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50 Arab Terrorists Arrested by Israel Security Units: Two Arab Notables Imprisoned

JERUSALEM, August 9. (JTA) -- Israeli security units pushed a search today for members of the El Fatah terrorist group following the arrest of 50 Arabs in West Bank refugee camps suspected of El Fatah connections, At the same time, Israeli authorities issued detention orders against two more Arab notables in the Old City of Jerusalem.

The two are Hafez Tahboub, 40, an attorney, and Moussa el Bitar, director of an Arab insurance company and one-time candidate for the Jordanian Parliament. They were charged with initiating and inciting in connection with the one-day general strike of Arab merchants in Old Jerusalem Monday. They were taken to Ramleh prison to serve a three-months detention ordered by the Israeli military administration. The detention orders were issued by the West Bank commander acting under emergency regulations issued by the British Mandatory regime in 1945 and still in effect in Israel. Four Arab notables were previously banished on July 31 to towns in northern Israel on earlier incitement charges.

It was reported that more arrests of Arab leaders were likely and that some of the Arabs who helped incite the Monday shutdown came to Jerusalem from Jordan. A number of Arab shops which were closed in the one-day strike and an Arab bus firm which halted service to nearby villages had their licenses revoked.

Arrested Terrorists Admit Plans for Underground Action

The El Fatah roundup began three days ago when an Israeli security agent recognized an El Fatah member from a photograph found on a Jordanian intelligence document seized by Israeli units in the brief war against Jordan in June, The suspect was shadowed and seen to enter a coffee house in Bethlehem where he met with several other Fatah men. The place was surrounded and the men were arrested.

During interrogation, the suspects admitted their plans for renewal of terrorist activity and gave Israeli security officials the names of other Fatah men in refugee camps in Hebron, Bethlehem and Jericho in the occupied West Bank, A search of the camps disclosed quantities of Communist Chinese submachineguns, ammunition, explosives, hand grenades and other military equipment,

The detainees included Fatah members who infiltrated into Israeli-held territory from Jordan. According to a statement issued by Israeli officials, the terrorists, who caused widespread property destruction and loss of life in Israel border settlements with sneak raids, were revealed to have been preparing a resumption of such actions, including planting of mines and explosives,

Indicating that more Fatah arrests were likely, Israeli officials said that Fatah members in the West Bank had had meetings with Jordanian and Syrian intelligence officials on plans to resume terrorist activities in the West Bank area,

Expulsion of All Arab Refugees from Jordan to Israeli-Held West Bank is Anticipated

JERUSALEM, August 9, (JTA) — Israeli officials expressed the belief today that Jordan will act to virtually expel all West Bank refugees who fled to Jordan during the June war, now that Israel has agreed to permit the return of all refugees who wish to do so.

The Interior Ministry meanwhile announced that the first returnees were expected within a week and that every effort would be made to accelerate the processing of the questionnaires of the returnees. The first batch of questionnaires given to the International Red Cross totalled 10,000 and Israel will hand over an additional 30,000 blanks to the Red Cross in two or three days. Since only adults need to fill out the questionnaires, the 40,000 forms should suffice for about 100,000 returning refugees, including children, it was estimated.

International Red Cross officials left today for Jordan carrying the questionnaires which Israel requires as part of its security clearance program to screen out potential saboteurs and guerrillas. The questionnaires bear the stamp of Israel, Jordan and the International Red Cross in accordance with a formula worked out to satisfy Jordanian officials who rejected the initial questionnaire form because it contained only the imprint of the State of Israel,

The officials said that Israel's agreed willingness to permit the refugees to return to the Israel-held West Bank will cause Jordanian authorities to press for the return of a maximum number of re-

fugees, particularly many living on United Nations aid. The officials said the returnees have always been an unruly element for the King Hussein regime. Sending them back to Israel is a particularly useful solution for the Hussein regime, the officials said. The regime will rid itself of a disruptive element while imposing that element on Israel, they said.

Dayan Says Israel Must Not Give Up the Occupied Part of the West Bank

TEL AVIV, August 9. (JTA) -- Defense Minister Moshe Dayan tonight advocated that the entire West Bank of the Jordan occupied by Israel during the six-day war with the Arabs be regarded as part of Israel.

Speaking at a Rafi Party rally in the municipal basketball stadium here, Dayan emphasized that he was expressing his opinion not as the defense minister but as a member of the Rafi Party. He said that there is now an historic opportunity to change Israel's borders which were set as a result of the 1948 War for Independence,

"The Golan Heights in Syria and the Suez Canal," he said, "are very important, but they cannot be compared to Israel proper — Israel of which Hebron, Jericho, Shilo and Bethel are part and parcel. People who recognize the Book of the Bible and the Nation of the Bible must know that the Land of the Bible goes with it — the land of our forefathers, the land of the dreams of generations of Jews — the dream that came true in our time. Such an opportunity should not be wasted."

Former Premier David Ben-Gurion, at the same rally, called for every effort to increase immigration from the free world as the only solution to the problem of settling the enlarged Israel which had resulted from the recent Arab-Israel war.

Isrgel's New Economic Needs Outlined at Parley of World Jewish Leaders in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, August 9. (JTA) -- Israel's new economic needs, which emerged following the victorious six-day war with the Arabs, were outlined here today by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir at the opening session of the two-day conference of 60 prominent world Jewish leaders invited by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol to act as an international economic advisory body to the Government of Israel.

Mr. Sapir stressed the role of the United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds in the development of Israel's economy. He told the Jewish industrial and financial figures the policy of economic self-restraint imposed by the Government on the Israel economy before the June war would continue. He said the policy had already brought a drop in Israel's international trade deficit and that this drop had been maintained despite the war.

He added that, nevertheless, Israel's economy needed changes in production, employment and investment and that the competitiveness of Israeli products must be increased. Predicting Israel's population would exceed 3,500,000 in the next decade, he said the labor force would grow by about 25 percent This will require a massive increase in investment but the fact is, he added, investments have been declining for the past 18 months.

The Finance Minister warned that existing sources of such funds from the UJA, Israel Bonds and private investment were not sufficient and that the volume of business investment must grow. He outlined a ten-point plan for that objective, He listed the freezing of social benefits and prices and gearing wage increases to productivity increases. "We know what our objectives are," he told the Jewish leaders, "We look to you for the answer to the question of how we can reach them in the quickest and best way."

Additional details were presented by Dr. J. Arnon, the head of Israel's Economic Planning Authority and Zeev Sharef, Commerce and Industry Minister. The latter said half of the needed investments would come from the local economy. One proposal for providing the balance, he stated, was to create an organization to be called the American Trade and Industrial Development with Israel Corporation (ATID) which would provide advice on marketing and demands of the American buying public for Israel's products, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol presided over the meeting.

Measure Aimed Against U.S. Financing Arms Sales to Arabs Rejected in Senate

WASHINGTON, August 9. (JTA) — The U.S. Senate today rejected by a vote of 48 to 40 an amendment that would have prevented the U.S. Export-Import Bank from financing arms sales to underdeveloped nations such as Jordan. The amendment was proposed by Sen, Allen J. Ellender, Louisian Democrat, It would have become a part of a bill extending the bank's lending authority for five years,

Sen, Ellender said the Export-Import Bank required control because the United States had secretly provided arms to the Arabs through the bank. These arms were subsequently used against the Israelis, whom he termed"our friends." He also charged that Iraq received U.S. arms through the bank and is now getting Soviet weapons. The State Department opposed the Ellender amendment.

A fight is expected when the bill is brought before the House. Many Congressmen have indicated strong objections to leaving the arming of the Arabs to the discretion of the State Department and the White House.

Plight of Jews in Arab Countries Discussed with U.N. Special Emissary

JERUSALEM, August 9, (JTA) -- Israel raised the issue of the plight of Jews in Arab countries at aftermath of the June war, particularly in Egypt and Iraq, with Nils-Goran Gussing. United Nations Secretary-General U Thant's special representative for humanitarian affairs, at a meeting here yesterday. Yosef Tekoah, the assistant director general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, discussed the problem with the U.N. official.

Deep concern over the fate of the Jews in the Moslem countries was expressed last night at a meeting of the Security and Foreign Affairs Committee of Parliament after motions were made to place the issue on the Parliamentary agenda by members of the Mapai-Achdut Avodah Alignment and by Gahal.

Estimates of the number of Jews now under some form of detention in Arab countries range up to 6,000 with 4,000 still in Egypt. Hundreds of Jewish men are in Egyptian detention camps and their families live in fear of their lives. In Iraq, according to information known here, searches and detentions continue indiscriminately. Some Jews are being held without legal process or stated reasons for days, then suddenly released, and then occasionally detained again.

Baron Rothschild Decides to Establish a Middle East Peace Foundation in Paris

PARIS, August 9. (JTA) - Baron Edmond de Rothschild has decided to set up here a Middle Eastern Peace Foundation to seek to bring Israel and the Arabs together and to reduce tension between the Arabs and the West. The baron has named Saul Friedlander, author of a recent controversial study of Pope Plus, as the foundation's first director.

To emphasize his intention not to contribute to the current French hostility to Anglo-Saxons, he is now seeking an American or British deputy director. He indicated he hoped to interest leading British and Americans in the foundation and said he had called a meeting of British opposite numbers in Geneva for later this month for that purpose.

The baron flew to Jerusalem for the International Advisory conference called by Premier Levi Eshkol and planned to discuss the Foundation with Lord Sieff of Brimpton and British Jewish industrialist Charles Clore.

Remarks Offensive to Jews Eliminated from 159 Textbooks in Spain

MADRID, August 9. (JTA) — The Christian—Jewish Friendship Committee reported here today that 159 primary school textbooks have been revised to eliminate references offensive to Jews, Some of the phrases eliminated from the texts referred to Jews as "usurers," "national spendthrifts," "ungrafeful people" and "ceremonial criminals,"

Officials of the committee said the campaign against "false" interpretations of Jews would be continued in the interests of greater harmony between Catholic Spain's various religious groups. There are about 6,000 Jews in Spain and a slightly larger number of Protestants. Spanish non-Catholic religions recently were given freedom to worship under a new religious law.

Anti-Semitic Editor in Brazil Banished: Defended Eichmann and Stangl

RIO DE JANEIRO, August 9. (JTA) — A Brazilian journalist known as a rabid anti-Semite was exiled this week for publishing an insulting article against Marshal Castella Branca, the former President of Brazil, after his death in a plane crash, officials reported here today.

The journalist, Helio Fernandes, editor-in-chief of Tribunas da Imprensa, was sent to the Island, and De Noronha, known as Brazil's Devil's Island. The editor was the only journalist in Brazil who defended Adolf Eichmann when the Nazi was brought to Israel for trial in 1960, He was also the only journalist in Brazil who defended Franz Stangl, wartime commandant of the Treblinka and Sobibor death camps in occupied Poland, after Stangl was arrested in Sao Paulo last March. Stangl was extradited to West Germany where he is now awaiting a war crimes trial.

The Tribunas da Imprensa was the only newspaper in Brazil which denounced Israel and Jews in connection with Israel's lightning victory over three Arab states last June. His article was headlined: "Jews — Don't Be Joyful Yet Over Your Victory," The newspaper has little status in Brazil, The island to which Fernandes was banished was named for a Portuguese Jewish ship owner who discovered it in the 16th century.

German Minister Reports on His Talks on Middle East with Rumanian Premier

BONN, August 9, (JTA) -- Willy Brandt, the West German Foreign Minister, reported today on his return from a visit to Bucharest that Rumanian leaders "opposed those who had no understanding for Israel's right to exist." Rumania, the only Soviet bloc country which did not break off diplomatic relations with Israel during the May-June crisis and war, has consistently urged peace talks between the Arab states and Israel.

The Foreign Minister told a press conference he talked with Prime Minister Ian Gheorge Maurer and Cornelia Manescu,the Foreign Minister, in Bucharest, and that the Rumanian leaders "showed an independent view" of the Middle East situation," which he said was "very interesting to hear."

15th Anniversary of Execution of Jewish Intellectuals in Russia Observed in London

LONDON, August 9, (JTA) — The Association of Jewish Journalists and Authors in Britain commemorated today the 18th anniversary of the execution by the Soviet Union of 24 leading Jewish intellectuals with an appeal to Soviet authorities to allow full cultural and religious freedom to Soviet Jewry

The statement recalled the "untimely deaths" of the murdered intellectuals "with deepest sorrow" and said their contribution to Jewish literature had been "of utmost importance" as had since been shown "by the many translations of their works into Russian and other languages, enriching Russian and world literature."

The statement stressed that the deaths were an "enormous loss not only to Yiddish but also to world literature." It pointed out that no explanation had been given by Soviet authorities to this day for their executions, nor have all their names and reputations been rehabilitated, or even the places of their burials been made known.

The Soviet authorities were urged "in tribute to the memory of these victims of Stalin" to allow the fullest development of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union "and to allow the Soviet Jewish community to enjoy all the facilities available to other nationalities and ethnic groups."

Participants in Israel's Six-Day War Will be Decorated in October

TEL AVIV. August 9, (JTA) — An army official said today that participants in the June war will be given a campaign ribbon, a red-blue decoration centered with the white and blue stripes of the national colors, to be distributed near the end of October. For many Israelis it will be a third campaign ribbon to add to those earned for action in the 1948 Liberation War and the 1956 Suez campaign.

Brig. Shmuel Eyal, head of the army's manpower department, also reported that hundreds of citations for bravery during the June war were now being studied by a special panel of senior army officers. Recipients will be decorated in September, he added,

Jewish National Fund Will Call Upon U.S. Jewry to Finance New Projects in Israel

NEW YORK, August 9. (JTA) - Substantial stretches of land in the previously demilitarized zone along Israel's borders will be opened and prepared for Jewish settlement, Dr. Milton Aron, executive vice-president of the Jewish National Fund of America announced today following his return from Israe

A fleet of bulldozers has already been moved into these regions, Dr. Aron reported, in preparation for eventual cultivation and terracing of the landscape to make them fit for settlement. The JNF executive also reported that the Fund has launched the Jerusalem Park of Heroes, commemorating the Israeli soldiers who lost their lives in the battle for a re-united Jerusalem. American Jewry, Dr. Aron said, will be called upon to bring to fruition both the reclamation program and the part.

Archbishop in Israel to Come to Histadrut Dinner in Boston Honoring Cardinal Cushing

TEL AVIV, August 9. (JTA) -- Archbishop George Hakim of Galilee, the leader of the Israeli Greek Orthodox Community, is coming to the United States to participate in a dinner in Boston on September 28 which will honor Richard Cardinal Cushing. The dinner is being organized by the Nation Committee for Labor Israel, sponsor of the annual campaign in the United States for the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation.

The Boston dinner, in which Massachusetts Governor John A. Volpe will participate, will raise funds for a Carcinal Cushing Hospital to be operated by the Kuapt Holim, the Histadrut Sick Fund, and the Greek Orthodox community in Israel at Shefaram. Archbishop Hakim is a member of the Histadrut and many nuns and priests of his community are members of the Histadrut Teachers Union.

Israeli Consulate in Boston Elevated in Status; Will Serve Five States in U.S.

WASHINGTON, August 9. (JTA) -- The Embassy of Israel announced today that the Israeli Consulate in Boston has been elevated in status to Consulate-General. The present Consul, Yohanon Cohe will become Consul-General. The Consulate-General will serve the states of Massachusetts, Maine. Vermont, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

33 Israeli Students Are Guests of Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia

BONN, August 9. (JTA) --- A group of 33 students from Tel Aviv, now touring West Germany, were guests today of Heinz Kuehn, the Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, in Dusseldorf. The Prime Minister, a staunch friend of Israel, came out strongly for Israel's case in the May-June crisis and war.

Noah Isaac Gotlib, Noted Yiddish Poet in Canada, Dies in Montreal; Was 64

MONTREAL, August 9. (JTA) = Noah Isaac Gotliv, one of Canada's foremost Jewish poets and journalists died here at the age of 64. A native of Kovno, Lithuania, he arrived in Canada in 1930 and joined the staff of the Montreal Daily Eagle. He is the author of works on Soviet literature, on chalutz in Lithuania, and of ten volumes of lyric poetry. He was secretary of the Jewish Authors Association.