA) -- Twenty-seven international law experts attending a Congress on International Penal Law here heard a proposal today that the Congress call on the United Nations to seek to divorce crimes against humanity from war crimes, so that such crimes would be punishable no matter when committed.

The proposal was offered by Dr. S.J. Roth, director of the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London. The Congress was convened by five resistance movements to discuss international codification of crimes against humanity, crimes in peace and war crimes, as well as the problem of creation of an international penal code. Such crimes were incorporated in the charter and judgments of the Allied War Crimes Tribunal at Nuremberg and reaffirmed by the U.N. General Assembly. A draft code was prepared by the U.N. international law commission.

Dr. Roth made his proposal in urging the Congress to call on the U.N. to resume preparation of such an international penal code. He also urged that such a code include provisions excluding such crimes from any statutes of limitation or from classification as political crimes. Several fugitive Nazi war criminals have escaped extradition when the host country termed their crimes as political.

Gideon Hauser, former Israeli Attorney General and chief prosecutor at the Jerusalem trial of Adolf Eichmann, cited cases of such criminals in which extradition had been denied partly because of domestic statutes of limitation. He cited the case of Franz Stangl, wartime commandant of the Nazi death camps at Treblinka and Sobibor, who was arrested in March in Sao Paulo, and whose extradition is still under consideration by the Brazilian Supreme Court, Austria, West Germany and Poland have asked Stangl's extradition.

Doctor in Nazi Death Camp Who Escaped Trial in Germany Dies in Cairo

BONN, May 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Hans Eisele, a doctor at the Buchenwald death camp, died yesterday in Cairo at the age of 55, it was reported here today. Eisele fled from a war crimes trial to Egypt in 1952 and remained there after President Nasser rejected a West German request for his extradition.

Dr. Eisele was twice sentenced to death by the Allies for his death camp activities but was released in 1952. He was then arrested for trial by a German court but managed to flee Germany, turning up in Cairo.

Italy to Use Method of Jewish Scientist in Desalination Experiments

ROME, May 4. (JTA) -- An experimental center for the desalting of sea water, in which plants using every known approach will be installed for comparative studies, was inaugurated in Bari yesterday. Among the plants will be one using the principles developed by the Russian-born Israeli scientist, Dr. Alexander Zarchin. Prime Minister Aldo Moro, and many civil, military and religious officials took part in the inaugural.

The Zarchin direct freeze plant is being provided in part by the Israeli Zarchin Company. After it has been completed with Italian-built parts in La Spezia, it will be moved to Bari for installation. Israeli officials indicated hopes that Israel's extensive research in this field would benefit from the findings in the Bari center.

German Synagogue to be Reassembled in Jerusalem as a Memorial

JERUSALEM, May 4. (JTA) -- Twenty-eight crates containing the walls and furniture of a German synagogue will arrive here next week to be reassembled in Jerusalem as a memorial of the German Jewry destroyed by the Nazis. The synagogue, built in the last century in Bavaria, served as a house of worship for Bavarian Jewry. Its transfer was arranged through the generosity of Jacob Michael of New York, who provided the necessary funds.

Israel to Issue Postage Stamps Commemorating Irgun and Stern Groups

TEL AVIV, May 4. (JTA) -- Israeli postal authorities disclosed plans today to issue a special series of stamps to commemorate the pre-state underground fighters, mainly of the Irgun and the Stern groups, who were executed by the British mandatory regime. The stamps will be issued on the 20th anniversary of Israeli statehood next year. This is also the 20th anniversary of the hanging of eight Irgun members.

A special pilgrimage will be held to the graves of the eight members in the Safad cemetery. Visits also will be made to the execution room in Acre prison where most of the sentences were carried out.

Canadian Jewish Congress Protests Anti-Semitic Remarks in Quebec Assembly

MONTREAL, May 4. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress today protested against anti-Semitic remarks made last week in the Quebec Legislative Assembly by two members of the Quebec Province Cabinet, Minister of Tourism Gabriel Loubier and Jean Noel Tremblay, Minister of Cultural Affairs. The CJC protest was entered into the official proceedings of the legislature by Dr. Victor C. Goldbloom, a Liberal member for the Montreal riding of D'Arcy McGee. He is one of the two Jews in the legislature.

According to the CJC protest, Mr. Loubier asked "how do you say that in Jewish?" when another member, Claude Wagner, charged that the "Mafia black hand" conducts organized crime in Canada. Mr. Wagner is half-Jewish, son of a man who had converted to Catholicism. The Congress charged that Mr. Tremblay defended Mr. Loubier's remark by stating that it was intended to be "humorous."

"One would have thought," stated the CJC protest, "that in the welter of important changes in Quebec and the creation of a better society, the introduction of racist mentality, even if truly in the guise of repartee, could not take place. Alas it does. One can hope that Messrs. Loubier and Tremblay will have the grace to apologize for their ill-advised remarks and to expunge them not only from the record but from their thinking. One can not remove prejudice and xenophobia, but one has the right to expect that their expression be not harbored by Ministers responsible for the government of this country."

Prosecutor Says Yonkers Youth Admitted Setting Fire to Jewish Center

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., May 4. (JTA) -- An 18-year-old Yonkers youth accused of having set the fire at the Yonkers Jewish Community Center in December of 1965, resulting in the deaths of 12 persons, had admitted that he was "responsible for the fire," Assistant District Attorney Thomas Facella charged in County Court here, where the youth is on trial. The defendant, Thomas A. Ruppert, is being tried on 24 counts of murder and one count of arson. The trial went into its third day today before Judge Robert E. Dempsey and a jury of 10 men and two women selected after three weeks of culling the county's jury lists.

Mr. Facella charged that Ruppert made his virtual confession to Zvi Almog who was, at the time of the conflagration, director of the Jewish center. However, the youth's voluntary defense counsel, Mrs. Eleanor Jackson Piel, told the court Ruppert had been "psychologically coerced" into making his statement of guilt. The prosecutor told the court that he would prove that the fire was "deliberately set and was incendiary in origin." He declared that, in confessing to Mr. Almog, the youth had stated he wanted to go to the police and "get everything off his chest."

Haifa Technion Receives Grant From U.S. Aeronautics and Space Agency

HAIFA, May 4. (JTA) -- The Technion-Israel Institute of Technology announced today it had received a 12-month research grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, a U.S. Government agency for a research program on the behavior of metals.

The grant will finance research on "creep behavior of metals in low strain regions under slightly varying stresses." The Institute also reported that Tzvi Getzler, a senior lecturer at the Institute's civil engineering facility, had been awarded the Celemens Henschel Prize by the Boston Society of Civil Engineers.

Edward Vajda Named Executive Director of American Technion Society

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- The appointment of Edward R. Vajda as national executive director of the American Technion Society was announced today by Maurice M. Rosen of Philadelphia, national president. Mr. Vajda has been a key executive in the nationwide United Jewish Appeal campaigns for more than two decades and is currently its national field director.

Mr. Vajda left the practice of law to engage in Jewish communal service and has been associated in executive capacities with the National Refugee Service and the Joint Distribution Committee, as well as with the UJA. The American Technion Society, a nationwide group composed in the main of engineers, scientists, industrialists and educators, provides financial support and technical guidance to the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, located in Haifa, which has an enrollment of 5,000.

Kansas City Jews Hold 24-Hour Vigil for Soviet Jewry; Joined By Non-Jews

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 4. (JTA) -- Greater Kansas City joined other communities throughout the nation in a 24-hour Vigil for Soviet Jewry. Twenty-five programs scheduled at half-hour and hourly intervals were presented by as many organizations. The programs included appropriate religious services, choral groups from churches and synagogues, youth groups, singing freedom songs, poetry readings in Russian and Yiddish and English, dramatic readings, films, and panel discussions.

The Kansas City Conference for Soviet Jewry, the Jewish Community Relations Bureau and the Jewish Community Center -- sponsors of the Vigil -- were joined by the Kansas City Baptist Fellowship, the Kansas City-St. Joseph Catholic Diocese, the Kansas City Council of Churches, and many other Jewish and community-wide organizations.