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Arabs Re-Open Stores in Jerusalem; Striking Bus Firm Loses Concession to Operate

JERUSALEM, August 8. (JTA) -- Israeli military authorities issued orders today closing a number of shops in the Old City of Jerusalem whose Arab owners took part yesterday in a one-day strike and suspending activities of the Arab Public Bus Company which halted operations during the strike. The orders were signed by Brig. Uzzi Narkis, central front commander. Special buses were put into operation on the affected routes between the Old City and neighboring villages.

Jerusalem was calm again today after the one-day strike against Israeli authority in the Old City, as were Nablus and Hebron in the occupied West Bank section despite a call from Amman Radio to merchants in the two occupied cities to follow the East Jerusalem example and strike. Today's orders included revocation of the concession of the Arab bus firm, which operates 14 buses, and cancellation for three months of the licenses of the closed shops. Other Arab-owned enterprises in the Old City sector were operating as usual today.

Previously, police said that they knew the identity of some of the Arabs who instigated the strike. One youth was arrested last night for threatening an Arab bread peddler who refused to stop his selling. No further arrests or incidents were reported since last night and there were no demonstrations in connection with the strike.

Police also reported that leaflets calling for the strike had been distributed by about a dozen Arab youths. One complaint in the leaflets was about the imposition of income taxes by Israeli authorities on Old Jerusalem residents and a purchase tax on stocks of Arab merchants. The Jordanian Radio gave extensive and well-informed coverage to the strike and police said they were looking for evidence linking the shutdown with orders from Jordan.

West Bank Arabs Ignore Jordanian Call to Strike Against Israel

Israeli officials reported today that Arab residents in the Israeli-held West Bank sector appeared to have ignored a call from the Jordanian Radio in Amman to follow the example of the Arabs in the old section of Jerusalem who staged a one-day strike of commerce and transportation facilities yesterday. The Amman Radio incitement was directed particularly to merchants in Hebron and Nablus.

The radio appeal followed a statement by Abdel Wahab Majali, the Jordanian Finance Minister, urging all Jordanian refugees from the West Bank to return to the area as quickly as possible to serve as "a thorn in the flesh of the aggressor." He made the appeal as chairman of the Jordanian Higher Committee for Refugees at a meeting in Amman of members of the Jordanian Parliament and West Bank Arab leaders now living in Jordan as refugees.

The Jordanian Government offered a three-months food supply and Jordanian currency worth about \$4.20 to all West Bank refugees who returned to their homes. The Finance Minister warned also that the Jordanian Government might stop aid to the refugees who did not go back "to help his brothers to continue their political action and remain a thorn in the flesh of the aggressor until the crisis had been solved."

World Jewish Leaders Open Parley in Jerusalem Today on Economic Aid to Israel

JERUSALEM, August 8. (JTA) -- Sixty of the world's leading Jewish personalities who are experts on industry and finance will begin tomorrow two days of deliberations here -- at the request of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol -- to help Israel increase its output for exports and find new markets as the economy returns to a peacetime status after the six-day June war.

They were invited to come to Israel to participate in an International Economic Advisory Conference for that purpose. The sessions, which will be closed to the public, will start with a frank exchange of views on Israel's postwar economy, according to Dr. Jacob Herzog, director-general of the Prime Minister's office.

Israel's financial experts will brief the participants on Israel's economic planning for the period between now and 1971 and on the outlook until 1978. Dr. Herzog said that the two-day meeting will be a preparatory effort for a larger assembly of Jewish industrial and financial leaders scheduled to be held here next April.

Among the American participants are Max M. Fisher, Philip Klutznick, Jack D. Weiler, Louis H. Boyar and William Rosenwald. European delegates include Baron Edmond de Rothschild of France, Lord Sieff and Charles Clore of Britain and Israel Klabin of Brazil.

Israel Needs 40,000 Immigrants Annually, Pincus Tells C.J.F.W.F. Mission

JERUSALEM, August 8. (JTA) — Israel needs at least 40,000 immigrants annually to cope with its demographic problems, Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, declared here today at a meeting with a 17-member mission of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The Jewish communal officials and executives from the United States and Canada arrived here last night for a two-week examination of Israel's needs.

Mr. Pincus also told the American leaders, led by Louis Fox of Baltimore, CJFWF president, that the Jewish Agency has been cooperating lately with scientific institutes in studying the problems of absorption and that Agency officials were periodically taking part in refresher courses to acquaint them with the needs of each new group of immigrants. He suggested also that all stories of volunteering by Jews throughout the world for Israel in the May-June crisis and war should be collected and issued in book form.

The mission members were also briefed by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel. They will take part tomorrow and Thursday in the economic conference here of world Jewish financial and business leaders called by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. The mission was joined today by Max Fisher of Detroit, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, who came here for the conference.

The function of the mission is to evaluate Israel's needs in the aftermath of the six-day June war which American Jewry can help to meet and to seek to determine how this help can be provided most effectively.

Mr. Sapir lauded the work of American Jewry and its leaders for Israel. He singled out the federations and welfare funds. Mr. Fox replied that the main credit should go to Israel and its people who gave their lives as well as funds. But, he added, when speaking of the American Jewish efforts, one should not overlook the role of the Jewish professionals who seldom appeared in the limelight. He said that while lay leaders in the United States and Canada did their part in the special Israel Emergency Fund Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, it was largely due to the diligence and devotion of the executive directors that the campaign was so successful.

Other members of the mission included Philip Bernstein, CJFWF executive director, Louis Stern, chairman of the CJFWF overseas committee, and Lewis H. Weinstein, vice-chairman of the committee.

U.S. Envoy Sees 'Positive Developments' in the Arab-Israeli Cease-Fire Arrangements

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., August 8. (JTA) — The belief that there were "positive developments" in the Middle East in the direction of an eventual Arab-Israeli peace settlement was expressed here last night by Arthur J. Goldberg, the United States representative to the United Nations.

Mr. Goldberg expressed that view to newsmen after a lengthy meeting with Secretary-General U Thant. The envoy cited as the basis for his belief the fact that there had been "a consolidation of the cease-fire under United Nations supervision" and that he looked to additional U.N. action on outstanding issues, including the status of Jerusalem.

The envoy said that "movement toward a settlement is going to be slow, but there has been some progress in the cease-fire arrangements and there has been no retrogression in other areas."

Ambassador Rafael Named Director-General of Israel's Foreign Affairs Ministry

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., August 8. (JTA) — Ambassador Mordechai Kidron's name was prominently mentioned today as a possible replacement for Gideon Rafael as permanent representative of Israel to the United Nations. Ambassador Rafael was appointed director-general of the Israeli Foreign Affairs Ministry today.

Ambassador Kidron, who served as Israel's representative to the European office of the United Nations in Geneva, participated in the Security Council meeting on the June war. He served as a member of the Israeli delegation under Foreign Minister Abba Eban as Mr. Eban's deputy for several years. Another name mentioned to succeed Mr. Rafael was Joseph Tekoah, deputy director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry and a former Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Israel Decides to Excavate Lower Tiers of the Western Wall for Historic Purposes

JERUSALEM, August 8. (JTA) — Plans were disclosed here today for excavation of some lower tiers of the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem. The decision to deepen the most sacred shrine of Judaism was made at a meeting of Cabinet ministers, archeologists and architects which was held near the shrine and approved by Israeli religious officials.

Officials said there was some evidence that the wall extends to 20 tiers down below the surface but that digging for the time being would be for only a few tiers. The five lowest tiers now above the ground surface reportedly date from the Second Temple built by King Herod. Some of the lowest tiers underground may date back to the First Temple, which was built by King Solomon and razed by the Babylonians.

Moscow Reported Waiting for Arab Leaders to Adopt a 'Reasonable' Policy on Israel

NEW YORK, August 8. (JTA) -- "Moscow is waiting patiently for the Arab nations to unite behind a 'reasonable' rather than 'extremist' policy towards Israel," the Christian Science Monitor reported today from Moscow.

The report said that Western diplomats in the Soviet capital believe that "reasonable" means some acknowledgment by the Arabs that they are not out to annihilate Israel as a state. "Moscow could then call on Washington to use its influence to obtain Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories, thus opening the way to a negotiated settlement of the Arab-Israeli war," the report states. It adds that "Moscow has brought no overt pressure on the Arabs toward taking the first step in this hoped-for process. But the Soviet press has made it abundantly clear in the past few weeks that if the liquidation of Israel remains an Arab goal, the Kremlin will have nothing to do with it."

With regard to the Moscow attitude on the Suez issue, the Moscow report says that the Soviet press has several times cited the Treaty of Constantinople of 1888 as giving Egypt the right to ban belligerent shipping from the Suez Canal. "By implication, nonbelligerents should be permitted to use the canal," the correspondent emphasizes.

"From these and other comments," the Christian Science Monitor report states, "Western diplomats here have the impression that the Kremlin desires normalization of the Middle East situation and rejects the extremism represented by Algeria and Syria. Soviet goals in the Middle East, these diplomats believe, include the following: to replace Western influence among the Arab nations with its own -- but not at the risk of a major war; to strengthen "progressive" Arab regimes -- but not at the cost of Arab unity as a whole."

(Pravda Ukrainy, the official organ of the Communist Party in the Ukraine, referred in an article yesterday to the Arab call for the destruction of Israel as "ultra-nationalist hysteria" and insisted that no responsible Arab leader favored that objective, it was reported here today from Moscow. The article conceded that such Arab "public figures" as Ahmed Shukairy, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, did call for the liquidation of Israel." Most of the article attacked Zionism as a movement to make the Jews of all countries "instruments of imperialist policy.")

Survey of Soviet Press Shows No Decline in Virulent Anti-Israel Propaganda

LONDON, August 8. (JTA) -- A careful survey here of the Soviet press since the end of the special session of the General Assembly on the Middle East last month has shown little abatement of the virulent anti-Israel propaganda of the Soviet Union, dashing hopes that the Soviets might be trying to induce the Arab countries to adopt a more realistic position about a settlement with Israel.

The survey showed that comments on Israel in some Soviet newspapers were almost unprintable in their abuse and others are plain anti-Semitism. The hopes had been raised by the fact that the Soviet Union voted with the United States on the procedural resolution ending the special session, a resolution the Arabs had opposed.

Bonn Note to Moscow Expresses Hope for Peaceful and Just Solution of Middle East Crisis

BONN, August 8. (JTA) -- West Germany's Foreign Ministry handed a note to the Soviet Ambassador here today, affirming the Federal Republic's hope that "a peaceful and just solution" to the Middle East crisis will be found soon. The West German note was a reply to one received from the Soviet Government, similar to messages to many other governments, explaining Moscow's viewpoint regarding the Middle East crisis.

The West German Foreign Office denied today Arab-inspired reports that West Germany had signed an agreement with Israel to provide 160,000,000 marks (\$40,000,000) in new credits to Israel. However, Bonn sources said that a new credit agreement was "a matter of timing."

Wife of British Fascist Leader Arrested for Inciting to Set Fire to Synagogues

LONDON, August 8. (JTA) -- Mrs. Francoise Jordan, wife of Fascist leader Colin Jordan, head of the British National Socialist Party, was held without bail by a magistrate here today after she was arraigned on charges of unlawfully inciting members of the party to set fire to synagogues. The charges included also one alleging that, under her incitement, some members of the British Nazi group had set fire to a synagogue in Stanhope, Middlesex.

Mrs. Jordan requested of Magistrate W.H. Hughes that he release her on bail. Police Inspector Albert Wickstead opposed that application. He told the court that four weeks are needed to complete the investigation of the activities of Mrs. Jordan "who had fled the country and returned only recently." He voiced fear that, if she were released, witnesses in the case, who had already been threatened, would face further harassments. He also said he feared Mrs. Jordan would again try to escape from the country, as she did in 1966. In ruling against bail, the magistrate told Mrs. Jordan she could appeal from his decision to a higher court.

Model of 'Temple of Solomon' Stolen from New York Synagogue; Called 'Irreplaceable'

NEW YORK, August 8. (JTA) -- A model of the Temple of Solomon, stolen from the House of Sages, an East Side synagogue, was being sought today by police. The 3-by-5 foot replica, weighing more than 200 pounds, was described as "irreplaceable" by Rabbi Julius Newman, spiritual leader of the synagogue.

Canadian Jewry Passes \$25,000,000 Goal for Israel Fund; \$28,000,000 New Target

MONTREAL, August 8. (JTA) — Canadian Jewry has already passed its \$25,000,000 goal for the Israel Emergency Fund and has now raised the fund target to \$28,000,000, it was announced here this week. The original goal plus \$250,000 has already been sent to Israel and indications are that another \$2,500,000 in pledges is already in the process of being redeemed.

Most of the money still to be turned in is from Montreal. The city's Combined Jewish Appeal has turned over \$7,700,000 to the Emergency Fund and another \$2,000,000 in pledges and donations is now being processed. Toronto has collected over \$10,000,000 for the fund. The per capita contribution averages over \$100 for every one of the country's 250,000 Jews.

Formation of Worldwide 'Friends of Histadrut' Movement Proposed in Israel

TEL AVIV, August 8. (JTA) — The formation of a worldwide "Friends of the Histadrut" movement was proposed here today by Aharon Becker, general secretary of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation. He made the proposal at a conference with leaders of the Ichud Olami, the World Union of Labor Zionists; and representatives of Mapai, Mapam and Achdut Avodah, the major Israeli labor parties.

He conceded that the Histadrut had concentrated too much on the overseas trade union movements and to a lesser extent on the problems of world Jewry. He said the only exception was the Histadrut campaigns in the United States and Canada, which attracted more general Jewish public support. He said his proposed "Friends of the Histadrut" organizations should be set up in Western Europe, Latin America, North Africa and Australia, among other sections and that the proposed worldwide movement would stress aliyah as one of its basic programs.

Meanwhile it was reported here today that 37 British teachers and trade union leaders were currently attending a special seminar in Israel on adult education under Histadrut auspices.

Jewish Groups in Philadelphia Testify Against Federal Aid to Religious Schools

PHILADELPHIA, August 8. (JTA) — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia have put themselves on record as opposed to Federal help to religious school pupils, as provided for in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. That law permits aid to non-public school students.

In testimony at a public hearing here on planned Federally-funded programs, conducted by the Philadelphia Board of Education, opposition was voiced by Samuel Lewis Gaber, regional director of the ADL, and Sydney C. Orlofsky, president of the JCRC. At the same hearing, the Philadelphia Chapter, American Jewish Committee, advocated expansion of the "shared time" programs in which non-public school children may attend classes in public schools during part of the school day.

Detroit Jewish Community Agencies Help to Provide Relief for Victims of Riots

DETROIT, August 8. (JTA) — Major Jewish community agencies here are cooperating in efforts to provide relief for the needy who have suffered from the riots which recently devastated many homes and businesses in the city's Negro ghetto.

The Jewish Vocational Service is mobilizing resources to secure jobs for those needing employment and preparing a referral service to channel information concerning small business loans, insurance and legal problems resulting from business losses incurred during the disturbances.

The Jewish Community Center, Jewish Community Council, Hebrew Free Loan and other Jewish agencies are engaged in efforts to ease some of the human problems left in the wake of the turmoil. Special efforts in this area have also been launched by the Jewish Family and Children's Service.

Jewish Braille Institute Day Observed at Expo '67; Achievements Honored

MONTREAL, August 8. (JTA) — Jewish Braille Institute Day was observed today at Expo '67 honoring the achievements of the Jewish Braille Institute of America. Principal participants in the observance were Sam Steinberg, of Montreal, president of the Foundation for Judaism, sponsor of Expo's Pavilion of Judaism; Judge Emil N. Baar, of New York, president of the Institute; and Dr. Jacob Freid, the Institute's executive director.

The formal program on Jewish Braille Institute Day included a demonstration of some of the activities carried on by the Institute. This consisted of the transcribing of Braille; a recording session in Yiddish, with a playback of the voice recorded; a brief excerpt from one of the Institute's recordings for the blind of the entire collected works of 16 volumes by Sholem Aleichem; and a reading of the Haftorah by a blind boy whose Bar Mitzvah was made possible through the Institute.

Harry J. Goodelman, Yiddish Poet and Painter, Dies in New York; Was 75

NEW YORK, August 8. (JTA) — Harry J. Goodelman, poet, painter and Yiddish writer, died yesterday at the age of 75. He wrote humorous articles for Yiddish magazines under the pseudonym of Chochem Atik and had once been the editor of the modern Yiddish poetry magazine "Poesia." A book of his poetry, "Minutes," was published in 1923.