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Arabs Declare General Strike in Old Jerusalem; Incited by Radio from Jordan

JERUSALEM, August 7, (JTA) -- A general strike in the Old Jerusalem section of this city virtually paralyzed all business in that area today, as Arab-owned shops and restaurants were closed and buses run by Arabs stopped off the streets. The strike had been called by a group calling itself the "Committee for the Defense of Arab Jerusalem," and had been sparked by broadcasts over the Jordanian radio, beamed from Amman, encouraging actions against the unification of the city by Israel.

The action, as called for by Radio Amman, was linked to the fact that Nils-Goran Gussing, the personal United Nations representative for humanitarian issues sent by Secretary-General U Thant, arrived here last night to begin talks with the Israeli Foreign Ministry. He had come here from conversations on the Arab refugee problem with Jordanian officials.

Israeli authorities were alerted to the plans for a strike, after leaflets signed by the "Committee for the Defense of Arab Jerusalem" were found last night to have been distributed throughout former Old Jerusalem. The tone of the leaflets was considered as lacking incitement but of a nature summoning Arabs to civil resistance.

However, the Israeli authorities took no chances. Police and military surveillance was increased early this morning throughout the Old Jerusalem sections of the city, while helicopters flew overhead watching for possible trouble. No overt actions of any kind occurred up to this afternoon. Three young Arabs were arrested on charges that they were inciting shopkeepers to close their businesses.

In the view of the Israel Government, Mr. Gussing's assignment concerns only the situation faced by the Arab civilian population in the occupied areas, and to see whether Israel observes the Geneva Convention on this score and others of a similar nature. Israel holds that Mr. Gussing has nothing to do with Jerusalem itself. The situation of the city of Jerusalem, according to Israel, is to be studied by another, special representative to be sent here by Secretary-General Thant, and the Government of Israel has already announced its willingness to accept such a U.N. representative. To date, however, Israel has not yet been informed about the identity of this new U.N. representative.

Arab infiltrators fired several shots last night at an automobile carrying Israelis near Kfar Rupin, in the Beisan Valley. The car was hit in several places, but none of the occupants was injured. Footprints of three men were found nearby, leading from and back to the Jordanian border.

U.N. Council Told of Danger of Moscow's Anti-Israel Propaganda to Soviet Jewry

GENEVA, August 7, (JTA) -- "A heavy cloud of foreboding hangs over the Jews in the Soviet Union," the United Nations Economic and Social Council was told today by Mordechai Kidron, Israel's representative to the U.N. headquarters in Geneva. "The anti-Jewish overtones of the unbridled Soviet campaign of incitement against Israel cannot but fill the hearts of men of goodwill everywhere with deep trepidation," he warned.

Declaring that Soviet Jewry "is also feeling the lash of Moscow's incitement against Israel," Ambassador Kidron told the session of the Council: "The venomous campaign was not directed at Israel alone. Another principal target was and still is the long-suffering Jewish community of the Soviet Union." He added that the Economic and Social Council "was aware of the state of this unfortunate minority, deprived of its national, cultural and religious rights and subject to gross discrimination in many walks of life."

He told the session that, for many years, the press, radio and television in the Soviet Union had served as a "faithful echo" of Arab propaganda against Israel, and that the campaign of vituperation had reached a peak at the outbreak of the Middle East war on June 5. He said that charges had been made "without limits between the bestial crimes of the Nazis and Zionism, a noble movement of national liberation."

He accused the Soviet Union of being "gravely implicated" in the Middle East arms race and in the responsibility for the misery and distress caused by "reckless adventures." He declared that the Soviets had instigated the Middle East arms race in 1955 and that billions of dollars which otherwise might have been invested in economic and social development had been sunk into accumulation of weapons of death and destruction, "a gruesome trade that still goes on."

The envoy also raised the issue of the treatment last June of Jewish nationals in Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Libya where, he said, assaults on Jewish communities had resulted in many deaths, incarceration of Jews in concentration camps, and sacking and pillage of their possessions.

Tito Carries 'Peace Plan' to Nasser; Attacks Israel as Using 'Hitler Methods'

WASHINGTON, August 7. (JTA) -- Yugoslavian President Tito will arrive in Cairo Thursday with his own "peace plan" for breaking the Arab-Israeli deadlock, The Washington Post reported today. The president of the Washington Post Company, Katherine Graham, cabled a personal interview held with Tito at Brioni.

According to the Graham interview, Tito held that Israeli forces must withdraw from conquered territory in exchange for an international guarantee of borders as they were before June 5. Israel's independence and security would then be assured by the U.N. Security Council or by the big four powers Tito said.

He maintained that the new plan was a compromise because it in effect amounted to de facto recognition of Israel. The Tito plan would relieve Arab leaders of the need to unilaterally recognize Israel. Tito feels they could not do that and survive politically. He described activities of some circles inside Israel as reminiscent of Adolf Hitler's methods, The Post reported.

The Post said Tito asked how it was possible that Jews "could resort to methods from which they themselves suffered so much." He contended that Israel has been the aggressor since 1948, citing Israeli occupation of Eilat in 1947, the Arab refugee problem, the 1956 war, Israel's 1957 refusal to permit UNEF on the Israeli territory, Israel's alleged recent preparations to invade Syria, and the June "lightning war."

Tito said the Arabs would obtain better arms and might redress grievances by force. He held that it was a mistake to assume that the Arabs were poor fighters because they were caught by surprise. Israel's blitzkrieg succeeded only because the Arabs were caught off guard, said Tito. He blamed this particularly on assurances by the United States and others that Israel would not attack. Accordingly, he said, the attack found the best Egyptian armored division in the interior and all the planes on the ground.

Tito stated that if Israel is not persuaded to surrender the occupied territory, it would set a precedent that others would use. He said the Soviet Union was giving the Arabs arms in proportion to what they had before. He claimed that Israel was armed better than before because of captured war booty. He indicated agreement with Moscow's pro-Arab policy. He stressed that he only wants peace and said "feels certain that this is also Nasser's predominant desire."

Ben-Gurion and Israeli Minister Present Conflicting Views on Chances for Peace

JERUSALEM, August 7. (JTA) -- Conflicting views regarding the chances for peace between Israel and the Arab states were put forth here in addresses last night by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and by Minister of Labor Yigal Allon. Both addressed the Congress of the World Association of Jewish Students which opened here.

Mr. Ben-Gurion held that only the intervention of the Big Powers could bring peace to this region. Direct approaches to the Arab states, he maintained, are "doomed to failure." Mr. Allon, on the other hand, told the students that chances for peace with the Arabs "are great." Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser, he declared, is "a clever man" and it is possible that he may have realized by this time that he had been attempting to implement a policy that "exceeded the sociological potential of his nation."

Soviet General Reports on Russian Volunteers to Fight with Arabs Against Israel

WASHINGTON, August 7. (JTA) -- Soviet Air Force Lt. Gen. Ivan Kazhedub said in Moscow today that Soviet citizens have volunteered to fight alongside the Arabs against Israel in the Middle East, according to press reports received here.

The Moscow reports said that volunteer applications were still coming in from Soviet citizens who offered to fight against Jews. The Soviet press meanwhile continued an anti-Zionist propaganda campaign. Israeli Communists were denounced for supporting Israel's "aggressive policy" against the Arabs.

Israel and Jordan Reach Agreement on Return of Arabs to Israeli-Held Territory

JERUSALEM, August 7. (JTA) -- Israel and Jordan agreed last night -- in the first direct contact between representatives of the two states -- to the form of an application blank which will facilitate the return to the Israeli-held West Bank of the Jordan River of many Arabs who fled to the Jordanian side during the June war.

Israel had announced last month that it would permit many of those refugees to return to the West Bank if they filed applications by August 10, showing that they had been residents in the West Bank areas. Jordan had refused efforts by the International Red Cross to circulate those application blanks because the documents bore the imprint of the Government of Israel.

Late last night, Joseph Tekoah, deputy director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, met near the Allenby Bridge over the Jordan River with Dr. Yussuf Zehny, secretary-general of the Jordanian Red Crescent. Also participating in the conference was a representative of the International Red Cross. Mr. Tekoah and Dr. Zehny agreed that the application forms would be reprinted to carry the imprints of both the Jordanian Government and the Israeli Government, as well as the symbol of the International Red Cross. Mr. Tekoah also agreed that Israel would extend the deadline for filing those applications from August 10 to August 31.

C.J.F.W.F. Mission Hears Report in Paris on the New Needs of J.D.C.

PARIS, August 7. (JTA) -- A delegation of American Jewish community leaders who came here on behalf of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to study the needs of Jewish refugees from Arab countries, was told today that the Joint Distribution Committee is in no position to meet the needs resulting from the Israeli-Arab war in June and its aftermath. The delegation was addressed by Charles Jordan, JDC executive vice-chairman.

The CJFWF mission came to Paris on its first leg of a tour in Europe and Israel for the purpose of assessing the current needs facing Jewish communities in the United States and Canada as a consequence of the June war. In addition to conferring with the JDC leader, the members of the Council's mission also held sessions with leaders of the Fonds Social Juif Unifié, the central Jewish welfare body of France, and with top representatives of the Standing Conference of European Jewish Communities. The CJFWF leaders left this afternoon for Israel on the second leg of their inspection tour.

Noting that JDC's budget as set up early this year called for expenditures totaling \$21,000,000 for aid to needy Jews in Europe and Israel, Mr. Jordan told the American delegation that the following "unseen factors" now affect the JDC's budget for 1967:

1) Amplifying the existing welfare services for needy Jews from the Moslem countries; 2) ways and means for providing aid to Jews in countries where the JDC is not allowed to operate; 3) providing care for men, women and children who are able to leave those countries and make their way to Europe; and 4) amplifying the JDC's hospital and rehabilitation services in Israel.

"The budget available to us for 1967," Mr. Jordan stated, "was barely sufficient to meet our normal program, set up to serve 250,000 Jewish needy in 29 countries whom we served. But now, in order to meet the new needs, it is necessary for us to enroll new sources of support from governmental, intergovernmental and voluntary agencies to supplement the funds provided for our normal program by the United Jewish Appeal."

Leaders of the CJFWF mission here included Louis J. Fox, of Baltimore, president of the Council, which is the central body for 800 Jewish communities in the United States and Canada; Lewis H. Weinstein, of Boston, head of the Council's overseas service bureau; Jacob M. Lowy, of Montreal, president of the Allied Jewish Community Services of that city; Dr. Max William Bay, of Los Angeles; Philip Bernstein, of New York, executive director of the CJFWF; and Mrs. Joseph Cohen, of New Orleans.

N.Y. Human Rights Commission Probes Charges of Anti-Semitism Among CORE Members

NEW YORK, August 7. (JTA) -- William H. Booth, chairman of the City Commission on Human Rights, today designated two members of the commission to probe charges of "blatant and vicious anti-Semitic outbursts and racist behavior, 'by members of CORE -- the Congress of Racial Equality -- directed against principals and teachers in four public schools in predominantly Negro neighborhoods.'"

Mr. Booth appointed Commissioners Dorothy Hart Hirshon and Frank C. Montero to investigate the charges. Declaring that they would, at the same time, try to bring "the parties together in an atmosphere of understanding and frank discussion," he expressed the hope that the commissioners would also be able to resolve the issue raised by CORE representatives, "who seek equality of education for their children." The charges were filed by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

According to the ADL, CORE members had harassed principals and teachers, subjecting them to anti-Semitic epithets at three schools in Brooklyn and one in Queens. The ADL submitted documents backing its charges and specifically pointing to persons connected with CORE chapters in those two New York City boroughs.

In one instance, the ADL charged, at a meeting with school officials, a CORE representative in Brooklyn had stated: "We've got to get these Jews out of Bedford-Stuyvesant. It's the Jews who are to blame." Bedford-Stuyvesant is largely a Negro ghetto in Brooklyn. During a demonstration by 40 CORE members in Queens, the ADL alleged, demonstrators shouted: "Why don't you white Jews go back to Great Neck?"

CORE has charged that principals and teachers lack "sincere interest" in educational equality for Negroes and Puerto Ricans. Robert Carson, community relations director of CORE in Brooklyn, said "we welcome an official inquiry." At one of the schools, in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, CORE accused the principal and nine teachers of "physical abuse" of pupils. But Harry R. Levine, principal of another of the schools involved, in Bedford-Stuyvesant, said he was "fearful of my life" after groups had petitioned the Board of Education for his removal.

Johnson Names Dr. Sachar to Membership of U.S. Advisory Body on Educational Affairs

WASHINGTON, August 7. (JTA) -- President Johnson today appointed Dr. Abram Sachar, President of Brandeis University, to membership on the United States Advisory Committee on International Educational and Cultural Affairs. Dr. Sachar will succeed Dr. Royce E. Larson, of Fairfield, Conn. The nomination is subject to Senate ratification.

150 Clergymen in Los Angeles Issue Appeal for Settlement of Arab-Israel Issues

LOS ANGELES, August 7. (JTA) -- An appeal for a just settlement of the Middle East crisis which lists a series of issues requiring immediate action and warns of the possibility of renewed armed conflict has been issued here by a group of 150 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergymen.

The appeal was initiated by a Jesuit priest, the Very Rev. Charles S. Cassassa, president of Loyola University; Dr. Carl W. Sagerhammer, president of the Pacific Southwest Synod of the Lutheran Church of America; and Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, dean of the Hebrew Union College.

The statement urged support for the right of the Jewish people to exist in a sovereign state; consideration of the plight of the Arab refugees and persecuted Jewish nationals of Arab countries; the need for guarantees to all nations of free access to international waterways in the Middle East; and peaceful settlement of territorial disputes in the area through direct negotiations.

The appeal also urged an end to the Middle East arms race; concentration of available resources on the social and economic rehabilitation of the region; and assurances of universal and unrestricted access to the holy places in Jerusalem by arrangements for direct supervision of the shrines by the appropriate Catholic, Protestant, Moslem and Jewish authorities.

Klutznick Chair of Biology to be Established at Weizmann Institute

NEW YORK, August 7. (JTA) -- A Chair in Developmental Biology will be established at the Weizmann Institute at Rehovoth in the name of Philip M. Klutznick, American Jewish leader, it was announced today by Abraham Feinberg, president of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute.

A sum of \$250,000 to establish the Chair is being subscribed by friends of Mr. Klutznick in recognition of three decades of public service to the United States, the Jewish Community and to Israel, and to honor him on his 60th birthday. Formal presentation of the Chair will take place at a dinner in Mr. Klutznick's honor on September 10, at the Palmer House in Chicago. Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey will be a principal speaker. Mr. Klutznick is a member of the board of directors of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute.

The new Chair will help advance studies on the control of the processes of growth; cell differentiation; the mechanism of antibody formation; immunology; and the relationship to cancer. First incumbent of the Philip M. Klutznick Chair in Developmental Biology will be Dr. Michael Feldman, head of the Weizmann Institute's Department of Cell Biology, whose pioneering in this field and in cancer research have won him international scientific repute.

U.S. Jewish Couple Donates Convent for Catholic Nuns; Mezuzah Attached to Entrance

DOWNEY, Cal., August 7. (JTA) -- A Jewish couple of this community have been presented with the Catholic Medal of Honor for donating a new convent for the Sisters of Charity at St. Mary's Church in Chandler, Arizona. The convent, named in honor of the donors, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Weinberg, was designed by a Mormon clergyman, Bishop Martin Young.

Placed on the convent's doorstep is a Mezuzah, originally consecrated in Jerusalem and presented by Mr. Weinberg to the Rt. Rev. Francis J. Green, Bishop of the Tucson Diocese, during dedication ceremonies. Mr. Weinberg, president of a grain company, and his family have long been identified with philanthropic ventures in behalf of all faiths. Their interest in the convent resulted from the invitation to the school's dedication ceremonies by a Catholic friend. On presenting the Catholic medal to the Weinbergs, Bishop Green said that to his knowledge no one but a Catholic had ever before been so honored.

Benjamin Tabachinsky, Jewish Labor Committee Leader, Dies in New York; Was 71

NEW YORK, August 7. (JTA) -- Benjamin Tabachinsky, 71, executive secretary of the Jewish Labor Committee, died suddenly last night after a brief illness.

A native of Bialystok, Poland, he came to the U.S. in 1938 on behalf of the Central Yiddish School Organization in Poland. From 1918 to 1938, he served as a member of the Municipal Council of Bialystok.

During World War II and immediately thereafter, he served on a rescue committee which had been set up by the late Americal Federation of Labor president, William Green to save European labor leaders caught in the Nazi web.

Dr. Maurits Franken, Former Vice-President of Amsterdam High Court, Dead

AMSTERDAM, August 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Maurits Franken, noted Dutch lawyer and former vice-president of the Amsterdam High Court of Justice, died here at the age of 75. A fervent Zionist, Dr. Franken was an executive member of the Dutch Zionist Federation for many years. He was a former inmate of the Theresienstadt concentration camp. His two daughters live in Israel.